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Ques : State Bank of India (SBI) has decided to divest its _____ stake in Jio Payments Bank Limited, a joint venture between the state-owned bank and Jio Financial Services (JFS).

- (a) 16.8%
- (b) 17.8%
- (c) 18.8%
- (d) 19.8%
- (e) 20.8%

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- State Bank of India (SBI) has chosen to sell its whole 17.8% ownership in Jio Payments Bank Limited, a joint venture between the state-owned bank and Jio Financial Services (JFS).
- JFS would purchase SBI's stake for ₹104.5 crore, making Jio Payments Bank a wholly-owned subsidiary. JFS now holds an 82.17 percent interest in Jio Payments Bank.
- Jio Payment Bank is a joint venture between Jio Financial Service Limited and SBI, which began operations in April 2018.
- Jio Financial Services Limited owns 82.17% of Jio Payments Bank Limited's paid-up equity share capital, with SBI holding 17.8% of the shares.

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Ques : Who has been appointed as the new Executive Director (ED) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- (a) Shaktikanta Das
- (b) Ajay Banga
- (c) Ajit Ratnakar Joshi
- (d) Viral Acharya
- (e) Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank has named Ajit Ratnakar Joshi as Executive Director (ED), in charge of the Department of Statistics and Information Management and the Department of Financial Stability.
- Prior to his promotion to ED, Mr. Joshi was the chief adviser in the Department of Statistics and Information Management.
- He brings over thirty years of experience in statistics, information technology, and cyber risk management. He has been a faculty member at Hyderabad's Institute of Development and Research in Banking Technology.

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:Ques : What percentage of Rs.2,000 banknotes have been returned to the banking system as per the RBI's latest update?

- (a) 95.50%
- (b) 97.25%
- (c) 98.18%
- (d) 99.50%
- (e) 96.80%

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- 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.
- The central bank released an update on the withdrawal of Rs.2,000 notes from circulation on May 19, 2023.
- At the time of the announcement, the total value of high-denomination notes in circulation was Rs.3.56 lakh crore.
- As of February 28, 2025, this figure has dramatically fallen to Rs.6,471 crore.

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:Ques : What measure has the RBI announced to inject liquidity into the banking system in March 2025?

- (a) Increasing the repo rate
- (b) Conducting Open Market Purchases and USD/INR swaps USD
- (c) Raising the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)
- (d) Issuing new government bonds
- (e) Increasing foreign exchange reserves

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- 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.
- The central bank announced two Open Market Operations (OMO) purchase auctions for Government of India securities worth Rs 1 lakh crore.
- The auctions will be conducted in two parts: Rs 50,000 crore on March 12, 2025, and another Rs 50,000 crore on March 18, 2025.
- The RBI will hold a USD/INR Buy/Sell Swap auction for Rs 10 billion with a 36-month duration on March 24, 2025.
- The Indian banking system is experiencing its worst liquidity crisis in ten years, with a surplus of Rs 1.35 lakh crore in November and a shortfall of Rs 0.65 lakh crore by December.
- The deficit has increased to Rs 2.07 lakh crore in January and Rs 1.59 lakh crore in February.
- Since late 2024, the RBI has added almost Rs 3 lakh crore of durable liquidity to the system through VRR auctions, swaps, and open market operations.





Ques : Who Introduces Unified Payments Interface (UPI) Trading Blocks to Simplify Stock Investments ?

- (a) Policybazar
- (b) ICICI Lombard
- (c) Paytm
- (d) TATA AIG
- (e) Amazon

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- 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.
- The feature aligns with the Securities and Exchange Board of India's (SEBI) directive on UPI Trading Blocks for certified stock brokers beginning February 1, 2025.
- SEBI introduced the system in beta form as an optional feature on January 1, 2024.
- This framework keeps funds in bank accounts and debits them only when trades are executed. Payouts follow a T+1 settlement cycle.

About UPI trading blocks :

- UPI Trading Blocks, also known as Single Block Multiple Debits, enable investors to approve fund blocking straight from their bank accounts while making trade requests through brokerage apps.
- The functionality removes the need for multiple UPI PIN entry and increases flexibility by keeping cash available till needed.





Ques : Which brand tops the Report IT Services 25 2025 Published by Brand Finance ?

- (a) Wipro Limited
- (b) Tech Mahindra Limited
- (c) TCS Limited
- (d) Accenture plc
- (e) NTT DATA Group Corporation

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Report IT Services 25 2025 Published by Brand Finance
- Accenture PLC (Public Limited Company) is the world's leading brand, valued at USD 41.50 billion.
- India's Hexaware Technologies Limited has entered the Brand Finance IT Services rankings 2025 at Rank 24th, demonstrating its rising market presence.
- In 2025, the top 25 IT Services brands had a total brand value of USD163 billion, with the top five brands having a combined worth of about USD 99.32 billion.

Ranking of Top 5 IT Services Brands in 2025 :

- 1 Accenture plc (7th Consecutive year), USA
- 2 TCS Limited (4th Consecutive Year), India
- 3 Infosys Limited, India
- 4 International Business Machines (IBM) Consulting, USA
- 5 NTT DATA Group Corporation, Japan

Other Indian IT Brands in Global Rankings 2025 :

- 8 Wipro Limited
- 9 HCL Technologies Limited
- 12 Tech Mahindra Limited
- 15 LTIMindtree Limited
- 24 Hexaware Technologies Limited





Ques : How many riverine dolphins were recorded in India's first-ever dolphin estimation report?

- (a) 5,432
- (b) 6,327
- (c) 7,210
- (d) 4,876
- (e) 6,821

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- India's first riverine dolphin estimation research found 6,327 dolphins over 28 rivers in eight states. Uttar Pradesh had the largest total, followed by Bihar, West Bengal, and Assam.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi published the report during a visit to Gujarat's Gir National Park, where he presided over the National Board for Wildlife's 7th meeting.
- Over the course of two years, Project Dolphin performed an 8,500-kilometer survey of dolphin populations throughout the Ganga, Brahmaputra, and Indus rivers.
- The Wildlife Institute of India, state forest departments in Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Assam, Jharkhand, and Rajasthan, as well as non-profit organizations such as Aaranyak, World Wildlife Fund, Turtle Survival Alliance, and Wildlife Trust of India, collaborated on the survey, which ran from 2021 to 2023.

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Ques : Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM) Yojana launched in which year ?

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2016
- (c) 2017
- (d) 2018
- (e) 2019

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Pradhan Mantri Shram The Government of India launched the Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM) Yojana to ensure financial stability for millions of unorganized workers in India.
- The initiative aims to benefit workers in unorganized industries, which account for 50% of the country's GDP.
- Current Status : Coverage to 36 States/UTs, As of December more than 30.51 crore Unorganised workers registered and Top 5 States are Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra , Gujarat , Chhattisgarh

About Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM) Yojana :

- **Launched** : Interim Budget 2019, A voluntary and contributory pension scheme
- **Fund Manager** : Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)
- **Contribution** : GoI will match the contribution of workers on a 1:1 basis
- **A minimum pension of Rs 3,000 per month after the age of 60 for workers who are employed in the unorganised sector and have a monthly income of up to Rs 15,000**
- **However, the contribution amount (Rs 55 to Rs 200), differs based on the age at the time of enrolment for instance:** if the age of worker at entry is 18 years, then, he/she is required to make monthly contribution of Rs 55 and GoI will also contribute exactly the same amount
- The beneficiary passes away after the age of 60, only the spouse is entitled to receive 50% of the pension amount as a family pension
- Minimum age required for workers to enroll in the scheme should be 18 years and not be more than 40 years.



Ques : A. Sharath Kamal, who recently announced his retirement, is associated with which sport?

- (a) Cricket
- (b) Football
- (c) Shooting
- (d) Badminton
- (e) Table tennis

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Sharath Kamal, an Indian table tennis legend, has announced that he will retire later this month, capping up a more than 22-year career at the top of the sport.
- Sharath will say goodbye to friends and family in Chennai, where his final tournament, the WTT Star Contender, will be held from March 25 to March 30.
- His influence on the sport goes beyond his accomplishments, which include seven Commonwealth Games gold medals, two historic Asian Games bronze medals, and five Olympic appearances.

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Ques : Steve Smith Announces Retirement from One-Day Internationals. He belongs to which country ?

- (a) Australia
- (b) Russia
- (c) Japan
- (d) USA
- (e) India

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Following Australia's Champions Trophy defeat, stand-in captain Steve Smith has declared his retirement from the ODI format.
- The two-time ICC Men's Cricket World Cup winner will continue to play Tests and T20Is for Australia.
- Smith played 170 One-Day Internationals for Australia, scoring 5800 runs at 43.28, including 12 hundreds and 35 half centuries. He also took 28 wickets.
- The hitter was a key member of Australia's Cricket World Cup winning teams in 2015 and 2023.
- Smith won the Australian Men's ODI Player of the Year award in 2015 and 2021, and was also named to the ICC Men's ODI Team of the Year in 2015.

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Ques : Which Belgian defense company has partnered with India's Electro Pneumatics & Hydraulics (EPH) to form a joint venture?

- (a) FN Herstal
- (b) CMI Defence
- (c) John Cockerill Defence (JCD)
- (d) Thales Belgium
- (e) Nexter

Answer : option C

Explanation :

- 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.
- This partnership's first focus is on the Indian Army's Light Tank project, specifically the Zorawar tank, which is being built by DRDO and L&T. This tank is currently in advanced testing, and the new JV will provide turrets for it.
- This collaboration is part of a bigger push to expand defense ties between India and Belgium, with both nations aiming to sign a defense cooperation pact by the end of 2025.
- In this JV, JCD will own 60% while EPH will keep 40%. JCD will offer the technology, and EPH will handle the manufacturing. According to JCD's CEO, Thierry Renaudin, the project's goal is to build a world-class turret, with at least 50% of the components manufactured in India.

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Ques : Which state Police registered its first-ever e-FIR at Police Station Khrew, marking a significant step towards digital policing ?

- (a) Tripura
- (b) Jammu and Kashmir
- (c) Nagaland
- (d) Bihar
- (e) Chhattisgarh

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Jammu and Kashmir Police registered the first e-FIR at Police Station Khrew, a crucial step towards digital policing.
- The complaint was filed by email, resulting in the registration of Case FIR No. 17/2025.
- Mushtaq Ahmed Bhat filed a complaint against two men for allegedly assaulting his family.

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Ques : Who has been appointed as the convenor of the GoM on revenue mobilisation for natural calamities?

- (a) Pramod Sawant
- (b) Himanta Biswa Sarma
- (c) Suresh Khanna
- (d) Pinarayi Vijayan
- (e) None of these

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The GST Council has formed a Group of Ministers (GoM) to make proposals for revenue collection in the event of natural disasters. It has reconstituted another GoM to analyze GST revenue.
- These actions were adopted in accordance with the recommendations of the GST Council meeting held on December 21, 2024.
- Suresh Khanna, Uttar Pradesh's Finance Minister, will convene the GoM on revenue mobilization in the event of a natural calamity.
- The reconstituted GoM on 'Analysis of Revenue from GST' was led by Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant.

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Ques : Which decommissioned naval warship is Maharashtra's tourism department planning to sink for adventure tourism?

- (a) INS Vikrant
- (b) INS Shivalik
- (c) INS Arihant
- (d) INS Guldar
- (e) INS Kolkata

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Maharashtra tourism government plans to destroy the decommissioned naval cruiser INS Guldar near Nivati Rocks in Sindhudurg District to promote adventure tourism.
- This program intends to develop India's first artificial reef to boost scuba diving tourism and promote marine biodiversity.
- The idea follows global precedents of converting decommissioned ships as artificial reefs, including the USS Spiegel Grove in Florida and Thai Royal Navy ships near Chonburi.
- The 83-meter-long Kumbhir-class landing ship, INS Guldar, was commissioned in 1985 and decommissioned in January 2024.
- The ship will be transferred from Port Blair to Karwar for component removal before being sunk near Nivati Rocks in Sindhudurg.

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Ques : India and which country signed an MoU to enhance cooperation in the WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) sector?

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) Bangladesh
- (e) None of these

Answer : Option B

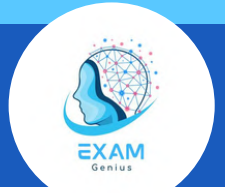
Explanaation :

- The governments of India and Nepal have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen cooperation in the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) sector, which includes waste management.
- The agreement intends to increase collaboration between the two countries and strengthen intergovernmental cooperation in the WASH sector, ensuring that their populations have greater access to clean drinking water and sanitation.

The comprehensive MoU outlines a collaborative framework that includes several key areas :

- Capacity Building : Training programs for Nepalese personnel in water resource management and other disciplines.
- Technology & Knowledge Transfer : Sharing of technological expertise and best practices between India and Nepal in WASH sector.
- Groundwater Management : Collaborative efforts to monitor, assess, and manage groundwater resources, including quality improvement, artificial recharge, and rainwater collection.





Ques : Who Conducts High-Altitude Trial of Integrated Life Support System for Tejas ?

- (a) ISRO
- (b) DRDO
- (c) NASA
- (d) HAL
- (e) None of these

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- DRDO successfully tested an indigenous life support system for Tejas light combat aircraft pilots at high altitude.
- The defense ministry has developed advanced life support systems that provide pilots with breathing oxygen during flight, removing the need for regular oxygen cylinders.
- The system can be modified for usage in MiG-29K and other aircraft.
- The DRDO's Defence Bioengineering & ElectroMedical Laboratory in Bengaluru successfully tested the Indigenous On-Board Oxygen Generating System (OBOGS)-based Integrated Life Support System (ILSS) for the LCA Tejas aircraft at high altitudes.
- L&T manufactured the system as a development and production partner for the DRDO.

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Ques : Who has won the FIDE World Junior Championship 2025 in Montenegro?

- (a) Aravindh Chithambaram
- (b) Abhijeet Gupta
- (c) Pentala Harikrishna
- (d) Pranav Venkatesh
- (e) Viswanathan Anand

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- In chess, 18-year-old Indian Grandmaster Pranav Venkatesh dominated the FIDE World Junior Championship 2025, winning the championship in Montenegro.
- Pranav becomes the fourth Indian to win the World Junior Championship, after Viswanathan Anand, Pentala Harikrishna, and Abhijeet Gupta.
- Meanwhile, Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram won the famous Prague Masters competition in the Czech Republic.
- In the final round, Aravindh drew with Turkey's Ediz Gurel to claim sole first place.

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Ques : Architect and educator, Liu Jiakun has won the 2025 Pritzker Architecture Prize, the most important award in architecture. He is from which country?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Liu Jiakun, a Chinese architect and educator, has won the 2025 Pritzker Architecture Prize, architecture's most prestigious prize.
- This award recognizes him for merging traditional Chinese styles with modern design, as well as his efforts to build equitable and inclusive environments.
- Jiakun, who was born and continues to practice in Chengdu, China, is the second Chinese architect to earn this honor, following Wang Shu in 2012.
- Liu, 68, becomes the 54th recipient of the medal, which is equivalent to a Nobel in the field of architecture.
- Previous winners have included Riken Yamamoto (2024), David Chipperfield (2023), and Francis Kere (2022).
- The award ceremony will be held this spring at the Louvre Abu Dhabi, designed by Jean Nouvel.

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Ques : What unique solar event did India's Aditya-L1 mission capture?

- (a) Coronal mass ejection
- (b) Solar flare 'kernel'
- (c) Sunspot formation
- (d) Solar eclipse
- (e) Heliospheric wave

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- 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.'
- This uncommon observation occurred in the lower solar atmosphere.
- Aditya-L1 was launched on September 2, 2023. On January 6, 2024, it entered a unique orbit. This orbit, known as Lagrange Point L1, is 1.5 million kilometers from Earth.
- Aditya-L1 may continuously monitor the Sun from here.
- Aditya-L1 carries modern instruments for studying the Sun. The Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (SUIT) contributed significantly to the discovery.
- SUIT detected the solar flare in the Near Ultraviolet (NUV) band. It can collect photos over 11 distinct wavelengths.
- Other equipment, including SoLEXS and HEL1OS, focus on studying solar Xrays. On February 22, 2024, SUIT identified an X6.3-class solar flare.
- SUIT is a unique space telescope constructed by IUCAA in Pune and launched by ISRO, while Aditya-L1 is India's first dedicated solar space mission.





Ques : International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness is observed every year on which day ?

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Every year on March 5, the International Day for Disarmament and Nonproliferation Awareness is observed.
- This day is intended to increase global awareness of the necessity of disarmament and the prevention of the spread of weapons, particularly weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) such as nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons.

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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.

The Government of India has appointed Additional Secretary in the Department of Commerce Ajay Bhadoo, as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Government e Marketplace (GeM). He will assume this role in addition to his existing responsibilities in the Department of Commerce.

Shubman Gill, the Indian cricketer and vice-captain of Team India for the 2025 International Cricket Council (ICC) Champions Trophy Appointed as Brand ambassador MRF(Madras Rubber Factory) Limited

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the proposed acquisition of up to 72.8 per cent shareholding in Orient Cement Ltd by Ambuja Cements Ltd, marking a significant consolidation move in the Indian cement sector.

The Uttarakhand Cabinet, under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, has approved the implementation of the Central Government's Unified Pension Scheme for officers and employees in the state.

The Trump administration has imposed sweeping tariffs on imports from Canada, Mexico, and China. 25% tariffs on all imports from Canada and Mexico. An additional 10% tariff on all Chinese imports, on top of the existing 10% tariff from February





Ques : According to SEBI's annual statement of accounts 2023-24, By what percentage did SEBI's total income rise in 2023-24 compared to the previous year?

- (a) 30%
- (b) 35%
- (c) 40%
- (d) 45%
- (e) 48%

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- 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.
- According to Sebi's annual statement of finances 2023-24, the regulator earned Rs.1,851.5 crore in fee income, a significant increase over the previous year's Rs.1,213.22 crore.
- Investment income jumped to Rs.192.41 crore from Rs.161.42 crore, while other revenue grew to roughly Rs.18 crore from Rs.15 crore.
- The market watchdog's total income increased by 48% to Rs.2,075 crore in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024, from Rs.1,404.36 crore the previous year, according to the annual records.
- The regulator's expenditure increased from Rs.851.33 crore to Rs.1,006 crore for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024, in addition to total income.

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Ques : Who has launched the 'insuring HEROES' campaign on the occasion of International Women's Day ?

- (a) Google Pay
- (b) PhonePe
- (c) BHIM
- (d) Paytm
- (e) Amazon Pay

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- PhonePe has launched the 'insuring HEROES' campaign in honor of International Women's Day.
- As part of the program, the business is offering women-specific savings of up to 30% on various term life and health insurance plans.
- Women can take advantage of these exclusive discounts on the PhonePe app to improve their entire economic situation and achieve long-term stability.
- Discounts range from 15% to 30% off health insurance products and term life insurance plans.

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Ques : Which bank launched the Project HAKK (Hawai Anubhavi Kalyan Kendra-Serving those who have served) ?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) IDFC First Bank
- (c) Dhanlaxmi Bank
- (d) RBL Bank
- (e) Yes Bank

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Project HAKK (Hawai Anubhavi Kalyan Kendra-Serving those who have served) Launched By HDFC Bank Limited
- Its aim is to provide comprehensive support and services to Indian Air Force (IAF) pensioners, veterans, and their families
- The bank will establish 25 centers across the IAF units. The project will provide access to over 500 Government-toCitizen (G2C) and Business-to-Customer (B2C) services
- It is launched in collaboration with CSC Academy, HDFC Bank will offer skill development programs under its Parivartan programme

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Ques : As per the Insurance 100 (2025) report Published by Brand Finance, what is the rank of LIC among the world's strongest insurance brands?

- (a) 1st
- (b) 2nd
- (c) 3rd
- (d) 4th
- (e) 5th

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- According to the Insurance 100 (2025) report Published by Brand Finance, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) is the world's third-strongest insurance brand, with a Brand Strength Index (BSI) score of 88 out of 100.
- PZU, situated in Poland, took the top spot with a BSI score of 94.4, followed by China Life Insurance, which came second with 93.5.
- In terms of overall brand value, LIC ranks 12th among the world's most valuable insurance brands, with SBI Life ranking 76th, making them the only two Indian insurers in the top 100.
- The Report highlights that top 100 insurance brands have witnessed a 9% increase in brand value in 2025

Ranking of top 5 & last companies :

- 1 Ping An Insurance, China
- 2 Allianz, Germany
- 3 AXA, France
- 4 China Life Insurance, China
- 5 Generali Group, Italy
- 12 LIC, India
- 76 SBI Life, India
- 100 Medibank , Australia





Ques : Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) signed an MoU with which bank to provide financial support to Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) ?

- (a) Federal Bank
- (b) Axis Bank
- (c) IndusInd Bank
- (d) HDFC Bank
- (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- 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).
- This cooperation intends to boost the MSME ecosystem by providing a variety of financial services such as project financing, machinery and equipment financing, working capital assistance, and property loans.
- Under this arrangement, both institutions will look into collaborative financing solutions for extending credit to MSMEs.

About SIDBI :

- **Established** : 1990
- **HQ** : Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- **Chairman & MD** : Manoj Mittal

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Ques : Which country did Razorpay officially enter after its successful operations in Malaysia?

- (a) Netherland
- (b) Mauritius
- (c) Moldova
- (d) Singapore
- (e) UAE

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Razorpay, a leading fintech startup, has officially entered the Singapore market, its second expansion in Southeast Asia following successful operations in Malaysia.
- Razorpay's move aims to improve digital payment infrastructure and streamline cross-border transactions for Singapore firms, enabling seamless, safe, and cost-effective financial operations.
- Razorpay's advanced payment solutions are intended to assist organizations reduce transaction costs by 30-40% while also enabling real-time, multi-currency payment capabilities.
- Businesses in Singapore currently pay significant transaction costs of 4-6% for cross-border payments, which limits scalability and efficiency. Small and medium-sized firms (SMEs) also face fragmented payment methods, which increase expenses and cause settlement delays.

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Ques : World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2025 Held at which state ?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Pune
- (d) Greater Noida
- (e) Mumbai

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forests, and Climate Change, has opened the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2025 in New Delhi.
- The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) organised the summit, titled Partnerships for Accelerating Sustainable Development and Climate Solutions.
- Distinguished famous figures attended the occasion, including Guyana's Prime Minister, Brigadier Mark Phillip, and Marina Silva, Brazil's Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

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Ques : Which new locations have been selected for cheetah introduction in India after Kuno National Park?

- (a) Jim Corbett National Park and Ranthambore National Park
- (b) Banni Grasslands and Gandhisagar Sanctuary
- (c) Kaziranga National Park and Sundarbans
- (d) Gir National Park and Tadoba National Park
- (e) Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary and Bandhavgarh National Park

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Cheetah introductions will expand beyond Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park to the Banni Grasslands in Gujarat and the Gandhisagar Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh.
- African cheetahs were reintroduced to Kuno National Park in two batches: September 2022 and February 2023.
- Banni Grasslands is a 2,500-square-kilometer protected woodland in Gujarat's Kutch district that supports a diverse range of animal genetic resources, including Banni buffalo, Kankrej cattle, sheep, goats, camels, and horse.
- Gandhisagar Sanctuary in eastern Madhya Pradesh encompasses Mandsaur and Neemuch districts. It is known as the Nimar region, and it borders Rajasthan. It is mostly dry.
- The sanctuary encompasses the area surrounding the Gandhisagar dam backwater and is home to several endangered wildlife species, including wild dogs (dholes), chinkaras, leopards, otters, and crocodiles.
- The "Action Plan for Reintroduction of Cheetah in India" is expected to bring roughly 50 cheetahs from African countries to various national parks over the next five years.





Ques : Who has been appointed as the Secretary of the Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice?

- (a) Rajiv Kumar
- (b) Anju Rathie Rana
- (c) Tushar Mehta
- (d) Arun Goel
- (e) Alok Kumar Verma

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Cabinet Appointments Committee has accepted the nomination of Dr. Anju Rathie Rana, ILS, as Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice.
- She will take up the duty for a two-year period beginning on the date she assumes control or until further orders, whichever occurs first.
- Dr. Rana, who previously worked as an Additional Secretary in the Department of Legal Affairs, has vast experience in legal administration and policy.
- Her nomination is likely to improve the department's role in giving legal advice to the government and supervising major legislative issues.

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Ques : Who will inaugurate the Sahitya Akademi Festival of Letters 2025?

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
- (c) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- (d) Jagat Prakash Nadda
- (e) Narendra Modi

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Sahitya Akademi, India's leading literary institution under the Ministry of Culture, will hold its annual Festival of Letters 2025 in Rabindra Bhavan in New Delhi.
- The event will be opened by Union Minister for Culture and Tourism, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, and will feature prominent literary figures.
- The Sahitya Akademi Awards will be awarded in 23 languages, with chief guest Mahesh Dattani, an acclaimed English writer.
- Upamanyu Chatterjee, a renowned writer and scholar, will deliver this year's Samvatsar Lecture.
- Asia's largest literature festival will feature 700 writers from over 50 languages in 100 sessions.

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Ques : Which ministry has released a significant publication titled “The Life and Contributions of the Women Members of the Constituent Assembly”?

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

Answer : option E

Explanation :

- On International Women's Day, the Legislative Department of the Ministry of Law and Justice officially launched a noteworthy book titled "The Life and Contributions of the Women Members of the Constituent Assembly".
- This scholarly study honors fifteen exceptional women who played key roles in the development of India's Constitution, whose vital contributions have gone virtually unnoticed in popular historical and legal narratives.
- The book exhaustively documents the accomplishments of these trailblazing women, including notable lawyers, social reformers, and freedom fighters who surmounted ingrained structural impediments in a male-dominated political environment.

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Ques : Who accepted the 'Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados' on behalf of PM Narendra Modi?

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Pabitra Margherita
- (c) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- (d) Jagat Prakash Nadda
- (e) Narendra Modi

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Union Minister Pabitra Margherita received the 'Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados' on behalf of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Barbados President Dame Sandra Mason presented the medal to Prime Minister Modi in recognition of his leadership and support during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The ceremony was held at Government House in Bridgetown and was attended by Barbadian Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley, Foreign Minister Kerrie Symmonds, and other officials.
- The award was announced on November 20, 2024, at the India-CARICOM Leaders' Summit in Guyana. At the conference, PM Mottley complimented PM Modi for his role in global collaboration and critical assistance throughout the crisis.

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Ques : Mushfiqur Rahim has announced his retirement from One Day Internationals (ODI) following the team's early exit from the ICC Champions Trophy. Which country is he from?

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) Bangladesh
- (e) None of these

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Mushfiqur Rahim, a veteran Bangladesh wicket-keeper, has announced his retirement from One-Day International cricket.
- The 37-year-old was part of Bangladesh's Champions Trophy side that failed to advance beyond the group stage.
- Rahim made his ODI debut nearly 20 years ago and has represented the country in 274 ODIs, scoring 7795 runs at an average of 36.42. Only Tamim Iqbal (8357 runs) has more ODI runs than him for Bangladesh.
- Rahim has retired from the shorter format, but he is on track to become the first cricketer from his country to play 100 Tests.

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Ques : __-based AI-powered collections platform CredResolve raised \$1.1 million in a seed funding round led by Japanese venture capital firm UNLEASH Capital Partners, with additional participation from CDM Capital.

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Noida
- (e) Gurugram

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- CredResolve, an AI-powered collections platform located in Gurugram, has raised \$1.1 million in a seed fundraising round led by Japanese venture capital firm UNLEASH Capital Partners, with CDM Capital also participating.
- This funding will help CredResolve accelerate its objective to transform debt recovery in India using artificial intelligence and regulatory-driven automation.
- CredResolve, founded in August 2023 by Balaji Koustubha, G Prashant Kumar, and Vijay Kumar, is reinventing the collections ecosystem through the integration of AI and borrower engagement tactics.
- Unlike traditional debt collection techniques, the platform improves efficiency through automated recovery workflows, better borrower communication, and adherence to RBI laws.

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Ques : Which company has launched the first-ever trials of hydrogen-powered heavy-duty trucks in India?

- (a) Tata Motors
- (b) Maruti Suzuki
- (c) Hyundai Motor
- (d) Nissan
- (e) Toyota

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle maker, has launched the first-ever testing of hydrogen-powered heavy-duty trucks, marking a significant step toward India's goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2070.
- The trial phase will last up to 24 months and will see the deployment of 16 advanced hydrogen-powered vehicles with varied configurations and payload capabilities.
- These trucks, outfitted with cutting-edge hydrogen internal combustion engines (H2-ICE) and fuel cell (H2-FCEV) technologies, will be tested on India's busiest freight routes, including those in Mumbai, Pune, Delhi-NCR, Surat, Vadodara, Jamshedpur, and Kalinganagar.
- Tata Motors was awarded the tender for this trial, which is funded by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy under the National Green Hydrogen Mission.
- This includes two Tata Prima H.55S prime movers—one powered by H2-ICE and the other by FCEV—alongside the Tata Prima H.28, an advanced H2-ICE truck.
- With an operational range of 300-500 km, these vehicles are engineered for sustainable, cost-efficient, and high-performance transportation





Ques : Who has been awarded the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2024?

- (a) Ritesh Agarwal
- (b) Kaivalya Vohra
- (c) Bhavish Aggarwal
- (d) Nithin Kamath
- (e) None of the above

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Nithin Kamath, Founder and CEO of Zerodha, has received the coveted EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2024.
- Nithin Kamath will represent India on the world stage at the EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year Award (WEOY), which will be hosted in Monte Carlo in June 2025.
- Lifetime Achievement Award Winner K.V. Kamath, Chairman of Jio Financial Services Limited (JFSL) and Special Jury Award Winner S. Somanath, former Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- The Chief Guest, Shri Bhupender Yadav, the Honourable Union Minister of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change, congratulated Nithin Kamath, KV Kamath, and Dr. S Somanath, as well as the EOY 2024 category winners.

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Ques : Which ministry is responsible for launching the Model Women-Friendly Gram Panchayats (MWFGP) initiative?

- (a) Ministry of Finance
- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- (d) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- (e) Ministry of Law and Justice

Answer : option C

Explanation :

- 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.
- This event, a significant component of the Ministry's International Women's Day 2025 celebrations, aims to safeguard the safety, inclusivity, and gender equality of women and girls in Gram Panchayats across the country.
- The effort seeks to build at least one Model Women-Friendly Gram Panchayat in each district, thereby creating a standard for gender-sensitive and girl-friendly governance.
- These model panchayats will embody Prime Minister Narendra Modi's aim of creating safer and more inclusive rural communities, helping to achieve the larger objective of Viksit Bharat through Viksit Panchayats.





Ques : International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated globally on which day every year ?

- (a) 6 March
- (b) 7 March
- (c) 8 March
- (d) 9 March
- (e) 10 March

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Every year on March 8, the world celebrates International Women's Day (IWD) to honor women's achievements and push for gender equality.
- Theme 2025: For All Women and Girls: Rights, Equality, and Empowerment.
- It is a day to honor women's contributions in a variety of disciplines, highlight current problems, and advocate for a more inclusive and equitable global community.
- IWD has its roots in the early twentieth-century labor movements. The inaugural National Women's Day was marked in the United States on February 28, 1909, following protests for improved working conditions.

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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.

Dr. Suborno Bose, Chairman of the International Institute of Hotel Management (IIHM) Receives Lifetime Achievement Award for Hospitality and Education award by Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Shekhawat at the Vibrant Bharat Global Summit 2025, an event organized by Bharat 24.

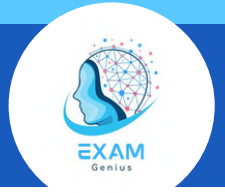
Dr. Uma Sharma Honored at '5th Annual Summit of BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Women's Entrepreneurship & Empowerment(WE) and Felicitations 2025' in New Delhi. Summit theme is 'Women Changemakers: Transforming the World, Shaping the Future'.

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. Shukla will fill a vacancy left by Jay Shah's resignation as president of the Continental Cricket Council.

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.

India's first commercial semiconductor fabrication unit Total investment is Rs 91,000 crore with capacity of 50,000 wafer starts per month (WSPM).

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and Mercedes-Benz India Private Limited have inked an agreement to strengthen India's industrial ecosystem, improve road safety, and promote environmental sustainability.



Ques : What is the name of the collateral-free digital SME loan product launched by SBI for women entrepreneurs?

- (a) SBI Shakti
- (b) SBI Nari Udyam
- (c) SBI Asmita
- (d) SBI Udyogini
- (e) SBI Mahila Vikas

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- State Bank of India (SBI) has launched 'SBI Asmita', a collateral-free digital SME (small and medium enterprise) loan product for women entrepreneurs to assist them build their businesses.
- It also launched the 'Nari Shakti' platinum debit card to meet the demands of women from various categories.
- The offering will have a special feature in which top female entrepreneurs will be selected among SBI Asmita borrowers and given entrepreneurial and management training.
- The recently announced 'Nari Shakti' platinum debit card (made of 100% recycled plastic) is a RuPay-enabled card developed specifically for women. It offers features in a variety of categories, including entertainment, shopping, travel, leisure, and insurance.

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Ques : Which company launched the insurance plans ‘Smart Future Star’ and ‘Smart Platina Young Achiever’?

- (a) HDFC Life Insurance
- (b) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- (c) LIC of India
- (d) SBI Life Insurance
- (e) Shriram Life Insurance

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

• ‘SBI Life – Smart Future Star’ and ‘SBI Life – Smart Platina Young Achiever Launched by SBI Life Insurance Company Limited, a joint venture between the State Bank of India and French insurer BNP Paribas Cardif

About SBI Life – Smart Future Star :

- It is an Individual, Non-Linked, Participating, Life Insurance Savings Product
- Offers long-term corpus growth through bonuses and provides an in-built Waiver of Premium benefit in case of the proposer’s death or Accidental Total Permanent Disability (ATPD)

About SBI Life – Smart Platina Young Achiever :

- It is an Individual, Non-Linked, Non-Participating, Life Insurance Savings Product
- Ensures guaranteed maturity benefits to support children’s education, career, or marriage aspirations, along with an in-built Waiver of Premium benefit under specified conditions





Ques : What is the name of the satellite that the Assam government plans to launch?

- (a) AssamOne
- (b) Bhuvan-Assam
- (c) ASSAMSAT
- (d) BharatSAT
- (e) NorthEastSAT

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- 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.
- The ASSAMSAT satellite can assist in delivering specialized services for agricultural, disaster management, infrastructure development, security border control, and police activities.
- The satellite will be built in partnership with IN-SPACe (Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center), which encourages private investment and innovation in the space industry, and the Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro).

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Ques : Which country is set to hold joint naval exercises with China, Iran in Indian Ocean ?

- (a) United States
- (b) India
- (c) United Kingdom
- (d) Japan
- (e) Russia

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Russia, China, and Iran plan to conduct combined naval exercises in the Indian Ocean later this month.
- The "Security Belt-2025" exercises will take conducted near Iran's port of Chabahar.
- This is the seventh time the three countries have conducted similar exercises together.
- The exercises are designed to increase military cooperation and trust among the participating countries.

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Ques : Which Indian football player is making a comeback to the national team for the FIFA International Window matches?

- (a) Gurpreet Singh Sandhu
- (b) Sunil Chhetri
- (c) Sandesh Jhingan
- (d) Anirudh Thapa
- (e) Manvir Singh

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- 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.
- Chhetri already announced his retirement from international football, having last played against Kuwait in June of last year.
- However, Chhetri's return comes at an important time ahead of the AFC Asian Cup Saudi Arabia 2027 Qualifiers Third Round. India will play a friendly encounter against the Maldives in Shillong on March 19th before facing Bangladesh at the same site in their opening qualifier.

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Ques : Which team did India defeat in the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 final?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- India won the ICC Champions Trophy for the third time.
- In a thrilling final versus New Zealand, India won with skill, resilience, and collaboration. India achieved 252/6 while chasing 252 runs.
- India dominated the semi-final against Australia. New Zealand won the toss and chose to bat first in a tense final at Dubai International Cricket Stadium.
- India won its third ICC Champions Trophy, following victories in 2002 (shared with Sri Lanka) and 2013 (beating England).

Awards of ICC Champions Trophy 2025 :

- **Player of the series** : Rachin Ravindra (New Zealand)
- **Most runs** : Rachin Ravindra (263) (New Zealand)
- **Most wickets** : Matt Henry (10) (New Zealand)
- **Player of the Match (Final)** : Rohit Sharma

About ICC Champions Trophy :

- **Started** : 1998
- **Tournament format** : Group stage, round-robin and knockout
- **Most successful** : India (3 titles)
- **2025 edition** : 9th edition
- **2025 Host(s)** : Pakistan & United Arab Emirates
- **Champion** : India (3rd title)
- **Runners-up** : New Zealand





- **Winner's Prize** : \$2.365 million USD
- **Final Venue** : Dubai International Cricket Stadium
- In the 2024 T20 World Cup final, Virat Kohli scored 76 runs and won Player of the Match, and in the 2025 ICC Champions Trophy final, Rohit Sharma also scored 76 runs to claim this honor



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Ques : Which country topped the Report 2025 Glass-Ceiling Index Published by The Economist (London) ?

- (a) Sweden
- (b) Spain
- (c) Gabon
- (d) Comoros
- (e) Nigeria

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Report 2025 Glass-Ceiling Index Published by The Economist (London). Total Country in the list are 29.
- The OECD reports that women's parliamentary representation has increased to 34%, indicating progress towards gender equality worldwide.
- Women now make up 33% of corporate boards, indicating a shift towards gender diversity in leadership posts.
- Women's labor-force participation rate reached 66.6%, up from 65.8% the previous year.
- However, this percentage is much lower than the 81% male involvement rate.
- Bottom 3 Countries are Japan (27th), South Korea (28th) and Turkey (10th)

Ranking of Top 5 Best Countries for Working Women in 2025 :

- 1 Sweden
- 2 Iceland
- 3 Finland
- 4 Norway
- 5 Portugal





Ques : How much incentive was granted to Ola Electric under the PLI-Auto Scheme for FY 2023-24?

- (a) Rs.50 crore
- (b) Rs.60.25 crore
- (c) Rs.73.74 crore
- (d) Rs.85 crore
- (e) Rs.100 crore

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Ola Electric, India's largest electric vehicle company, has made history by becoming the first two-wheeler automotive electric vehicle (EV) manufacturer in India to receive incentives under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Automotive and Auto Components.
- The company received a total incentive of Rs.73.74 crore for the Determined Sales Value of FY 2023-24 under the plan, as per a stock exchange filing.
- The Government of India launched the PLI-Auto Scheme to promote the adoption of modern, clean, and sustainable mobility solutions while also increasing local automotive manufacturing.
- The PLI-Auto Scheme, which will be launched in September 2021, aims to encourage local automobile manufacture while also encouraging the use of modern, clean, and sustainable mobility solutions.
- The project, worth Rs.25,938 crore over five years, aims to reduce reliance on imports and establish the country as a prominent player in the global EV supply chain.





Ques : Which Edition of Exercise Sea Dragon 2025 held at Guam coast in the western Pacific Ocean ?

- (a) 5th
- (b) 6th
- (c) 7th
- (d) 8th
- (e) 9th

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Exercise Sea Dragon 2025 5th Edition held at Guam coast in the western Pacific Ocean.
- It is held between United States Navy, Indian Navy, Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force, Royal Australian Air Force, and the Republic of Korea Navy and hosted by United States Navy.
- Last edition held at Anderson Air Force Base in Guam, United States of America.
- 1st edition held in 2019.

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Ques : Under the modified Ethanol Interest Subvention Scheme, which feedstocks can be used for ethanol production?

- (a) Only sugarcane
- (b) Only damaged food grains (DFG)
- (c) Only maize
- (d) Both maize and damaged food grains (DFG)
- (e) Only wheat and rice

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- 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.
- The government will provide interest subvention on loans taken for the conversion, covering 6% interest per year or 50% of the rate charged by banks for a period.
- Sugar mills that convert to multi-feedstock operations can run all year rather than just during the 4-5 month sugarcane crushing season. This will help to increase their efficiency and output.
- The initiative attempts to improve sugar mills' financial viability by allowing them to operate throughout the year using alternate feedstocks, reducing their reliance on seasonal sugarcane availability.

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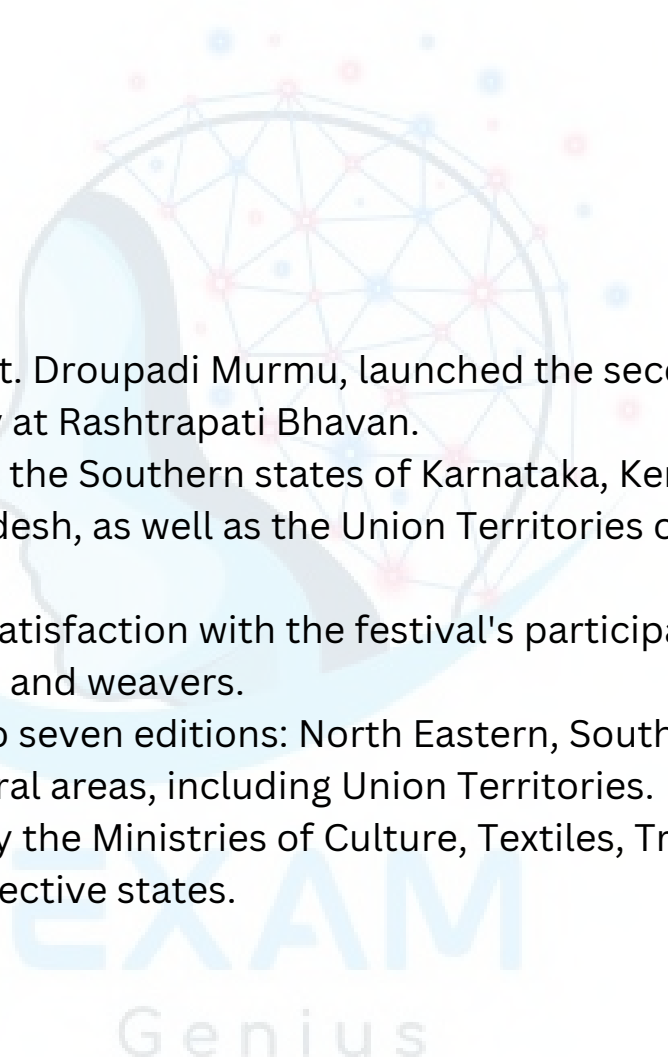
Ques : Who inaugurated the second edition of Vividhta Ka Amrit Mahotsav at Rashtrapati Bhavan ?

- (a) Jagdeep Dhankhar
- (b) Rajesh Kumar Singh
- (c) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- (d) Droupadi Murmu
- (e) Narendra Modi

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, launched the second edition of Vividhta Ka Amrit Mahotsav at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- The second edition covers the Southern states of Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh, as well as the Union Territories of Lakshadweep and Puducherry.
- The President expressed satisfaction with the festival's participation by approximately 500 artisans and weavers.
- The event is organized into seven editions: North Eastern, Southern, Northern, Eastern, Western, and Central areas, including Union Territories.
- The festival is organized by the Ministries of Culture, Textiles, Tribal Affairs, and Tourism, as well as the respective states.





Ques : What is the name of the AI-driven media company launched by Bollywood superstar Ajay Devgn?

- (a) VisionAI
- (b) Prismix
- (c) CineTech
- (d) AIReel
- (e) Filmix

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Bollywood superstar Ajay Devgn introduces 'Prismix,' an AI-driven media startup that will revolutionize content creation.
- This firm exemplifies his dedication to innovation by enabling filmmakers, brands, and creators to create high-quality, scalable, and visually captivating storytelling using cutting-edge AI technology.
- Prismix is committed to bridging creativity and generative AI to change the media landscape. From short films and television series to animated graphic novels, music videos, corporate content, and social media campaigns.

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Ques : Which organization has partnered with Sustain Plus to launch a large-scale circular dairy programme in India?

- (a) Amul
- (b) Ministry of Agriculture
- (c) NITI Aayog
- (d) National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)
- (e) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- 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.
- The circular dairy programme, unveiled at the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying's (DAHD) 'Workshop on Sustainability and Circularity in Dairy Sector' in New Delhi, aims to create climate-smart dairy villages and build scalable and sustainable farming practices across the country.
- Over the following four years, 10,000 biogas digesters deployed across several states are expected to yield 3 lakh tonnes of organic slurry per year, enhancing soil health and lowering the demand for chemical fertilisers. They will also generate over 7 million cubic meters of biogas per year, providing clean cooking fuel to 10,000 rural people.
- Furthermore, the program will allow for the production of roughly 60,000 tons of Phosphate Rich Organic Manure (PROM) each year, substituting an equivalent amount of artificial phosphate fertilisers and promoting economical and sustainable farming techniques.





Ques : What is the total value of the contract signed between India and Rosoboronexport (RoE) for T-72 tank engines?

- (a) USD 142 million
- (b) USD 232 million
- (c) USD 248 million
- (d) USD 335 million
- (e) USD 543 million

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- 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 agreement comprises the transfer of technology (ToT) from the Russian defense manufacturer to Chennai-based Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (Heavy Vehicle Factory) for engine integration and future licenced production under ToT to support the 'Make in India' drive in the defence industry.
- T-72 is the mainstay of the Indian Army's tank fleet, now equipped with a 780 HP engine. Equipping the Indian Army's existing fleet of T-72 Tanks with 1000 HP engines will improve their battlefield mobility and offensive potential.

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Ques : Former Supreme Court judge V. Ramaswami passed away at 96. Which High Court did V. Ramaswami serve as Chief Justice before being elevated to the Supreme Court?

- (a) Bombay High Court
- (b) Delhi High Court
- (c) Calcutta High Court
- (d) Madras High Court
- (e) Punjab High Court

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- V. Ramaswami, a former Supreme Court justice, died aged 96.
- He became an advocate on July 13, 1953, and practiced in both civil and criminal cases. He was appointed Additional Government Pleader in 1962 and State Public Prosecutor in 1969 before becoming a judge of the Madras High Court in 1971.
- In 1987, he was named Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, and he was elevated to the Supreme Court in 1989.
- An impeachment motion was filed against him for wasteful spending during his term in the Punjab and Haryana High Court, but the case was dismissed in 1993, and he retired from office in 1994.

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Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said during his budget statement in the Legislative Assembly that Bangalore City University will be renamed Dr. Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University in honor of India's former Prime Minister, who died on February 26.

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.

In tennis, Siddhant Bhanthia 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 Bhanthia's first ATP Challenger title.

Federal Bank has appointed actor Vidya Balan its first-ever brand ambassador. This move sets progressive growth narratives for Banking in India.

Former tank commander Eyal Zamir Appointed as 24th Israel's new military chief. He Replaced Lieutenant General Herzi Halevi.

The government has appointed Vikas Kaushal as Chairman and Managing Director of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL) for a five-year term. He also worked as the Managing Director and Country Head for five years.

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.





Ques : Which bank signed a MoU with the Indian Army (IA) to extend 'Rakshak Salary Package' ?

- (a) City Union Bank
- (b) Indian Overseas Bank
- (c) Bank of India
- (d) Karnataka Bank
- (e) CSB Bank

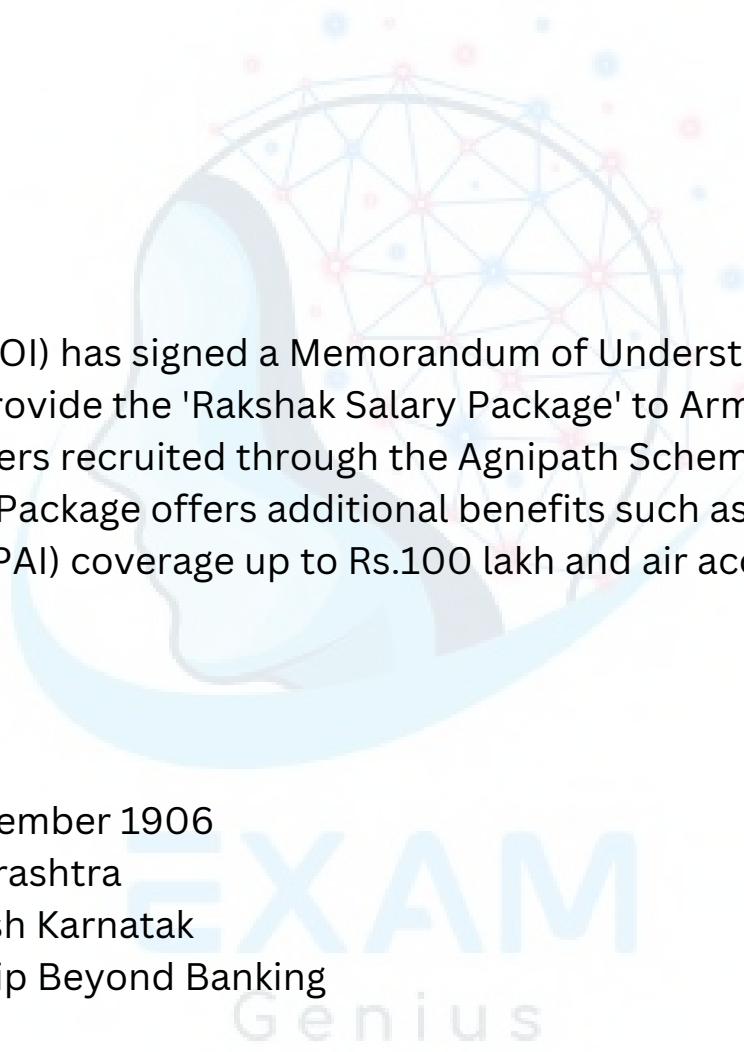
Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Bank of India (BOI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (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 Rakshak Salary Package offers additional benefits such as free Personal Accident Insurance (PAI) coverage up to Rs.100 lakh and air accident coverage up to Rs.200 lakh.

About Bank of India :

- **Established** : 7 September 1906
- **HQ** : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **MD & CEO** : Rajneesh Karnatak
- **Tagline** : Relationship Beyond Banking





Recently signed banking agreements

Heading

- 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.
- 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.
- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has teamed up with Paytm to foster innovation and help manufacturing and fintech firms in India





:Ques : Which Bank has become the first Indian bank to execute an aircraft financing transaction through its International Banking Unit (IBU) at GIFT City IFSC ?

- (a) South Indian Bank
- (b) Axis Bank
- (c) Indian Bank
- (d) Punjab National Bank
- (e) Karur Vyasya Bank

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- 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.
- The contract was completed for AI Fleet Services Limited (AIFS), Air India's leasing arm and wholly owned subsidiary.
- It is a long-term USD loan for the purchase of 34 training aircraft that will be stationed at Air India's new pilot training institution in Amravati, Maharashtra.
- For the first time, GIFT City entities represent all essential players in the transaction, including the lender, borrower, law firm, facility agent, and security agent.
- Air India has begun a five-year restructuring journey known as Vihaan.AI has placed an order for 570 aircraft, and GIFT City will be key in financing these aircraft.

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Ques : Which bank Launches 'Global Women NRE & NRO Savings Account' for Women NRIs ?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) Karnataka Bank
- (c) Bank of baroda
- (d) Canara Bank
- (e) Bank of Maharashtra

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- 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.
- The project supports global goals with features like auto sweep for better interest profits and concessional house and auto loan rates.
- The Bank of Baroda serves over 165 million customers globally through 60,000 touch points in 17 countries across five continents.
- The Bank claims to be the first public sector bank to offer insurance coverage to NRIs in savings accounts.

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Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- 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 24x7" 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 : In March 2025, which life insurance company partnered with GIC Housing Finance Limited to provide credit life insurance solutions?

- (a) Canara HSBC Life Insurance
- (b) Bharti AXA Insurance
- (c) SBI Life Insurance
- (d) Max Life Insurance
- (e) HDFC Life Insurance

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- 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.
- This agreement intends to provide financial stability for borrowers and their families by protecting against loan liabilities in the event of unforeseen occurrences.
- As part of this collaboration, Canara HSBC Life Insurance will provide its 'Group Asset Secure' plan, a specialized credit life insurance product, through GIC Housing Finance's wide customer base.
- GIC Housing Finance Limited's MD and CEO, Sachindra Salvi

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Ques : Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive (CE) of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA)?

- (a) Sunil Mehta
- (b) Shaktikanta Das
- (c) Atul Kumar Goel
- (d) Rajnish Kumar
- (e) Uday Kotak

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Atul Kumar Goel has been named Chief Executive (CE) of The Indian Banks' Association.
- Goel served as the MD and CEO of Punjab National Bank (PNB) from February 2022 to December 2024. He served as Chairman of the IBA for two terms: 2021-22 and 2022-23.
- Sunil Mehta, his predecessor at IBA, was also the MD and CEO of PNB from May 2017 to September 2019 and the Association's Chairman from 2018 to 2019. Mehta was IBA CE from January 2020 to September 2024.
- The New IBA The Chief Executive is a trained Chartered Accountant. He has three decades of banking experience at four banks: Allahabad Bank (now Indian Bank), Union Bank of India (as Executive Director), UCO Bank (MD & CEO), and PNB.

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- **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
- **Ashu Khullar** : Global co-head of Global Asset Managers (GAM)
- **Mr. Rajendra Narayan Das** : Inspector general (IG) of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)





Ques : Which cricketer became the second-most successful Indian captain by clinching his second ICC title ?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Rohit Sharma became the second-most successful Indian skipper after winning his second ICC title.
- Under Rohit's captaincy, India won their second ICC silverware in less than nine months, defeating South Africa in the 2024 T20 World Cup at Bridgetown.
- It was also India's fourth consecutive ICC final in less than two years, following the World Test Championship (WTC) in 2023, the ODI World Cup in 2023, and the T20 World Cup in 2024, before playing their third Champions Trophy final in Dubai.
- Rohit became the first skipper in international cricket to lead his team to the finals of all four major ICC tournaments. Last year, the Rohit Sharma-led India won the 2024 T20 World Cup, ending a more-than-decade-long ICC trophy drought that began with MS Dhoni's Champions Trophy victory in 2013.
- Rohit has joined the list, having won two ICC titles in less than a year, surpassing famous cricketers Sourav Ganguly (2002 Champions Trophy) and Kapil Dev (1983 ODI World Cup).
- India also became the first country to win the Champions Trophy for the record third time in the tournament's eight-year history.





Ques : Which country conferred its highest civilian award, “The Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean”, to Prime Minister, Narendra Modi ?

- (a) Netherland
- (b) Mauritius
- (c) Moldova
- (d) Singapore
- (e) UAE

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Topmost honour of Mauritius, The Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean is given to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- PM Modi attended the 57th National Day celebrations of the Republic of Mauritius as the Chief Guest.
- During his visit, eight Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were signed between the two countries, and PM Modi was also the Chief Guest of the National Day celebration of Mauritius.
- PM Modi is the first Indian to receive the honour. It is the twenty-first international honour bestowed upon PM Modi by a foreign country.
- During his visit, he presented the President and First Lady of Mauritius with Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cards. He also gave them holy Sangam water from Mahakumbh in a brass and copper pot, superfood Makhana, and a Banarasi Saree in a Sadeli box
- The Prime Minister visited the Ayurveda garden at the State House in Mauritius, constructed in conjunction with the Indian government.
- He toured the garden alongside Mauritius' President, Dharambeer Gokhool.





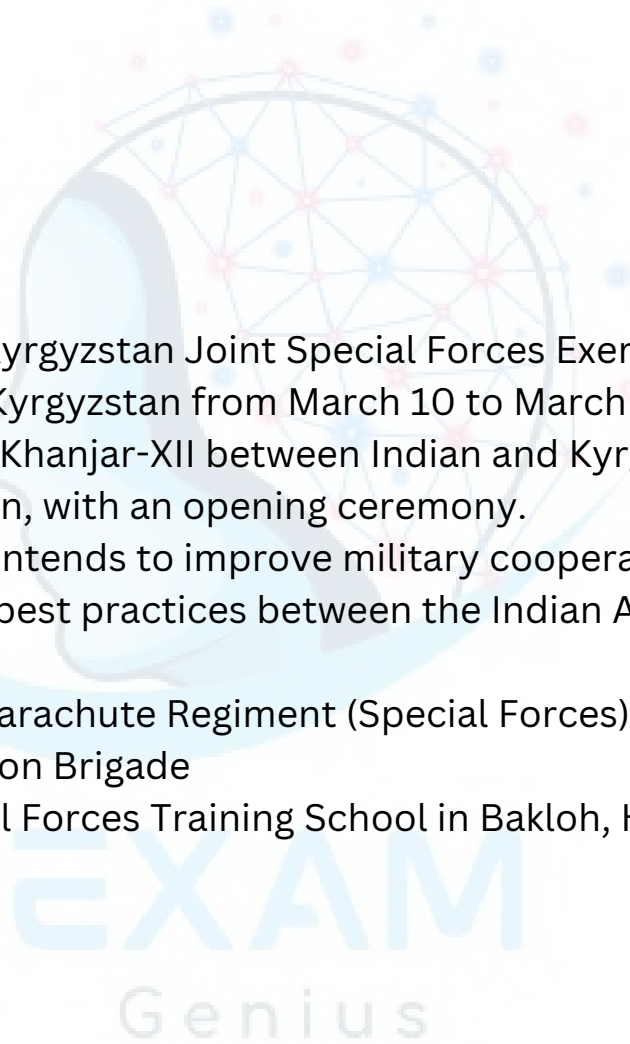
Ques : Which edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise Khanjar is being held in Kyrgyzstan from March 10 to March 23, 2025?

- (a) 9th
- (b) 10th
- (c) 11th
- (d) 12th
- (e) 13th

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The 12th edition of India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise KHANJAR-XII is scheduled to take place in Kyrgyzstan from March 10 to March 23, 2025.
- The joint military exercise Khanjar-XII between Indian and Kyrgyz special forces began in Tokmok, Kyrgyzstan, with an opening ceremony.
- Exercise Khanjar-XII 2025 intends to improve military cooperation and interoperability by sharing best practices between the Indian Army's Special Forces and the Kyrgyz Army.
- Indian participant is The Parachute Regiment (Special Forces) and Kyrgyzstan participant is Kyrgyz Scorpion Brigade
- Last edition held in Special Forces Training School in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh and 1st edition in 2011

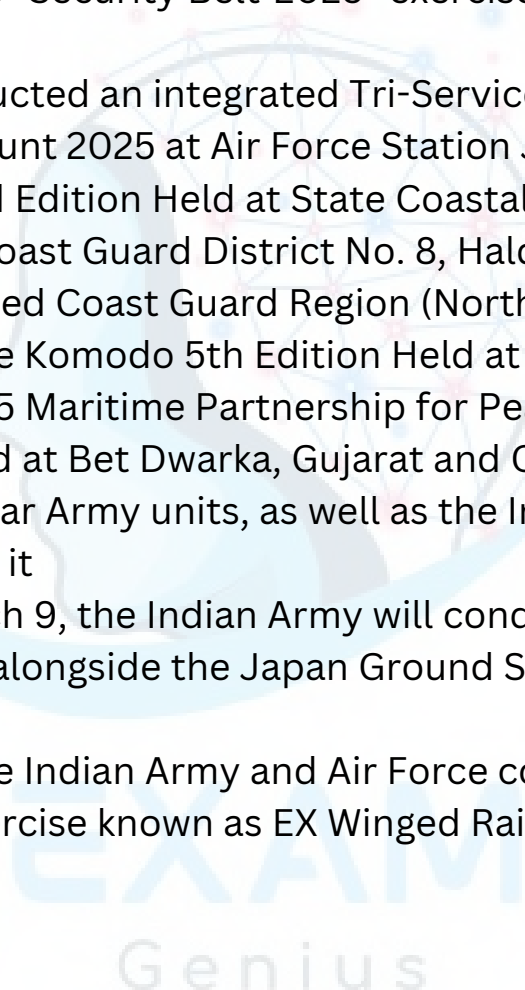




Recent News Headlines Related to Defence

Exercise :

- Exercise Sea Dragon 2025 5th Edition held at Guam coast in the western Pacific Ocean. It is held between United States Navy, Indian Navy, Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force, Royal Australian Air Force, and the Republic of Korea Navy and hosted by United States Navy
- Russia, China, and Iran plan to conduct combined naval exercises in the Indian Ocean later this month. The "Security Belt-2025" exercises will take conducted near Iran's port of Chabahar.
- The Indian Air Force conducted an integrated Tri-Service Special Forces exercise known as Exercise Desert Hunt 2025 at Air Force Station Jodhpur.
- Exercise Sagar Kavach 3rd Edition Held at State Coastal Security Operation Centre (SCSOC) at Headquarters Coast Guard District No. 8, Haldia, West Bengal. It is Coordinated by Kolkata based Coast Guard Region (North East)
- Multilateral Naval Exercise Komodo 5th Edition Held at Benoa Port in Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia. Theme 2025 Maritime Partnership for Peace and Stability
- Jal-Thal-Raksha 2025 Held at Bet Dwarka, Gujarat and Organised by Indian Army. 11 Ahmedabad and 31 Jamnagar Army units, as well as the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Marine Police Participate in it
- From February 25 to March 9, the Indian Army will conduct the sixth edition of Exercise Dharma Guardian alongside the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) atop Mount Fuji in Japan
- In the Eastern Theater, the Indian Army and Air Force collaborated to undertake a comprehensive training exercise known as EX Winged Raiders





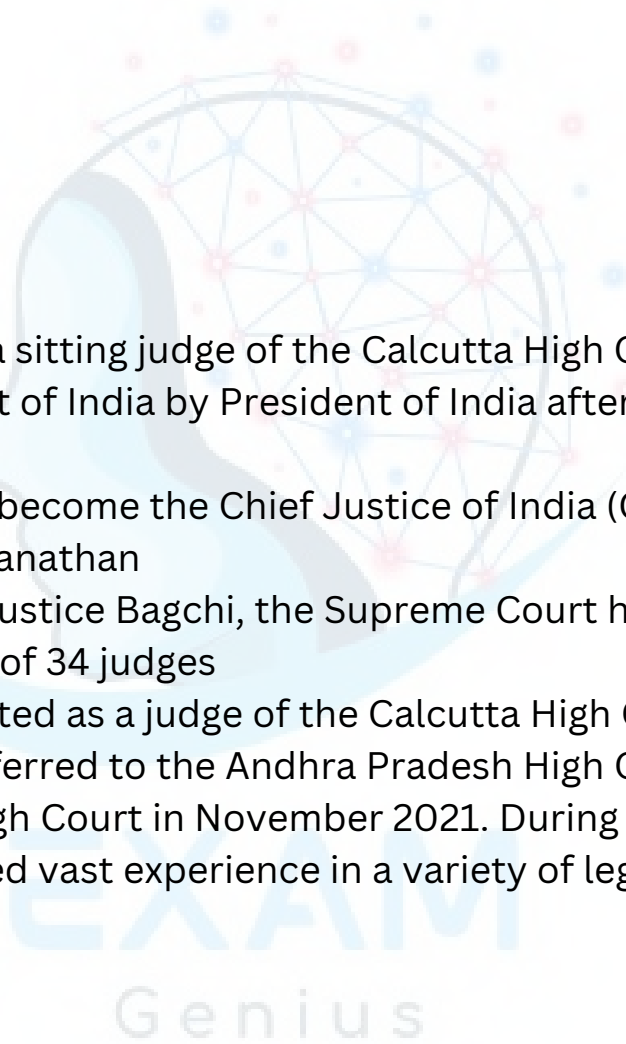
Ques : Who has been appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court of India as per the latest Union government notification?

- (a) Justice Joymalya Bagchi
- (b) Justice Sanjay Karol
- (c) Justice Abhay Oka
- (d) Justice BR Gavai
- (e) Justice Dipankar Dutta

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Justice Joymalya Bagchi, a sitting judge of the Calcutta High Court Appointed as Judge of the Supreme Court of India by President of India after consultation with the Chief Justice of India (CJI)
- Justice Bagchi is in line to become the Chief Justice of India (CJI) in 2031, succeeding Justice KV Viswanathan
- With the appointment of Justice Bagchi, the Supreme Court has one vacancy remaining out of a strength of 34 judges
- Justice Bagchi was appointed as a judge of the Calcutta High Court in June 2011. In January 2021, he was transferred to the Andhra Pradesh High Court, before being returned to the Calcutta High Court in November 2021. During his 13-year career as a high court judge, he garnered vast experience in a variety of legal subjects.





Recent Appointment in different departments :

- **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)
- **Friedrich Merz** : Germany's next chancellor (Replaced Olaf Scholz)
- **N Chandrasekaran, Tata Sons chairman** : Chairman of the Ratan Tata Endowment Foundation
- **Fernando Fernandez** : CEO of Unilever (Replaced Hein Schumacher)
- **Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi** : one-year extension as Drug Controller General of India
- **Professor Sabyasachi Kar** : Director of the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), New Delhi (Replaced Professor Chetan Ghate)
- **Shaktikanta Das** : Principal Secretary II to Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- **Rekha Gupta (BJP)** : Chief Minister of Delhi
- **B V R Subrahmanyam** : extended the tenure of NITI Aayog Chief Executive Officer (CEO) by one year



Ques : Which three countries will not participate in the 2026 FIFA World Cup due to separate controversies?

- (a) Germany, Japan, and South Korea
- (b) Argentina, Iran, and Nigeria
- (c) Russia, Pakistan, and Congo
- (d) Italy, Brazil, and France
- (e) Ukraine, Egypt, and Chile

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The 2026 FIFA World Cup, hosted by the US, Canada, and Mexico, will not include Russia, Pakistan, and Congo owing to individual controversies.
- Pakistan's suspension is due to administrative failings by the Pakistan Football Federation (PFF), which did not approve an updated constitution to ensure fair elections.
- Russia still faces geopolitical sanctions for its 2022 invasion of Ukraine.
- Congo's ban is due to third-party meddling in their football federation, which violates FIFA standards.

About FIFA :

- **Established** : 21 May 1904
- **HQ** : Zurich, Switzerland
- **Membership** : 211 national associations
- **President** : Gianni Infantino

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Ques : Majhi Ladki Behan Yojana, which was in the news recently, is related to which state?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Maharashtra government distributed approximately Rs.17,000 crore in financial support to 2.38 crore women in a period of seven months since it launched the Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana last year.
- The State has launched Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana in June 2024, with the objectives to promote rehabilitation, economic growth and empowerment of women and girls in the age bracket 21 to 65 years.
- The scheme provides a monthly disbursement of Rs.1,500 to rehabilitate women economically and socially, promote empowerment, and improve the health and nutritional status of their dependents.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- 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
- Recognizing Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)'s impact, the Union Cabinet recommended its continuation, together with the Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS), until 2025-26, with a budget of Rs.69,515.71 crore.
- The Centre has inaugurated the 'Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs', which was announced in the Union Budget 2025-26, to help micro, small, and medium-sized firms. The policy allows MSMEs to obtain collateral-free loans of up to Rs 100 crore for the purchase of plant, machinery, or equipment
- G-SAFAL (Gujarat Scheme for Antyodaya Families for Augmenting Livelihoods) Launched by Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel. Its aim is to uplift 50,000 Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) cardholder families across 25 talukas in 10 districts of Gujarat over the next five years.





Ques : What is the rank of Amul in YouGov India Value Rankings 2025 Published by YouGov India ?

- (a) 1st
- (b) 2nd
- (c) 3rd
- (d) 4th
- (e) 5th

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Report YouGov India Value Rankings 2025 Published by YouGov India
- According to the YouGov India Value Rankings 2025, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (Amul) is the third most valuable brand in India.
- The research ranks Amul as the only FMCG brand among the top three, alongside e-commerce giants Amazon and Flipkart.
- EaseMyTrip experienced the biggest rise, with a 5.8-point increase.
- The ranking includes six sectors: airlines, consumer electronics, automobiles, general insurance, travel booking platforms, and e-commerce.
- Men pick Tata Motors and Air India, while women chose Swiggy and Malabar Gold & Diamonds, indicating a penchant for convenience and jewelry.

Top 5 Brands in YouGov India Value Rankings 2025 with their score :

- 1 Amazon 56.5
- 2 Flipkart 53.0
- 3 Amul 52.8
- 4 Tanishq 48.4
- 5 MakeMyTrip 45.4





India's Rankings in Different Indices

- **Report 2025 Glass-Ceiling Index Published by The Economist (London)** : Sweden (1st)
- **Report IT Services 25 2025 Published by Brand Finance** : TCS Limited (4th Consecutive Year), India (2nd), Accenture plc (7th Consecutive year), USA (1st)
- **Busiest Airports by Seats according to International Air Transport Association (IATA)** : Indira Gandhi International Airport, India (8th), Dubai International Airport, UAE (top)
- **World Reputation Rankings 2025 Published by Times Higher Education (THE)** : Harvard University, USA (1st)
- **Forbes' Women Billionaire List Published by Forbes** : Alice Walton \$112.5 billion (top)
- **FutureBrand Index 2024 Published by FutureBrand** : Samsung (South Korea) (1st), RIL (India) (2nd)
- **2024 Burgundy Private Hurun India 500 ranking** : Reliance Industries (1st)
- **Asia's 20 richest families Published by Bloomberg** : Ambani family (tops)
- **Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) for 2024 30th Edition Published by Transparency International** : India (96th), Denmark (1st)
- **Logistics Performance Index (LPI), 2023 Published by World Bank** : India (22nd), Singapore (1st)
- **2025 Henley Passport Index Published by Henley & Partners** : India (80th), Singapore (1st)
- **USGBC's LEED green building certification global rankings by 2024** : India (3rd), China (1st)
- **Full-year and December 2024 international passenger market performance data Published by International Air Transport Association (IATA)** : India (1st), United States of America (2nd)
- **2025 list of the world's 10 most powerful countries Published by Forbes** : India (12th), United States (1st)
- **Forbes "50 Over 50" Women Global list 2025 1st Edition Published by Forbes** : Quarraisha Abdool Karim (top) (South Africa), Urmila Asher (3rd) (India)
- **World's Billionaires List 2025 Published by Forbes** : Elon Musk (top), Mukesh Ambani (9th)





Ques : Which organization is responsible for the 'Medical Innovations Patent Mitra' initiative?

- (a) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- (b) World Health Organization (WHO)
- (c) Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO)
- (d) Ministry of AYUSH
- (e) National Accreditation Board for Hospitals (NABH)

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- 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 initiative's goal is to provide innovators with comprehensive guidelines and support for patent filings and technology transfer of medical innovations to industry.
- The initiative was launched at the International Symposium on Health Technology Assessment (ISHTA).
- This program, designed under the leadership of NITI Aayog and in conjunction with the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP), is supported by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- Medical Innovation Patent Mitra demonstrates ICMR's commitment to advancing medical innovation.

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Ques : The Centre declared the Madhav National Park in Madhya Pradesh as the country's ____ tiger reserve.

- (a) 55th
- (b) 56th
- (c) 57th
- (d) 58th
- (e) 59th

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Madhav National Park in Madhya Pradesh (MP) has been designated as India's 58th Tiger Reserve (TR) by Union Minister Bhupender Yadav of the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC). This is the ninth TR in MP.
- The newly established Madhav Tiger Reserve situated in Shivpuri district, Gwalior-Chambal area. It is 1,751 square kilometers in size, comprising 375 square kilometres of core area and 1,276 square kilometres of buffer zone.
- The newly established Madhav Tiger Reserve follows the recent recognition of Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary, located between Bhopal and Raisen districts, as the state's eighth Tiger Reserve and 57th Tiger Reserve of India.
- Three tigers, two of which were females, were introduced to Madhav National Park in 2023 as part of the state's tiger reintroduction project.
- Other TRs in MP include Bandhavgarh, Kanha, Panna, Sanjay, Satpura, Pench, Veerangana Durgavati, and Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Tiger Reserves are notified by state governments based on Section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and advice from the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA).





Recent News Headlines related to Tiger reserves

- Bhupender Yadav, the Union Minister for Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, notified the nation that the Ratapani Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh has been designated as the country's 57th Tiger Reserve.
- The 12th International Tourism Mart was held in Kaziranga National Park, Assam, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- The Chhattisgarh government has officially established Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary as tiger reserves, bringing the total number of tiger reserves in the state to four.
- The central government has given preliminary approval for Bihar's second tiger reserve in Kaimur district. The Bihar government proposed developing the Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary (KWLS) into a tiger reserve.
- According to 'EnviStats India-2024' report Nagarjunsagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR) has been ranked first for its leopard population.
- Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve in the Chandrapur district in Maharashtra is going to introduce a ropeway safari for the first time. It is the largest and oldest Tiger Reserve of Maharashtra.
- The forest department organised its first 'Cyclothon' recently to celebrate World Wildlife Week 2024 at the buffer zone of the Kawal Tiger Reserve in Telangana. Government of India declared Kawal Wildlife Sanctuary a Tiger Reserve in 2012.
- The Ratapani Sanctuary is stretching its arms to get the status of a tiger reserve. It is Situated in Raisen and Sehore districts of Madhya Pradesh, it spreads over 825.90 sq km.
- The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has been told by forest officials at the Palamau Tiger Reserve that Naxals have invaded the area.
- 'Dark Sky Park' has made Pench Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra the first tiger reserve in India and the fifth in Asia.
- A cutting-edge artificial intelligence (AI) technology for the early detection of forest fires was recently introduced by Pench Tiger Reserve.
- By the end of the year, Bihar will have another tiger reserve, the Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary, in the Kaimur district, following the Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR) in the West Champaran district.
- The creation of the Special Tiger Protection Force for the three Tiger Reserves in Arunachal Pradesh has been approved.





Ques : Which state government has launched Project Hifazat to protect women from violence?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Goa
- (d) Punjab
- (e) Gujarat

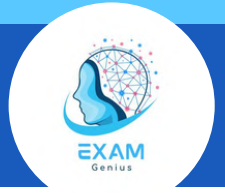
Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Punjab government has started Project Hifazat to protect women from assault on the eve of International Women's Day.
- Dr. Baljit Kaur, Punjab's Minister for Social Security, Women, and Child Development, launched the project in Chandigarh.
- The project's goal is to safeguard women and children from violence by coordinating urgent aid from government ministries. It has a designated helpline number, '181', where the victim can call for assistance.
- The program intends to strengthen government agencies' reaction mechanisms to reports of violence against women through better inter-departmental collaboration.

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Ques : Which state Names Electronics City After Ratan Tata ?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Tripura
- (d) Manipur
- (e) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The state government has named the future Electronics City in Jagiroad after Ratan Tata, in recognition of his significant contributions to Assam's growth.
- The declaration follows Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran's statements at the Advantage Assam 2.0 Investment Summit in February 2025, where he highlighted Ratan Tata's deep ties to the state.
- Tata Electronics is investing Rs.27,000 crore to build India's first indigenous semiconductor assembly and testing facility in Assam. The plant will produce 48 million chips per day and create 30,000 jobs.

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Ques : Which veteran leader and former Minister from the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) recently passed away?

- (a) Ananta Das
- (b) Naveen Patnaik
- (c) Baijayant Panda
- (d) Damodar Rout
- (e) Bhartruhari Mahtab

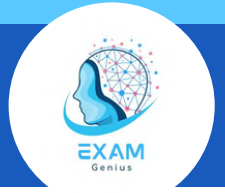
Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Ananta Das, a veteran Biju Janata Dal (BJD) leader and former Minister, died at the age of 85 in Bhubaneswar.
- Das represented the Bhograi constituency in Balasore district in the Odisha Assembly, winning the seat four times in a row on a BJD ticket from 2004 to 2019.
- Between 2017 and 2019, Das held numerous ministerial posts, including those for higher education and industries. He also served as the chief whip in the Odisha Assembly from 2014 to 2017.

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Ques : International Day of Women Judges celebrated every year on which day ?

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

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- In the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 final, Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma made history.
- Playing in their 9th ICC event final, they broke Yuvraj Singh's record for most appearances.
- Ravindra Jadeja equaled Yuvraj's record of 8 final appearances.

Players with the Most ICC Final Appearances :

1. **Virat Kohli & Rohit Sharma** : 9 finals
2. **Yuvraj Singh & Ravindra Jadeja** : 8 finals
3. **Mahela Jayawardene & Kumar Sangakkara** : 7 finals
4. **Muttiah Muralitharan & Ricky Ponting** : 6 finals

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Recent records in Cricket :

- **Virat Kohli** : He played his 300th One Day International (ODI) match against New Zealand in Dubai
- **Virat Kohli** : fastest hitter to achieve 14,000 runs in one-day internationals
- **Rohit Sharma** : second fastest batter after compatriot Virat Kohli to complete 11,000 runs in One-day Internationals
- **Babar Azam** : joint-fastest hitter to reach 6000 ODI runs
- **Dinesh Karthik** : highest run-scorer in T20 cricket
- **Smriti Mandhana** : the first Indian woman to score 10 ODI century and Scored a century in just 70 balls
- **Jasprit Bumrah** : the bowler with the highest average among those with 200 or more Test wickets
- **Richa Ghosh** : India's wicket keeper-batter, made history by hitting the joint-fastest fifty in women's T20Is
- **Nat SciverBrunt** : Fastest Test Century in just 96 balls
- **Shaheen Afridi (Pakistani)** : country's first bowler to take 100 wickets in all formats of international cricket
- **Virat Kohli** : became the fastest cricketer to amass 27000 international runs, breaking Sachin Tendulkar's previous record.
- **Ravindra Jadeja** : became the first Indian left arm spinner to reach 300 test wickets
- **Jasprit Bumrah** : 10th Indian bowler to reach the illustrious milestone of 400 international wickets
- **Kagiso Rabada** : Fastest bowler to reach 300 Test wickets based on balls bowled, achieving the milestone in just 11,817 deliveries
- **Harmanpreet Kaur** : top run-scorer in women's T20I cricket for India
- **Ravindra Jadeja** : Climbs to 5th Spot in India's Test Wicket List
- **Rohit Sharma** : First cricketer in the world to hit 600 sixes in international cricket
- **Smriti Mandhana** : First Indian Woman Cricketer To Score Consecutive Centuries in ODIs



Ques : What is the monthly scholarship amount provided under the ‘Scholarships to Young Artists in Different Cultural Fields (SYA)’ scheme?

- (a) Rs.3,000
- (b) Rs.5,000
- (c) Rs.7,500
- (d) Rs.10,000
- (e) Rs.12,000

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- 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 such as classical dance forms, indigenous artwork, and other traditional art forms in pursuing advanced training in their respective 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 selected scholars should be between the ages of 18 and 25 and have been training under any Guru or Institution for at least 5 years.
- The Scholars are chosen based on their performance in a personal interview / contact with an Expert Committee appointed by the Ministry.

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Important days :

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





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

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.

In Uttar Pradesh, nurses, ANMs, and health professionals will utilize the 'Rapid Immunisation Skill Enhancement' (RISE) software to digitally monitor routine vaccinations for children.

Book Prapancha Charitra Authored by Former minister and Member of Parliament Daggubati Venkateswara Rao and Published by Penned in Telugu and published by Parragon Publishing India Private Limited

On April 2, President Donald Trump imposed reciprocal tariffs on India, potentially complicating discussions for the Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

Renowned agricultural scientist Dr Himanshu Pathak Appointed as Director General (DG) of International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT). He Replaced Dr. Jacqueline d'Arros Hughes

Geological Survey of India (GSI) celebrated its 175th Foundation Day and During the event, Union minister G. Kishan Reddy, launched two significant digital initiatives: the Field Data Acquisition Application (App) and the Geo-heritage App 'Bhuvirasat'

Suman Chakraborty, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur wins 2026 World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) Award in Engineering and Computer Sciences (CS) for Developing Low-Cost Medical Diagnostic Solutions

A Million Women Arise initiative Launched by National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog and India Small, and Medium Enterprise (SME) Forum to address challenges faced by women-led Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

