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**:Ques : Paytm has partnered with which mutual fund company to launch the JanNivesh Rs. 250 SIP initiative?**

**पेटीएम ने जननिवेश 250 रुपए एसआईपी पहल शुरू करने के लिए किस म्यूचुअल फंड कंपनी के साथ साझेदारी की है?**

- (a) Aditya Birla Sun AMC / आदित्य बिड़ला सन एएमसी
- (b) Axis Asset Management Company Limited / एक्सिस एसेट मैनेजमेंट कंपनी लिमिटेड
- (c) Kotak Mahindra Mutual Fund / कोटक महिंद्रा म्यूचुअल फंड
- (d) SBI Mutual Fund / एसबीआई म्यूचुअल फंड
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

**Answer : Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Paytm has teamed with Mumbai-based SBI Mutual Fund, a subsidiary of State Bank of India (SBI), to create the JanNivesh Rs.250 Systematic Investment Plan (SIP).
- SEBI Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch inaugurated the plan on February 17, 2025.
- This scheme allows consumers to start investing with as little as Rs.250 and offers daily, weekly, or monthly SIP options to meet various financial demands.

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### Recently signed banking agreements

- City Union Bank (CUB) has become the exclusive banking partner of Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH). The bank will offer customized financial services and exclusive benefits to SRH fans, players, and staff
- Piramal Finance has collaborated with Punjab & Sind Bank to make loans more affordable for medium and low-income customers, particularly in rural and semi-urban areas
- The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) Regional Office has signed a MoU with J&K Grameen Bank to promote and finance 2,000 Joint Liability Groups
- 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.
- 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 medium-sized 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.





**Ques : Which mutual fund has recently introduced 'Choti SIP' to make investing more accessible?**

**किस म्यूचुअल फंड ने हाल ही में 'Choti SIP' शुरू की है ताकि निवेश को अधिक सुलभ बनाया जा सके?**

- (a) Aditya Birla Sun AMC / आदित्य बिड़ला सन एएमसी
- (b) Axis Asset Management Company Limited / एक्सिस एसेट मैनेजमेंट कंपनी लिमिटेड
- (c) Kotak Mutual Fund / कोटक म्यूचुअल फंड
- (d) SBI Mutual Fund / एसबीआई म्यूचुअल फंड
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Kotak Mutual Fund has launched a new investment plan called 'Choti SIP' to make mutual fund investments more accessible for small investors.
- Investors are required to choose the Growth Option under this scheme.
- A minimum commitment of 60 monthly SIP (Systematic Investment Plan) installments is mandatory.
- Payments for the SIP must be made only through NACH (National Automated Clearing House) or UPI auto-pay.

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## Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Canara Bank has been the first bank in India to introduce an Online Digital Balance Confirmation Certificate through the PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd platform, marking a significant step forward in digitisation and operational efficiency
- HDFC Bank, one of India's top private banks, will now accept deposits under the Senior Citizens' Savings Scheme (SCSS). This scheme, run by the Government of India, is designed to help elderly individuals save money securely
- Tata AIA Life Insurance has introduced the Tata AIA Shubh Flexi Income Plan, a non-linked, participating life insurance savings plan
- YES Bank Ltd, a private sector lender, has introduced a GST payment facility to improve its digital banking services
- 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





**Ques : What is the new minimum investment amount for Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP) instruments on the Social Stock Exchange (SSE)?**

सोशल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (SSE) पर जीरो कूपन जीरो प्रिंसिपल (ZCZP) इंस्ट्रुमेंट्स के लिए नई न्यूनतम निवेश राशि क्या है?

- (a) Rs.1000
- (b) Rs.2000
- (c) Rs.3000
- (d) Rs.4000
- (e) Rs.5000

**Answer :** Option A

**Explanation :**

- The SEBI has reduced the minimum investment requirement for Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP) instruments on the SSE from Rs 10,000 to Rs 1,000.
- Its aim is to Encourage individual investors to fund social projects. Increase funding for non-profit organizations in essential sectors such as education, healthcare, and rural development
- The conclusion is consistent with Section 11 and 11A of the SEBI Act, 1992, and Regulation 299 of the SEBI ICDR (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations.
- In November 2023, SEBI reduced the minimum issue size for ZCZP from Rs 1 crore to Rs 50 lakh and the application size from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 10,000, demonstrating a commitment to promoting SSE.
- It is based on recommendations from the public and Social Stock Exchange Advisory Committee (Chaired by Dr. R. Balasubramaniam).

**About Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP) Instruments :**

- These are donation-based financial instruments where investors fund NPOs without expecting interest or principal repayment
- Issued only by SSE-listed NPOs and Funds are utilized for pre-defined social welfare projects
- Minimum maturity period is 5 years (as per SEBI norms)







### Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- The SEBI introduced Specialised Investment Funds (SIFs) to bridge the gap between mutual funds and portfolio management services
- The SEBI has decreased the timescale for completing rights issues from 126 days to 23 days.
- SEBI has collaborated with DigiLocker, a government-backed digital document storage platform, to address the issue of unclaimed assets and enhance investor protection
- SEBI's total income climbed 48% year-on-year to Rs.2,075 crore in 2023-24, owing to higher earnings from fees and subscriptions.
- SEBI, the market regulator, has permitted all non-banking financial businesses (NBFCs), including home finance companies, to participate in security receipts issued by Asset Reconstruction businesses (ARCs), in an effort to encourage investment in the bad loans industry.
- SEBI, the market regulator, has developed a centralized database portal named as Bond Central portal for corporate bonds in an effort to offer a single, reliable source of information on such instruments.
- SEBI imposed a total penalty of Rs 5.05 crore on Indian Clearing Corporation (ICCL), a wholly owned subsidiary of the BSE, for alleged violations of cyber security and system auditing standards.
- SEBI, the capital markets regulator, has imposed penalties totaling Rs 50 lakh on three foreign portfolio investors for breaching the short-term investment restrictions in debt securities. fined Nexpect Ltd and AIRD Investment Commercial LLC Rs 20 lakh apiece, while imposing a Rs 10 lakh penalty on Aviator Global Investment Fund.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has canceled the registrations of 19 foreign venture capital institutions (FVCI) after investigations revealed that they had violated capital market rules
- 'MITRA' (Mutual Fund Investment Tracing and Retrieval Assistant) Launched by SEBI to help investors trace their unclaimed or inactive mutual fund folios
- SEBI is planning to introduce a new financial product that combines Mutual Funds (MFs) investments with Term Life Insurance (TLI)
- On India's 76th Republic Day, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) launched 'Dharohar - Milestones in the Indian Securities Market,' a digital knowledge repository





**Ques : Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has signed an MoU with which bank to Strengthen India's Startup Ecosystem ?**

**उद्योग और आंतरिक व्यापार संवर्धन विभाग (DPIIT) ने भारत के स्टार्टअप इकोसिस्टम को मजबूत करने के लिए किस बैंक के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?**

- (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**

**Explanation :**

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has signed MOU with YES BANK. This alliance strives to promote innovation and provide critical support to product startups, innovators, and entrepreneurs around the country.
- The collaboration will use DPIIT's Startup India initiative and YES BANK's financial experience to provide market connections, finance access, mentorship, and infrastructural support for early-stage businesses.
- Startups will benefit from YES BANK's Head Startup program, which provides customized banking and financial solutions such as working capital, loan access, and cash flow management.
- They will also receive access to YES BANK's wide network, strategic connections, and industry experience, allowing businesses to scale operations and attract investment more effectively.







**Ques : Who has been appointed as the Interim Managing Director and CEO of Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company (EARC)?**

**एडलवाइस एसेट रिकंस्ट्रक्शन कंपनी (ईएआरसी) के अंतरिम प्रबंध निदेशक और सीईओ के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- a) Usha Thorat / उषा थोराट
- b) Shikha Sharma / शिखा शर्मा
- c) Renu Karnad / रेनू कर्नाड
- d) Mythili Balasubramanian / मैथिली बालासुब्रमण्यम
- e) Arundhati Bhattacharya / अरुंधति भट्टाचार्य

**Answer :** option D

**Explanation :**

- Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company (EARC) has selected Mythili Balasubramanian as Interim Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, with RBI clearance.
- Balasubramanian, who has been with EARC for nearly five years, has over four decades of experience in banking, non-performing asset (NPA) resolution, and Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) processes and will manage the company until September 30, 2025.
- The nomination comes after the RBI declined to reappoint the previous MD and CEO, Raj Kumar Bansal, in June 2024, leading EARC to organize a Search Committee, backed by Korn Ferry, to find a permanent successor.

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### Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- **Indranil Bhattacharyya** : Executive Director (ED) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- **Atul Kumar Goel** : Chief Executive (CE) of The Indian Banks' Association
- **Sumant Kathpalia** : reappointment as Managing Director and CEO of Indusind Bank for one year
- **Ajit Ratnakar Joshi** : Executive Director (ED), in charge of the Department of Statistics and Information Management and the Department of Financial Stability
- **Narendra Agrawal** : president and head of branch banking and retail liabilities of RBL bank
- **T S Pari** : chief operating officer (COO) of RBL bank
- **Santosh Agarwal** : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Paisabazaar (Replaced Naveen Kukreja, co-founder of Paisabazaar)
- **Neeraj Tripathi** : Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Paisabazaar (Replaced Vivek Audichya)
- **Dorababu Daparti** : SBI Life Insurance Company's Deputy Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
- **Finance Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey** : Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for a three-year term
- **Shahrukh Todiwala** : MD, CEO of Kotak Mahindra Prime, a subsidiary of Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB)
- **Prabdev Singh (P.D.) Singh** : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of India's operation of Standard Chartered of India based in Mumbai (Replaced Zarin Daruwala)
- **JP Morgan** : CEO for Standard Chartered (StanC) in India
- **Salila Pande** : MD and CEO of SBI Cards and Payment Services Board
- **Shreekant** : Administrator of New India Cooperative Bank
- **Dr. Madhavankutty G** : Chief economist of Canara Bank





**Ques : Which regulatory authority granted the Certificate of Registration to Paytm Money Limited as a Research Analyst (RA)?**

**किस नियामक प्राधिकरण ने पेटीएम मनी लिमिटेड को रिसर्च एनालिस्ट (आरए) के रूप में पंजीकरण प्रमाणपत्र प्रदान किया?**

- (a) RBI / आरबीआई
- (b) SEBI / सेबी
- (c) NABARD / नाबार्ड
- (d) SIDBI / सिडबी
- (e) IRDAI / आईआरडीएआई

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :**

- Paytm Money Limited, a subsidiary of One 97 Communications Limited (OCL), has been registered as a Research Analyst (RA) by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) under the 2014 Regulations.
- These services attempt to improve user experience and offer professional insights to retail and institutional investors.

About **SEBI** :

- **Established** : April 12, 1988
- **ACT** : Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992
- **HQ** : Mumbai
- **Chairman** : Tuhin Kanta Pandey





**Ques : Which regulatory body has recently inducted new members into its Insurance Advisory Committee (IAC)?**

**किस नियामक संस्था ने हाल ही में अपनी बीमा सलाहकार समिति (IAC) में नए सदस्यों को शामिल किया है?**

- (a) NABARD / नाबार्ड
- (b) IRDAI / आईआरडीएआई
- (c) PFRDA / पीएफआरडीए
- (d) SEBI / सेबी
- (e) SIDBI / सिडबी

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :**

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has inducted new members into its Insurance Advisory Committee (IAC) to fill existing vacancies.
- The IAC plays a crucial role in advising IRDAI on matters related to insurance regulations and policy formulation.
- The newly inducted members include former banking and insurance leaders such as M.R. Kumar (LIC), Dinesh Kumar Khara (SBI), Vishakha Mule (Aditya Birla Capital), Nilesh Shah (Kotak AMC), and Alice G Vaidyan (GIC Re).
- Their diverse expertise aims to enhance the decision-making capacity of the regulatory body.

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**Ques : Who has been re-appointed as an Additional Director (Independent Director) for a second term on the Board of Fino Payments Bank?**

**फिनो पेमेंट्स बैंक के बोर्ड में दूसरे कार्यकाल के लिए अतिरिक्त निदेशक (स्वतंत्र निदेशक) के रूप में किसे पुनः नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- a) Arundhati Bhattacharya / अरुंधति भट्टाचार्य
- b) Kalpana Morparia / कल्पना मोरपारिया
- c) Deena Mehta / दीना मेहता
- d) Chitra Ramkrishna / चित्रा रामकृष्ण
- e) Shyamala Gopinath / श्यामला गोपीनाथ

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Fino Payments Bank Board of Directors has reappointed Deena Mehta as an Additional Director in the function of Independent Director for a second term.
- Mehta has nearly four decades of capital market experience, having contributed to significant changes such as the BSE's BOLT system, the Central Depository Service, and the simplification of Clearing Corporation's BOISL.
- She was on the BSE Board for nine years, serving as Vice President and President. For the past 21 years, she has served on different SEBI committees, helping to implement numerous market reforms.
- She is a founding member of SAFE, the SAARC countries' stock exchange association.

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**:Ques : What is the revised GDP growth projection for India in FY27 by Fitch Ratings?**  
**फिच रेटिंग्स द्वारा वित्त वर्ष 27 में भारत के लिए संशोधित जीडीपी वृद्धि अनुमान क्या है?**

- (a) 6.1%
- (b) 6.2%
- (c) 6.3%
- (d) 6.4%
- (e) 6.5%

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Fitch Ratings has maintained India's GDP growth prediction of 6.5% for fiscal year 2025-26 (FY26), showing confidence in the country's economic resilience in the face of global trade concerns, which is being driven by robust domestic consumption and corporate confidence.
- The agency boosted its GDP growth prediction for India in fiscal year 2026-27 (FY27) to 6.3%, up from 6.2% before, noting sustained investment growth driven by substantial government capital expenditure and a lower cost of capital.
- The Indian economy accelerated in the December quarter, rising 6.2% from a seven-quarter low of 5.6% in the previous quarter, owing to increased consumer expenditure.

**Updated GDP List :**

- **CRISIL** – 6.5% (FY26)
- **Moody's Analytics** – 6.4% (FY25)
- **RBI** – 6.6% (FY25), 6.7% (FY26)
- **Deloitte** – 6.5-6.8 (FY25)
- **FICCI** – 6.4% (FY25)







**Ques : What is WAVEX 2025 associated with?**

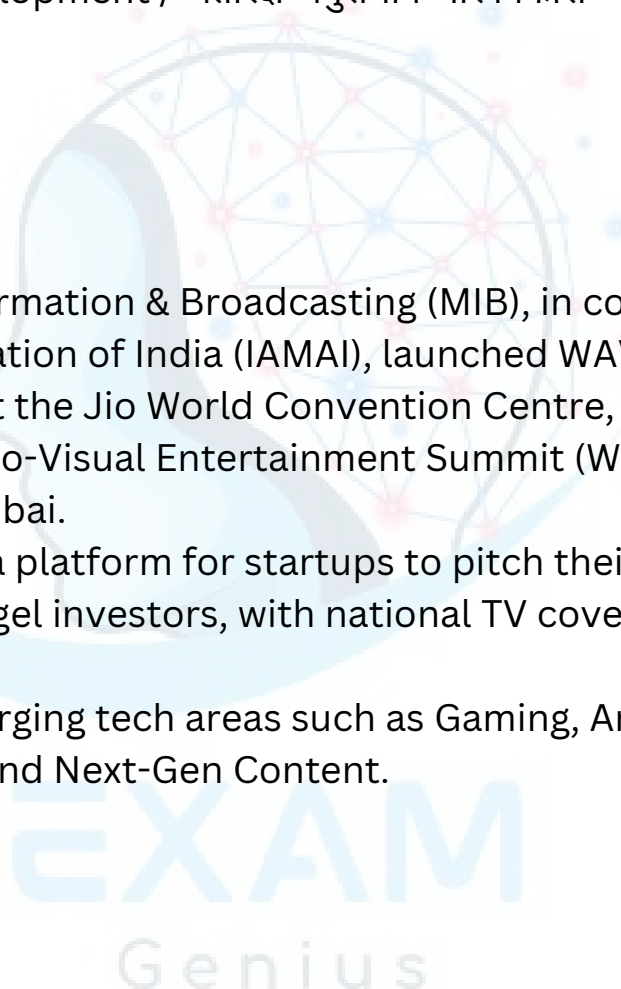
**WAVEX 2025 किससे संबंधित है?**

- a) Defence and aerospace exhibition / रक्षा और एयरोस्पेस प्रदर्शनी
- b) Renewable energy showcase / अक्षय ऊर्जा शोकेस
- c) Audio-visual entertainment industry / ऑडियो-विजुअल मनोरंजन उद्योग
- d) Digital banking innovation / डिजिटल बैंकिंग नवाचार
- e) Space research and development / अंतरिक्ष अनुसंधान और विकास

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Union Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MIB), in collaboration with the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI), launched WAVEX 2025.
- The event was launched at the Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai.
- It is part of the World Audio-Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES), scheduled from 1st to 4th May 2025 in Mumbai.
- WAVEX 2025 will provide a platform for startups to pitch their ideas to venture capitalists and celebrity angel investors, with national TV coverage ensuring high visibility.
- The event focuses on emerging tech areas such as Gaming, Animation, XR, Metaverse, Generative AI, and Next-Gen Content.





**Ques : Who is the author of the book "Living with Birds," which highlights bird conservation and ornithology?**

**"लिविंग विद बर्ड्स" पुस्तक के लेखक कौन हैं, जो पक्षी संरक्षण और पक्षी विज्ञान पर केंद्रित है?**

- a) Salim Ali / सलीम अली
- b) Asad Rahmani / असद रहमानी
- c) Ravi Singh / रवि सिंह
- d) Kartik Shanker / कार्तिक शंकर
- e) M.K. Ranjitsinh / एम.के. रंजीतसिंह

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :**

- "Living with Birds" is a memoir written by renowned Indian ornithologist Asad Rahmani.
- The book narrates Rahmani's personal journey, research experiences, and dedication to bird conservation across India.
- Asad Rahmani has served as the Director of the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), contributing significantly to ornithology and wildlife protection.
- The memoir provides valuable insights into India's rich bird diversity and environmental issues, reflecting his lifelong commitment to nature.

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### Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- **Rice: A Global History** : Renee Marton
- **The Sona Story: The Textile to Tech Journey of Chettiar Industrialist C Valliappa** : Chitra Narayanan
- **Prapancha Charitra** : Authored by Former minister and Member of Parliament Daggubati Venkateswara Rao
- **Diyaslai** : Autobiography of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Kailash Satyarthi
- **Life on Mars: Collected Stories** : Eminent Author and Sahitya Akademi Awardee, Namita Gokhale
- **I Am?** : Gopichand P Hinduja
- **The New Icon: Savarkar and the Facts** : Arun Shourie
- **'I Am a Soldier's Wife: The Life and Love of Toni Lidder.'** : Geetika Lidder
- **Hearts and Heroes: Lives that Shaped Us** : Kulbhushan Kumar
- **"Indian Renaissance: The Modi Decade"** : Dr. Aishwarya Pandit
- **Soumitra Chatterjee and His World** : Journalist Sanghamitra Chakraborty
- **Wild Fictions** : Amitav Ghosh
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- **How India Scaled Mt G20: The Inside Story of G20 Presidency** : Former NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant
- **Middle Class India: Driving Change in the 21st Century** : Manisha Pande
- **"Chhaunk: On Food, Economics and Society (Juggernaut)"** : Abhijit Vinayak Banerjee and Cheyenne Olivier
- **'Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh Through the Ages: A Visual Narrative of Continuities and Linkages'** : Professor Raghuvendra Tanwar
- **In Pursuit of Democracy** : Najma Heptulla
- **The Nehru Development Model** : Arvind Panagariya
- **Living with Birds** : Asad Rahamani





**Ques : Who became the first Indian to win the prestigious 2025 Holberg Prize?**  
**प्रतिष्ठित 2025 होलबर्ग पुरस्कार जीतने वाले पहले भारतीय कौन बने?**

- a) Arundhati Roy / अरुंधति रॉय
- b) Amitav Ghosh / अमिताव घोष
- c) Salman Rushdie / सलमान रुश्दी
- d) Romila Thapar / रोमिला थापर
- e) Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak / गायत्री चक्रवर्ती स्पिवक

**Answer :** option E

**Explanation :**

- Indian literary theorist and postcolonial scholar Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak has been awarded the 2025 Holberg Prize.
- She is the first Indian to receive this prestigious award.
- The award ceremony took place at the University of Bergen in Norway.
- The prize was presented by Crown Prince Haakon of Norway.
- The Holberg Prize includes a cash award of USD 540,000 (approximately Rs. 4.6 crore).
- She also won Kyoto Prize in Arts and Philosophy, Japan's highest private award for lifetime achievement in arts and sciences in 2012 and Padma Bhushan, India's third-highest civilian award in 2013

**About Holberg Prize :**

- **Started :** 2004
- **Presented by :** Government of Norway
- **Awarded for :** Outstanding scholarly work in the fields of the arts and humanities, social sciences, law and theology
- **Last winner :** Achille Mbembe (Cameroon)





### Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence) Award : Atima Corporation Private Limited for developing the VEER Electric Tactical All-Terrain Vehicle (E-TATV)
- Air Service Quality (ASQ) award : Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport (KIAB)
- ACM A.M. Turing Award, often referred to as the "Nobel Prize of Computing" : Dr. Andrew Barto from the USA and Richard S. Sutton from Canada
- Ramsar Award for 'Wetland Wise Use' : Dr. Jayshree Vencatesan, co-founder of Care Earth Trust
- 2026 World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) Award : Suman Chakraborty in Engineering and Computer Sciences (CS) for Developing Low-Cost Medical Diagnostic Solutions
- The Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean by Mauritius : Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Lifetime Achievement Award for Hospitality and Education award : Dr. Suborno Bose, Chairman of the International Institute of Hotel Management (IIHM)
- EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2024 : Nithin Kamath, Founder and CEO of Zerodha
- Lifetime Achievement Award : K.V. Kamath, Chairman of Jio Financial Services Limited
- Special Jury Award : S. Somanath, former Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- 'Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados' : Pabitra Margherita received on behalf of Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Nominated for the coveted Laureus World Sports Award 2025 in the comeback of the year category : Rishabh Pant
- ISO 22301:2019 Business Continuity Management System (BCMS) certification from the British Standards Institution (BSI) : Bank of Baroda
- 2025 Pritzker Architecture Prize : Liu Jiakun, a Chinese architect and educator
- Jay Shah : prestigious Icon of Excellence award at the 14th Forbes India Leadership Awards (FILA 2025)
- National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Awards : 1. Vaidya Tara Chand Sharma 2. Vaidya Maya Ram Uniyal 3. Vaidya Sameer Govind Jamadagni
- "Sarvashrestha Suraksha Puraskar (Golden Trophy)" in 'Service Sector' category : Goa's Manohar International Airport (GOX), also known as Mopa Airport





**Ques : Where will the 11th Asian Swimming Championship be held from October 1 to 15?**

**11वीं एशियाई तैराकी चैंपियनशिप 1 से 15 अक्टूबर तक कहाँ आयोजित की जाएगी?**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Guwahati / गुवाहाटी
- (d) Ahmedabad / अहमदाबाद
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

**Answer : Option D**

**Explanation :**

- India will host the 11th Asian Swimming Championship at the Naranpura Sports Complex in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- The Swimming Federation of India stated that it has acquired in-principle consent from the Gujarat government and Asia Aquatics to host the tournament.
- The event will take place on October 1-15. The championship will include swimming, diving, artistic swimming, and water polo.
- Swimmers from Japan and South Korea are anticipated to compete in the continental meet, which will be held for the first time in the country. India held its last international swimming event, the 10th Asian Age Group Championships, in 2019.

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### Recent News headlines related to Sports

- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has officially approved boxing for inclusion in the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics after a unanimous vote
- Indian athletes finished their outstanding campaign at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Turin, Italy, with 33 medals, including 8 gold, 18 silver, and 7 bronze. This was the 12th edition of the Special Olympics Winter Games, which took place after an eight-year delay
- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) executive board has approved the inclusion of boxing in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, ensuring the sport's continuity in the Games
- In cricket, Sachin Tendulkar led India Masters to the inaugural International Masters League T20 title, defeating Brian Lara's West Indies Masters by six wickets at Raipur's Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Stadium
- The second edition of the Kabaddi World Cup 2025 begins in England. The Indian men's team will begin their campaign against Italy in Wolverhampton.
- Hockey Jharkhand won the title after defeating defending champions Hockey Haryana in the final of the 15th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2025
- 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





**Ques : Who inaugurated the Lachit Barphukan Police Academy in Dergaon, Assam?**  
**असम के डेरगांव में लाचित बरफुकन पुलिस अकादमी का उद्घाटन किसने किया?**

- (a) Amit Shah / अमित शाह
- (b) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya / डॉ. मनसुख मंडाविया
- (c) Shivraj Singh Chouhan / शिवराज सिंह चौहान
- (d) Anupriya Patel / अनुप्रिया पटेल
- (e) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी

**Answer : Option A**

**Explanation :**

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Lachit Barphukan Police Academy at Dergaon, Assam.
- Assam CM Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma and Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal also attended the event.
- The academy is named after the legendary Ahom general Lachit Barphukan.
- It aims to strengthen policing in the entire Northeast region and become a premier training institution.
- The first phase was completed at a cost of Rs.167 crore, with a total investment of Rs.1050 crore planned over three phases.
- Earlier, Assam's police had to travel to other states for training, but the academy has now trained 2,000 personnel from Goa and Manipur.

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### Recent Headlines Related to Inauguration :

- Microsoft India Development Centre (IDC) at Sector-145, Noida and Sify Data Center at Gautam Buddha Nagar's Sector 132 Inaugurated by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath
- Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis inaugurated the first-ever temple dedicated to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Bhiwandi, Thane district, on his birth anniversary
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Vantara, a unique wildlife conservation, rescue and rehabilitation initiative in Jamnagar, Gujarat. It is established by Reliance Industries with Reliance Foundation.
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah has inaugurated the workshop on sustainability and circularity in the dairy sector in New Delhi.
- Union Minister for Civil Aviation, Kinjappu RamMohan Naidu, has opened the Udan Yatri Cafe at Chennai International Airport. This would help all travelers because five to six products such as water, tea, coffee, snacks, and local delicacies will be sold for Rs.10 to Rs.20
- Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu has inaugurated the Electronic Personnel License (EPL) for pilots, marking a significant step towards digital transformation
- The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has inaugurated its new headquarters, Keshav Kunj, near Jhandewalan, New Delhi
- Indian Ambassador Harsh Kumar Jain unveiled the statue of noted Tamil poet and philosopher Thiruvalluvar in the Philippines. The unveiling took place at the Gullas College of Medicine (GCM) in Cebu, the Indian embassy in the Philippines.
- Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has inaugurated the National Geospatial Knowledge-based Land Survey of Urban Habitations (NAKSHA) in 152 urban local bodies across 26 States and three Union Territories in Madhya Pradesh
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron will inaugurate the Indian Consulate in Marseille, strengthening India's diplomatic and economic presence in France





**Ques : Recently, which Indonesian volcano erupted multiple times, raising the alert to the highest level?**

**हाल ही में, इंडोनेशिया का कौन सा ज्वालामुखी कई बार फटा, जिससे अलर्ट उच्चतम स्तर पर पहुंच गया?**

- a) Mount Merapi / माउंट मेरापी
- b) Mount Semeru / माउंट सेमेरू
- c) Mount Lewotobi Laki Laki / माउंट लेवोटोबी लाकी लाकी
- d) Mount Krakatoa / माउंट क्राकाटोआ
- e) Mount Bromo / माउंट ब्रोमो

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Mount Lewotobi Laki Laki, located in Indonesia, erupted three times on Friday, sending volcanic ash up to 8,000 meters (26,000 feet) into the sky.
- Following the eruptions, several residents from nearby villages were reported injured.
- Authorities raised the volcanic alert level to the highest category to ensure public safety.
- The designated danger zone around the volcano was extended from 7 km to 8 km.
- Ash clouds from the eruption caused disruptions to air travel, leading to flight cancellations to Bali.

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**:Ques : Who inaugurated the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) Annual Conference 2025?**

**राष्ट्रीय डोप परीक्षण प्रयोगशाला (एनडीटीएल) वार्षिक सम्मेलन 2025 का उद्घाटन किसने किया?**

- (a) Amit Shah / अमित शाह
- (b) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya / डॉ. मनसुख मंडाविया
- (c) Shivraj Singh Chouhan / शिवराज सिंह चौहान
- (d) Anupriya Patel / अनुप्रिया पटेल
- (e) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :**

- Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, has launched the National Dope Testing Laboratory Annual Conference-2025 in New Delhi.
- The theme of the annual conference is Anti-Doping Science: Innovations and Challenges.
- The event presented an invaluable opportunity for scientists, coaches, physical education professionals, sports federations, and students to engage in informative debates about the most recent developments and problems in anti-doping science.

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**Ques : Which department has signed an MoU with Kyndryl Solutions Pvt Ltd to accelerate innovation and scale India's startup ecosystem ?**

**किस विभाग ने नवाचार में तेजी लाने और भारत के स्टार्टअप इकोसिस्टम को बढ़ाने के लिए किंड्रिल सॉल्यूशंस प्राइवेट लिमिटेड के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?**

- (a) Department of Higher Education / उच्च शिक्षा विभाग
- (b) Department of Official Language / राजभाषा विभाग
- (c) Department of Fertilizers / उर्वरक विभाग
- (d) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade / उद्योग और आंतरिक व्यापार संवर्धन विभाग
- (e) Department of Consumer Affairs / उपभोक्ता मामले विभाग

**Answer : Option D**

**Explanation :**

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has signed MOU with Kyndryl Solutions Pvt Ltd to accelerate innovation and expand India's startup ecosystem.
- The alliance will help entrepreneurs in the manufacturing and IT industries by leveraging Kyndryl's expertise in digital transformation and Generative AI solutions.
- This alliance will provide entrepreneurs with mentorship, infrastructure assistance, and market access, allowing them to integrate their solutions into enterprise ecosystems in areas such as automotive, pharmaceuticals, BFSI, oil and gas, and government services.

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**:Ques : Kirsty Coventry, the newly elected IOC President, belongs to which country?  
हाल ही में चुनी गई IOC अध्यक्ष Kirsty Coventry किस देश से हैं?**

- a) South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- b) Zimbabwe / जिम्बाब्वे
- c) Kenya / केन्या
- d) Nigeria / नाइजीरिया
- e) Ghana / घाना

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :**

- Kirsty Coventry, a former Olympic swimmer from Zimbabwe, has been elected as the first woman and African President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
- She secured 49 out of 97 votes in the election, defeating Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr. and Sebastian Coe.
- Coventry is a seven-time Olympic medalist and has been serving as an IOC member since 2013.
- As IOC President, she plans to focus on athletes' mental and physical health and enforce a strict zero-tolerance policy against doping.

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**Ques : International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination annually observed on which day ?**

**अंतर्राष्ट्रीय नस्लीय भेदभाव उन्मूलन दिवस प्रतिवर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 19 March
- (b) 20 March
- (c) 21 March
- (d) 22 March
- (e) 23 March

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, observed annually on March 21, raises awareness about the ongoing fight against racism and supports equality around the world.
- The anniversary commemorates the 1960 Sharpeville Massacre in South Africa, which killed 69 peaceful anti-apartheid protestors and sparked global movements to eradicate racial inequality.
- The subject for the 2025 International Day is "60th anniversary of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD)".
- The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) was established by the United Nations General Assembly on December 21, 1965, with Resolution 2106 (XX).

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### Recent Appointment in different departments :

- **Lip-Bu Tan** : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Intel Corporation
- **Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman** : CEO of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF)
- **N Ganapathy Subramaniam** : board of directors of Tata Communications
- **Arun Mammen** : Chairman of the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA)
- **Amitava Mukherjee** : Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of NMDC Limited
- **Dr Himanshu Pathak** : Director General (DG) of International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)
- **Justice Joymalya Bagchi** : judge of the Calcutta High Court Appointed as Judge of the Supreme Court
- **Takashi Nakajima** : President & CEO of Honda Cars India (Replaced Takuya Tsumura)
- **Vikas Kaushal** : Chairman and Managing Director of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL)
- **Rajeev Shukla** : Vice-President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), will represent India as an Executive Board Member on the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Board
- **Dr. Anju Rathi Rana** : Secretary of the Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice
- **Ajay Bhadoo** : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Government e Marketplace (GeM)
- **Christian Stocker** : as Austria's chancellor
- **Suresh Khanna** : Convenor of the Group of Ministers (GoM) on revenue mobilisation for natural calamities
- **Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth** : additional charge of the post of Secretary, Department of Revenue
- **Senior Advocate Manan Kumar Mishra** : re-elected as head of the Bar Council of India (BCI)
- **Suman Kumar** : Indian Oil Corporation's Director (Planning & Business Development)





### Important days :

- **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)
- **4 to 10 March** : 54th National Safety Week 2025 (Theme 2025 Safety & Well-being Crucial for Viksit Bharat)
- **10 March** : International Day of Women Judges
- **10 March** : CISF Raising Day
- **11 March** : 135th Foundation Day of National Archives of India (NAI)
- **12 March** (Second Wednesday of March) : No Smoking Day 2025
- **13 March** (2nd Thursday of March) : World Kidney Day (WKD) (Theme 2025 : Are Your Kidneys OK? Detect Early, Protect Kidney Health)
- **14 March** : Pi Day
- **14 March** : International Day of Action for Rivers (Theme 2025 Our Rivers, Our Future)
- **14 March** : World Sleep Day (Theme 2025: Make Sleep Health a Priority)
- **15 March** : World Consumer Rights Day (Theme 2025: A Just Transition to Sustainable Lifestyles)
- **15 March** : International Day to Combat Islamophobia
- **16 March** : National Vaccination Day 2025





### IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited to Acquire 10% Stake in Haldiram Snacks Food Private Limited (Haldiram's) at a Cost of Rs.8,500 crore or 1 Billion USD.

Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) & Sarvam AI, a Bengaluru-based indigenous Generative AI (GenAI) company partnered to improve the user experience of Aadhaar services

Krishnamachari Srikanth, former captain of the Indian national cricket team Appointed as Goodwill Ambassador for 'VISION 2020 India'

Bajaj Auto has reappointed Rajivnayan Rahul Kumar Bajaj as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer for a five-year term starting April 1, 2025.

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and Global cosmetics major Estée Lauder Companies Inc. Partner to expand the BEAUTY&YOU India program with a new initiative to support women-founded startups

Book Leo – The Untold Story Authored by Senior advocate and former Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) vice-president P.S. Raman. It is Unveiled by "C.D." Gopinath, a member of India's first Test-winning team.

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### महत्वपूर्ण एक पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

टेमासेक होल्डिंग्स (प्राइवेट) लिमिटेड हल्दीराम स्नेक्स फूड प्राइवेट लिमिटेड (हल्दीराम) में 8,500 करोड़ रुपये या 1 बिलियन अमरीकी डॉलर की लागत से 10% हिस्सेदारी हासिल करेगी।

भारतीय विशिष्ट पहचान प्राधिकरण (UIDAI) और सर्वम AI, बेंगलुरु स्थित स्वदेशी जनरेटिव AI (GenAI) कंपनी ने आधार सेवाओं के उपयोगकर्ता अनुभव को बेहतर बनाने के लिए साझेदारी की

भारतीय राष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट टीम के पूर्व कप्तान कृष्णमाचारी श्रीकांत को 'विज़न 2020 इंडिया' के लिए सद्भावना राजदूत नियुक्त किया गया

बजाज ऑटो ने राजीवनयन राहुलकुमार बजाज को 1 अप्रैल, 2025 से शुरू होने वाले पाँच साल के कार्यकाल के लिए प्रबंध निदेशक और मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी के रूप में फिर से नियुक्त किया है।

उद्योग और आंतरिक व्यापार संवर्धन विभाग (DPIIT) और वैश्विक सौंदर्य प्रसाधन प्रमुख एस्टे लॉर्डर कंपनीज इंक. ने महिलाओं द्वारा स्थापित स्टार्टअप्स का समर्थन करने के लिए एक नई पहल के साथ BEAUTY&YOU इंडिया कार्यक्रम का विस्तार करने के लिए साझेदारी की

पुस्तक लियो - द अनटोल्ड स्टोरी वरिष्ठ अधिवक्ता और तमिलनाडु क्रिकेट एसोसिएशन (TNCA) के पूर्व उपाध्यक्ष पी.एस. रमन द्वारा लिखी गई है। इसका अनावरण भारत की पहली टेस्ट विजेता टीम के सदस्य "सी.डी." गोपीनाथ द्वारा किया गया है।

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