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**Ques : Which bank Renew MoU with Indian Army and CSC Academy to Expand Project NAMAN ?**

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

**Answer :** Option A

**Explanation :**

- HDFC Bank Limited, the Indian Army's Directorate of Indian Army Veterans (DIAV), and Common Service Centres Academy (under CSC e-Governance Services India Limited) have renewed their MoU to expand Project NAMAN.
- This effort strives to provide crucial services to Army veterans, their families, and next of kin.

**About Project NAMAN :**

- **Implemented through** : Common Service Centres (CSC)
- **Operated by** : Veterans or their families
- **Phase 1 (September 2023)** : The project established CSCs at 14 DIAV locations
- **Phase 2 (March 2025)** : The project will now expand to 26 DIAV locations across Rajasthan, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Meghalaya, Bihar, Odisha, and New Delhi





**Ques : Where was the 29th Meeting of the Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) on MSME credit flow held?**

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Guwahati
- (d) Ahmedabad
- (e) Mumbai

**Answer :** Option D

**Explanation :**

- The Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) chaired by Swaminathan J, Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, held its 29th meeting in Ahmedabad to assess credit flows to the MSME sector.
- The meeting focused on strategies to improve institutional credit assistance, tackle financial difficulties, and advance digital solutions.

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**Ques : Which insurance company Launched SheTARA campaign ?**

- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- (b) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- (c) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance
- (d) Go Digit General Insurance
- (e) Star Health Insurance

**Answer :** Option E

**Explanation :**

- SheTARA campaign Launched by Star Health Insurance at Tamil Nadu
- Its aim is to promote preventive healthcare among women while also encouraging more women to join as insurance agents
- Tamil Nadu, which employs nearly 42% of India's women workforce (6.3 lakh), serves as an ideal location for this initiative

**About Star Health Insurance :**

- **Established :** 2006
- **HQ :** Chennai
- **MD & CEO :** Anand Roy

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**Ques : Which company has become the first private reinsurer in India to receive IRDAI approval?**

- (a) GIC Re
- (b) HDFC Ergo
- (c) Valueattics Re
- (d) ICICI Lombard
- (e) None of these

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has granted approval to Valueattics Re, making it the first private reinsurance company in India.
- Valueattics Re is promoted by Prem Watsa-backed FAL Corporation and GoDigit founder Kamesh Goyal.
- Until now, GIC Re (General Insurance Corporation of India) was the only reinsurance company operating in the country.
- Reinsurance companies provide coverage to primary insurers, helping them manage risk exposure and financial stability.
- With this approval, Kamesh Goyal and Fairfax become the first promoters in India to hold licenses across general insurance, life insurance, and reinsurance businesses.

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**Ques : Under which initiative will RBI set up an on-tap cohort on climate change risks?**

- (a) Green Finance Program
- (b) Regulatory Sandbox
- (c) Sustainable Banking Mission
- (d) Climate Risk Fund
- (e) None of these

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the establishment of an on-tap cohort focused on climate change risks and sustainable finance under its regulatory sandbox initiative.
- RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra also revealed plans to conduct a special event called 'Greenathon' to address challenges related to climate change and green finance.
- The initiative aims to promote sustainable finance and mitigate climate change risks in the financial sector.
- Green financing poses higher credit risks due to the involvement of new technologies that have limited track records.
- This move is expected to enhance financial stability by fostering innovative solutions for climate resilience and green investments.

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**Ques : Which UPI app recorded the highest number of transactions in February 2025?**

- (a) Google Pay
- (b) Paytm
- (c) PhonePe
- (d) Super.money
- (e) Cred

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) experienced a 5.2% decrease in transaction volume in February 2025, totaling 16.11 billion transactions.
- Despite the fall, PhonePe, Google Pay, and Paytm remained the market leaders, with Flipkart's Super.money making its debut among the top five UPI apps.

### UPI Market Share & Performance Overview :

#### 1. PhonePe – The Market Leader

- **Transaction Volume:** 7,656.40 million
- **Market Share:** 47.54%
- **Total Transaction Value:** Rs.11,18,963.81 crore
- **Value Share:** 50.94%

#### 2 Google Pay – The Strongest Challenger

- **Transaction Volume:** 5,836.80 million
- **Market Share:** 36.24%
- **Total Transaction Value:** Rs.7,71,089.15 crore
- **Value Share:** 35.11%

#### 3 Paytm – Maintaining Stability

- **Market Share:** 6.70%
- **Transaction Value:** Rs.1,17,090.29 crore
- **Value Share:** 5.33%



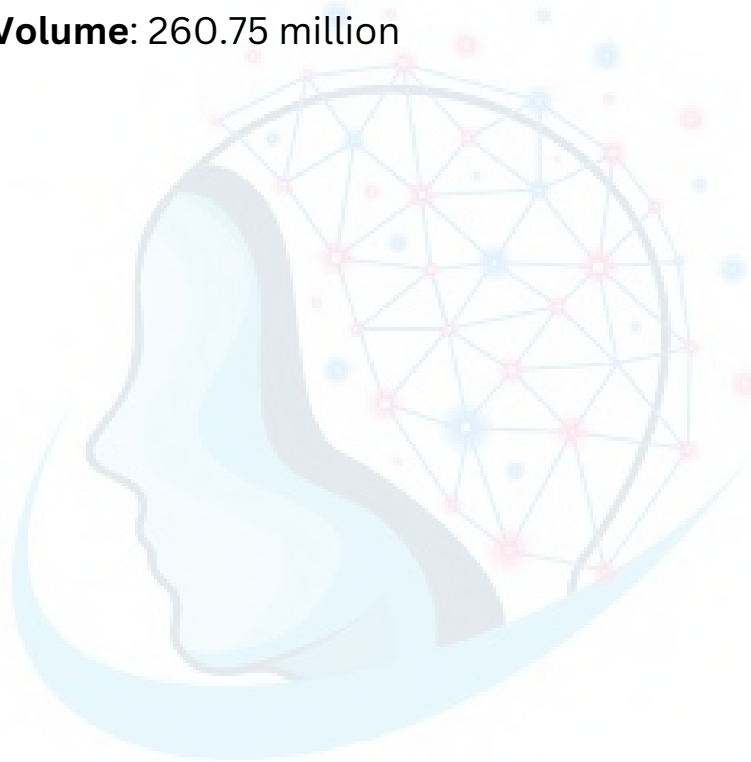


#### 4 Super.money – The Emerging Contender

- **Transaction Volume:** 139.10 million
- Now Ranked as the 5th Largest UPI App, Surpassing CRED

#### 5 CRED & Other Players – Niche Presence

- **CRED's Transaction Value:** Rs.45,127.72 crore
- **Value Share:** 2.05%
- **Navi's Transaction Volume:** 260.75 million



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**Ques : Which organisation has launched DesignShaala™, an initiative aimed at promoting financial innovation through Human-Centered Design (HCD) ?**

- (a) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
- (b) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- (c) Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)
- (d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- (e) Indian Banks' Association (IBA)

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) has launched DesignShaala™, an initiative that promotes financial innovation through Human-Centered Design (HCD).
- The program was inaugurated by Nandan Nilekani, Infosys' Chairman and Co-Founder, during the 'Building for Billions' event in Bengaluru.
- DesignShaala™ builds financial solutions based on user needs, behaviors, and experiences, making it more intuitive, inclusive, and impactful.
- The program seeks to enable financial innovators to create solutions that go beyond functionality and provide really revolutionary user experiences.

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**Ques : The Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW) is part of which RBI initiative?**

- (a) UPI Expansion Mission
- (b) Secure Banking for All
- (c) Har Payment Digital
- (d) Digital Economy Drive
- (e) FinTech Revolution

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched the 5th Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW), a campaign to raise awareness about the importance of digital transactions and ensure their safe use.
- The event, taking place from March 10 to 16, 2025, is part of the RBI's 'Har Payment Digital' program.
- This year's theme, "India Pays Digitally," underscores the country's tremendous progress toward a digitally empowered society in which digital payments are fast becoming the norm.
- Throughout the week, the RBI, in partnership with banks, payment system operators, and other stakeholders, will launch a variety of awareness campaigns around the country. These include multimedia campaigns, on-the-ground instructional activities, and broad outreach via social media channels.

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**Ques : Which Russian company is acquiring a stake in an Indian alumina refinery?**

- (a) Gazprom
- (b) Rosneft
- (c) Rusal
- (d) Norilsk Nickel
- (e) None of these

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- Russian aluminium giant Rusal has entered into an agreement to acquire a 26% stake in an Indian alumina refinery owner for \$243.75 million.
- The company has a strategic plan to increase its stake to 50% in stages, strengthening its control over the refinery.
- This acquisition is aimed at reducing Rusal's dependence on third-party raw materials, ensuring a more stable supply chain.
- Rusal will gradually acquire up to 50% of Pioneer Aluminium Industries Ltd. in three stages.
- This move aligns with Rusal's broader expansion strategy to secure long-term access to alumina, a crucial raw material for aluminium production.

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**Ques : What is the theme of the Commonwealth Games Federation's rebranding campaign?**

- (a) Unity in Sports
- (b) One World, One Game
- (c) More in Common
- (d) Sports Without Borders
- (e) Stronger Together

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) has changed its name to Commonwealth Sports as part of the 'More in Common' branding strategy.
- The news was made on Commonwealth Day, the Commonwealth of Nations' annual commemoration held on the second Monday of March.
- Commonwealth Day also marks the start of the Commonwealth Sport King's Baton Relay at Buckingham Place, with 500 days till the Opening Ceremony in Glasgow 2026.
- Katie Sadleir is CEO of Commonwealth Sport

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**Ques : India conduct Exercise BONGOSAGAR and 'Coordinated Patrol' (CORPAT) with which country ?**

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

**Answer :** Option D

**Explanation :**

- Exercise BONGOSAGAR 4th Edition and 'Coordinated Patrol' (CORPAT) 6th Edition Held at Designated maritime areas of the Bay of Bengal between India-Bangladesh (Navy) at Designated maritime areas of the Bay of Bengal
- It is Supervised by Commander Flotilla West
- Indian participant are INS Ranvir and a helicopter and Bangladesh participant are Bangladesh Naval Ship (BNS) Abu Ubaidah and a maritime patrol aircraft
- Last edition held at Northern Bay of Bengal

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**Ques : PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSGMBY), the world's largest domestic rooftop solar initiative. Which of the following Union Territories has achieved 100% rooftop solar installation on government buildings?**

- (a) Delhi and Chandigarh
- (b) Chandigarh and Daman & Diu
- (c) Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- (d) Lakshadweep and Chandigarh
- (e) Puducherry and Daman & Diu

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :**

- PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSGMBY), the world's largest home rooftop solar scheme, has reached an important milestone by completing 10.09 lakh installations across the country as of March 10, 2025.
- This ambitious project, inaugurated by PM Modi on February 13, 2024, intends to deliver free electricity to 1 crore residential families via rooftop solar systems, reducing reliance on traditional power sources and empowering residents to become energy producers.
- The program allows each family to contribute to climate change mitigation by lowering carbon emissions equivalent to planting 100 trees.
- Under PM Modi's leadership, a fundamental aspect of the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana is the availability of collateral-free loans through 12 Public Sector Banks (PSBs) at a subsidized interest rate of 6.75% for loans up to Rs.2 lakhs, making rooftop solar systems more accessible to the general public.
- With the easy financing arrangement, a 3 KW rooftop solar system could be constructed with an investment as low as Rs.15,000/-, yielding returns up to Rs.15 lakh over 25 years.
- Notably, Chandigarh and Daman & Diu have met 100% of their government-mandated rooftop solar targets, leading the country in clean energy adoption. States such as Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Tamil Nadu also perform admirably, contributing significantly to total installation figures.





**Ques : Which country won the 6th Edition of the Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship?**

- (a) Iran
- (b) South Korea
- (c) India
- (d) Japan
- (e) Bangladesh

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Indian women's Kabaddi team won the '6th Edition of Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship', defeating Iran's team 32-25 in the final in Tehran, Iran.
- India won the event for the fifth time, following victories in 2005, 2007, 2008, and 2017, with the exception of 2016 when South Korea triumphed.
- The Indian team, led by captain Sonali Shingate, were the defending champions.
- Iran hosted the Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship for the third time, having previously done so in 2007 and 2017.

**List of winners of the Asian Women's Kabaddi Championships :**

- **India** : Gold - 213 Score
- **Iran** : Silver - 111 Score
- **Bangladesh** : Bronze - 117 Score
- **Nepal** : Bronze - 82 Score

**About Asian Kabaddi Federation (AKF) :**

- **Established** : 1978
- **HQ** : Tehran, Iran
- **Member** : 19 countries
- **President** : Janardhan Singh Gehlot (India)





**Ques : Which country tops the Report Trends in International Arms Transfers, 2024 Published by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) ?**

- (a) Japan
- (b) Argentina
- (c) Russia
- (d) Brazil
- (e) Ukraine

**Answer :** Option E

**Explanation :** Trends in International Arms Transfers, 2024 Published by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

- Between 2020 and 2024, Ukraine became the world's main importer of major weaponry, with purchases about 100 times higher than in 2015-19.
- In 2020-2024, India ranked as the world's second-largest arms importer, with a 9.3% decrease in imports from 2015-2019.
- Russia is India's largest arms supplier, accounting for 36% of overall imports. France is the second-largest provider to India, accounting for 33% of total imports.
- Israel contributed 13% of India's total imports.
- The United States accounted for 43% of global arms exports, up 21% from 2015-19.

**Ranking of Top 5 Importers :**

- 1 Ukraine
- 2 India
- 3 Qatar
- 4 Saudi Arabia
- 5 Pakistan

**Top 5 Exporters :**

- 1 USA
- 2 France
- 3 Russia
- 4 China
- 5 Germany







**Ques : When was e-Shram portal launched by Ministry of Labour and Employment ?**

- (a) 2019
- (b) 2020
- (c) 2021
- (d) 2022
- (e) 2023

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- On August 26, 2021, the Ministry of Labour and Employment launched the e-Shram site ([eshram.gov.in](http://eshram.gov.in)) to create a comprehensive National Database of Unorganized Workers (NDUW).
- As of March 3, 2025, over 30.68 crore unorganized workers have enrolled on the e-Shram platform, with women accounting for over half (53.68%).
- So far, 13 initiatives from various Central Ministries/Departments have been integrated/mapped with the e-Shram.
- e-Shram is now available on the Unified Mobile Application for New-age Government (UMANG app), allowing workers to register and update information from their mobile devices.

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**Ques : Where will the Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) be developed?**

- (a) Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Patna, Bihar
- (d) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- (e) Indore, Madhya Pradesh

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

- National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML) and the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) inked a substantial MoU to establish a cutting-edge Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- The MMLP will be built on a 150-acre plot and connected to National Highway 7 (NH7) by a 650-meter access road. It is located only 1.5 kilometers from the critical NH7-NH2 junction, which improves regional communication.
- In addition to road connectivity, the park will be seamlessly integrated with the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor by a 5.1 kilometer railway line from Jeonathpur Station.
- The area is also well connected to National Waterway-1 and approximately 30 kilometers from Lal Bahadur Shastri Airport, ensuring reliable transportation for both local and international trade.
- The project is intended to produce significant investment opportunities and job creation, hence bolstering India's logistics sector.





**Ques : What is the new official name of India's Astra MK-III missile?**

- (a) Vajra
- (b) Gandiva
- (c) Pinaka
- (d) Trishul
- (e) Brahmastra

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

- The Astra MK-III, India's most advanced air-to-air missile, has been formally christened Gandiva, after Arjuna's renowned bow from the Mahabharata.
- The Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) is currently developing a missile that is projected to transform aerial warfare, particularly in beyond visual range (BVR) conflict.
- The Gandiva missile can strike enemy airborne targets with a range of 340 km at 20 km altitude and 190 km at 8 km altitude.
- The missile will be deployed on the IAF's Sukhoi Su-30MKI jets and the Light Combat Aircraft Tejas.

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### IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Lineman Diwas 5th Edition Held at New Delhi and Organised By Central Electricity Authority (CEA) & Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (TPDDL). Lineman Diwas is annually observed on March 4th across India and its Theme 2025 is Seva, Suraksha, Swabhiman

Amitava Mukherjee Appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of NMDC Limited

The Mahila Samriddhi Yojana was authorized by the Delhi government during a cabinet meeting. On International Women's Day, Delhi CM Rekha Gupta fulfilled her commitment of providing ₹2,500 to qualified women. The national capital budget includes a provision of ₹5,100 crore for the scheme's implementation.

England batsman Harry Brook has withdrawn from the Indian Premier League (IPL) for the second consecutive year, risking a potential twoyear ban under IPL regulations. He need to focus on preparations for England's upcoming series as the reason for his decision.

GRM Overseas or “GRM”, a prominent FMCG player in India, is poised to transform the Wheat Flour market with its new campaign for 10X Classic Chakki Fresh Atta, featuring the company’s recently appointed brand ambassador, Bollywood actor Salman Khan.

India’s Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) and Armenia’s Center of Drug and Medical Technology Expertise (CDMTE) Sign MoU to strengthen collaboration in diplomatic training and exchange programs. It focuses on cooperation in regulating medical products to ensure their quality and safety

Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Annapurna Devi will lead India’s delegation at the 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

Avanse Financial Services Ltd. (Avanse) has launched ‘SWALAKSH’, a specialised education loan tailored for female students aspiring to study abroad.





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

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

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

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

**Month-wise list of retail inflation :**

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





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

- (a) To introduce new security features
- (b) To change the design of Indian currency
- (c) To commemorate a special occasion
- (d) To replace old banknotes
- (e) As a routine process following the appointment of a new RBI Governor

**Answer :** Option E

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer :** Option A

**Explanation :**

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

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**Ques : What was the total number of digital payment transactions in FY 2023-24?**

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

**Answer :** Option D

**Explanation :**

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

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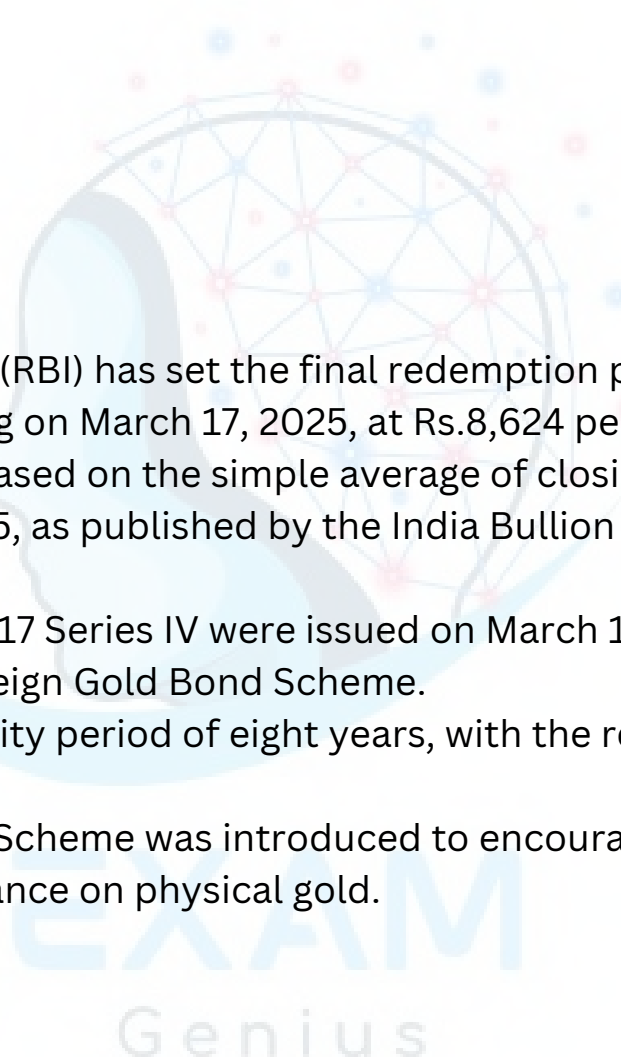
**Ques : What is the final redemption price set by RBI for Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) maturing on March 17, 2025?**

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

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

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





**Ques : Which organization awarded RBI the Digital Transformation Award 2025?**

- (A) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- (B) World Bank
- (C) Central Banking, London
- (D) Financial Action Task Force (FATF)
- (E) Bank for International Settlements (BIS)

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

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

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**Ques : Which ministry launched India's first Exploration Licence (EL) auction?**

- (a) Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- (b) Union Ministry of Education
- (c) Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- (d) Union Ministry of Mines
- (e) Union Ministry of Jal Shakti

**Answer :** Option D

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer :** Option D

**Explanation :**

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

**The six newly added sites are:**

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





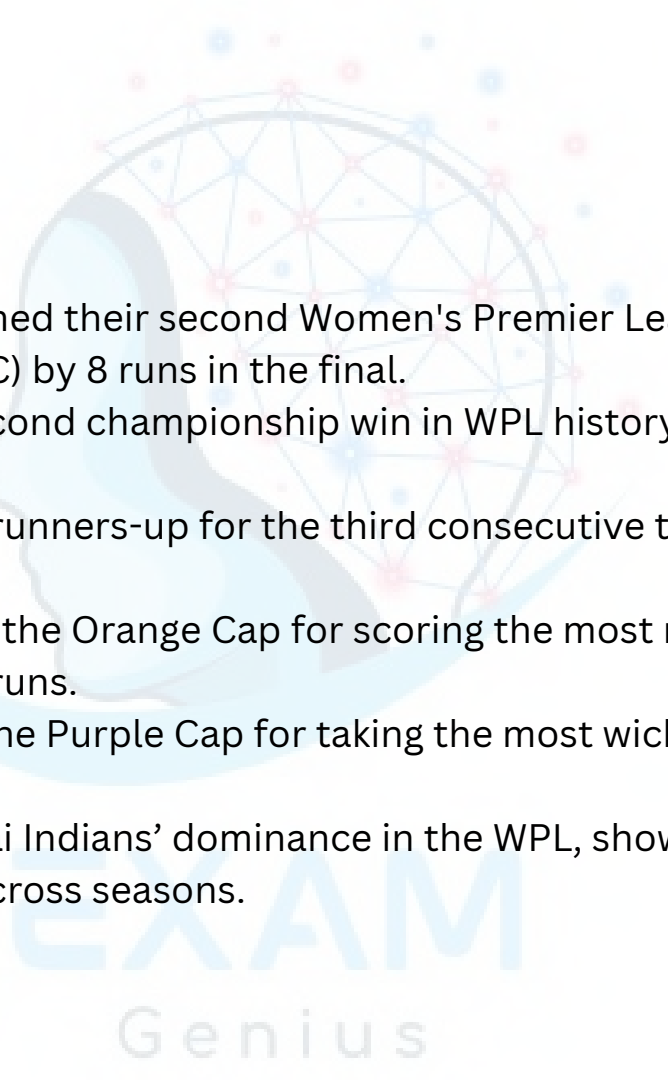
**Ques : Which team won the WPL 2025 title?**

- (a) Delhi Capitals
- (b) Mumbai Indians
- (c) Royal Challengers Bangalore
- (d) UP Warriorz
- (e) Gujarat Giants

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

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





**Ques : Chandrayaan-5 mission is also known as?**

- (a) Mangalyaan-2
- (b) LUPEX
- (c) AstroLunar
- (d) Vikram Rover
- (e) None of the above

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :**

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

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**Ques : Raisina Dialogue is associated with which field?**

- (a) Technology & Innovation
- (b) Geopolitics & Geo-economics
- (c) Space Exploration
- (d) Climate Change
- (e) None of the above

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

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

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

- (a) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- (b) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)
- (c) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- (d) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- (e) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

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







**Ques : Which ministry is responsible for launching the PM-YUVA 3.0 initiative?**

- (a) Ministry of Culture
- (b) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- (c) Ministry of Education
- (d) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- (e) Ministry of External affairs

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- The Ministry of Education has introduced the third edition of the Prime Minister's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors (PM-YUVA 3.0) to nurture aspiring writers under the age of 30 and promote reading, writing, and book culture in India.
- The program provides mentorship and publishing opportunities to enhance Indian literature and expand its global reach.
- PM-YUVA 3.0 is based on the participation of young authors in 22 Indian languages and English from previous editions and focuses on three themes:
  1. Role of the Indian Diaspora in Nation-Building
  2. Indian Knowledge System
  3. Makers of Modern India (1950-2025)
- The National Book Trust, India, is responsible for the scheme's implementation, ensuring that the selected manuscripts are published and translated into multiple Indian languages to promote literary exchange.
- The scheme includes an all-India contest on MyGov, running from March 11 to April 10, through which 50 young authors will be selected. These authors will receive mentorship from June 30 to December 30, 2025.
- A national camp will be organized for the authors at the New Delhi World Book Fair 2026, further enhancing their skills and providing a platform for literary engagement.





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

- (a) INS Vikrant
- (b) INS Kolkata
- (c) INS Imphal
- (d) INS Chennai
- (e) INS Arihant

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

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

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

- (a) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- (b) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- (c) Indian Railways Finance Corporation
- (d) RailTel Corporation of India Limited
- (e) Bharat Electronics Limited

**Answer :** Option E

**Explanation :**

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

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

- (a) Nirmala Sitharaman
- (b) Hardeep Singh Puri
- (c) Piyush Goyal
- (d) Rajnath Singh
- (e) Dharmendra Pradhan

**Answer :** Option A

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer : Option A**

**Explanation :**

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





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

- (a) To develop a new postal code system
- (b) To establish a standardized, geo-coded addressing system in India
- (c) To replace PIN codes with QR codes
- D) To create a private addressing database
- E) To introduce digital payment solutions for postal services

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

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

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**Ques : CISF Raising Day is 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 :**

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

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

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

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

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







### IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

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

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

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

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

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





**Ques : Which organization, along with RBI, has launched nationwide financial literacy campaigns?**

- (a) SEBI
- (b) NABARD
- (c) National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE)
- (d) Ministry of Finance
- (e) NITI Aayog

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- The RBI and National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE) have started nationwide programs to promote financial literacy.
- These efforts aim to equip varied parts of the public with the necessary knowledge and skills to manage

**Key Initiatives :**

- Financial Literacy Centres (FLCs) have been established by Lead Banks to promote financial awareness and inclusion.
- 'RBI Kehta Hai' is a multimedia, multilingual campaign aimed at educating the public on safe banking practices.
- Mass media campaigns are conducted to disseminate essential financial awareness messages to all age groups.
- The Financial Awareness Messages (FAME) booklet, developed by RBI, provides standardized financial education content tailored for different target groups, including senior citizens.
- The National Strategy for Financial Education (NSFE) focuses on equipping individuals with the knowledge, skills, and behavior necessary for effective financial management and future planning.
- The National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE) conducts financial education programs targeting individuals below 18 years and above 60 years.





**Ques : Where is the Headquarter of Kuhoo Finance Private Limited ?**

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Guwahati
- (d) Ahmedabad
- (e) Mumbai

**Answer :** Option E

**Explanation :**

- Kuhoo Finance Private Limited, a fintech platform specializing in student loans, has received a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) license from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The company is backed by WestBridge Capital India Advisors Private Limited, strengthening its financial credibility.
- With this approval, Kuhoo Finance can directly disburse loans up to ₹2 crores from its own books.
- The license enhances the startup's ability to support students pursuing higher education by offering tailored financial solutions.

**About Kuhoo Finance Private Limited :**

- **Established :** 2021
- **HQ :** Mumbai
- **MD & CEO :** Prashant A Bhonsle

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**Ques : HDFC Bank is selling Rs.1,028 crore bad loans through which auction method?**

- (a) Open Auction
- (b) Swiss Challenge
- (c) Reverse Auction
- (d) Online Bidding
- (e) Direct Negotiation

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :**

- HDFC Bank is selling Rs.1,028 crore worth of bad loans using the Swiss Challenge auction method, which allows competitive bidding.
- The bad loan portfolio includes Rs.329 crore from mortgage & home loans, Rs.77 crore from commercial vehicle loans, and Rs.72 crore from agriculture loans.
- The Swiss Challenge method ensures transparency, allowing higher bids to be challenged by other bidders, creating a fair and competitive process.

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**Ques : Who brings Gemma 3 open model to compete with Meta's Llama, DeepSeek V3 ?**

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

**Answer :** Option D

**Explanation :**

- Google has announced the Gemma 3, the next-generation Gemma AI model, which joins its open model lineup.
- Gemma 3 was "built from the same research and technology that powers" the Gemini 2.0 versions. It is available in sizes 1B, 4B, 12B, and 27B.
- The company claims to outperform the Llama-405B, DeepSeek-V3, and o3-mini models on the benchmarking site LMArena.

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**Ques : Mission Amrit Sarovar launched in which year ?**

- (a) 2019
- (b) 2020
- (c) 2021
- (d) 2022
- (e) 2023

**Answer :** Option D

**Explanation :**

- The Indian Railways has joined the Union Government's Mission Amrit Sarovar, started in April 2022, to address water scarcity and improve groundwater recharge across the country.
- The program intends to build or renovate 75 ponds in each district, with emphasis on community involvement (Jan Bhagidari) and climate resilience.

**About Mission Amrit Sarovar :**

- **Launched** : April 2022 under Ministry of Rural Development
- **Aim** : construct or rejuvenate 75 ponds per district
- **Technical partner** : Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Application and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N)
- **Achievement** : By October 2024, over 68,000 ponds have been rejuvenated
- In Phase 2, the Indian Railways will assist in desilting, excavating, and constructing new water bodies near railway lines





**Ques : Which state/UT recently signed an MoU with the National Health Authority (NHA) to implement AB-PMJAY and become 35th state/UT to adopt the scheme ?**

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) Rajasthan

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

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

**About AB-PMJAY :**

- The Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) is the world's largest government-sponsored health insurance programme.
- It provides Rs 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary hospital care to nearly 550 million beneficiaries from 123.7 million economically vulnerable families, covering the bottom 40% of India's population.

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**Ques : Which team topped the medal tally of Khelo India Winter Games 2025 ?**

- (a) Ladakh
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Army

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation :**

- The fifth edition of India's major winter sports event, the Khelo India Winter Games 2025, held its second leg in Gulmarg on March 9-12.
- The event was held in two sections, with the first leg taking place in Ladakh from January 23-27.
- This year's event has almost 400 competitors from 19 teams fighting for 136 medals in six winter sports.
- The Indian Army won the most medals, with seven golds, five silvers, and six bronze.
- The first Winter Games 2025, featuring ice hockey and skating, will take place in Leh from January 23rd to January 27th, 2025.
- The second chapter of the 2025 Winter Games, featuring four snow sports (Ski Mountaineering, Alpine Skiing, Snowboard, and Nordic Skiing), will be held in Gulmarg, J&K.

**Khelo India Winter Games 2025 medal tally :**

- 1 **Army** : 7 (Gold) 5 (Silver) 6 (Bronze) = 18 (Total)
- 2 **Himachal Pradesh** : 6 (Gold) 5 (Silver) 7 (Bronze) = 18 (Total)
- 3 **Ladakh** : 4 (Gold) 2 (Silver) 1 (Bronze) = 7 (Total)
- 4 **Maharashtra** : 3 (Gold) 5 (Silver) 5 (Bronze) = 13 (Total)
- 5 **Tamil Nadu** : 3 (Gold) 2 (Silver) 0 (Bronze) = 5 (Total)



**Ques : Alana King have won the ICC Women's Player of the Month awards for February 2025. Which country does Alana King represent?**

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

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has named the winners of the ICC Men's and Women's Player of the Month Awards for February 2025.
- Shubman Gill of India earned the ICC Men's Player of the Month award, while Alana King of Australia took the ICC Women's Player of the Month title.
- Alana became the third consecutive Australian cricketer to receive the ICC Women's Player of the Month award.

**ICC Women's Player of the Month :**

- October 2024 – Amelia Kerr (New Zealand)
- November 2024 – Danni Wyatt-Hodge (England)
- December 2024 – Annabel Sutherland (Australia)
- January 2025 – Beth Mooney (Australia)

**ICC Men's Player of the Month :**

- October 2024 – Noman Ali (Pakistan)
- November 2024 – Haris Rauf (Pakistan)
- December 2024 – Jasprit Bumrah (India)
- January 2025 – Jomel Warrican (West Indies)





**Ques : When was the Oilfield (Regulatory and Development) Amendment Bill, 2024 passed by the Rajya Sabha?**

- (a) 1st January 2025
- (b) 26th November 2024
- (c) 3rd December 2024
- (d) 15th February 2025
- (e) 10th October 2024

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Lok Sabha approved the Oilfield (Regulatory and Development) Amendment Bill, 2024, following its passage in the Rajya Sabha on December 3, 2024.
- The bill aims to modernize regulations to attract investment and enhance exploration and production in the oil and gas sector.
- It aligns with the government's initiative to shift from a "production sharing" to a "revenue sharing" model for awarding contracts, streamlining procedures, and reducing regulatory burdens.
- Since 2014, over 76% of India's active exploration acreage has been allocated under these reforms.
- The penalty for non-compliance with the Act has been enhanced to 25 lakh rupees and up to 10 lakh per day, with the goal of deterring future violations.





**Ques : Who has been appointed as the captain of Delhi Capitals for the upcoming IPL season?**

- (a) Rishabh Pant
- (b) KL Rahul
- (c) Prithvi Shaw
- (d) Axar Patel
- (e) David Warner

**Answer :** option D

**Explanation :**

- Axar Patel, an all-rounder from India, has been named captain of the Delhi Capitals for the 2017 IPL season, replacing KL Rahul, a senior player who has recently joined the squad.
- The 31-year-old is the team's longest-serving player, having played six seasons for Delhi since 2019.
- He was retained for INR 16.50 crore during the mega auction in November.
- He has scored 967 runs and 62 wickets in 82 games for Delhi, with an impressive economy rate of over 7.

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**:Ques : Who launched the ‘UN80 Initiative’ to enhance efficiency within the United Nations?**

- (a) Joe Biden
- (b) Antonio Guterres
- (c) Jens Stoltenberg
- (d) Ursula von der Leyen
- (e) Kristalina Georgieva

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

- UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres launched the ‘UN80 Initiative’ to improve efficiency and cost-effectiveness in the 80-year-old organization amid financial challenges.
- The initiative focuses on quick efficiency improvements, reviewing mandates, and assessing structural and program changes across the UN system. A task force led by Under-Secretary-General Guy Ryder will oversee its implementation.
- The UN General Assembly approved a \$3.72 billion budget for 2025, with the US contributing 22% of the regular budget and 27% of the peacekeeping budget.
- The 2024-25 peacekeeping budget is \$5.6 billion, with the US as the largest contributor at 26.95%.

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**Ques : Which country tops World Air Quality Report 2024 Published by Switzerland based air quality technology company IQAir ?**

- (a) Namibia
- (b) Lebanon
- (c) Uruguay
- (d) Chad
- (e) Haiti

**Answer :** Option D

**Explanation :**

- World Air Quality Report 2024 7th Edition Published by Switzerland based air quality technology company IQAir. It includes Total 138 Countries.
- Chad ranks first among the most polluted countries, with an average value of  $91.8 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . India ranks fifth behind Chad, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Congo.
- In 2024, India's average PM 2.5 concentration was  $50.6 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , down 7% from  $54.4 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  in 2023.
- The 2024 World Air Quality Report found that only 7 of 138 countries met the WHO's annual PM2.5 limit of  $5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , with over 90% reporting dangerous levels.
- India has 13 of the world's 20 most polluted cities.
- Only seven nations (Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Estonia, Grenada, Iceland, and New Zealand) met the WHO annual average PM2.5 guideline of  $5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .

**Ranking of Top 5 most polluted countries in 2024 :**

- 1 Chad
- 2 Bangladesh
- 3 Pakistan
- 4 Congo
- 5 India

**Ranking of Top 5 Most Polluted Cities in 2024:**

- |                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Byrnihat, India       | 2 New Delhi , India |
| 3 Karaganda, Kazakhstan | 4 Mullanpur, India  |
| 5 Lahore, Pakistan      |                     |







**Ques : Who won the Ramsar Award for 'Wetland Wise Use' in 2024?**

- (a) Medha Patkar
- (b) Jayshree Vencatesan
- (c) Sunita Narain
- (d) Vandana Shiva
- (e) Maneka Gandhi

**Answer :** Option B

*Explanation :*

- Dr. Jayshree Vencatesan, co-founder of Care Earth Trust, was honored with the Ramsar Award for 'Wetland Wise Use' for her contributions to wetland conservation at Gland, Switzerland
- She was among the 12 women recognized by the Ramsar Secretariat in the second edition of Women Changemakers in the World of Wetlands.
- She is the first Indian to win the yearly coveted Award.

**List of winners of 2025 Women changemakers in the world of wetlands :**

*Fostering international collaboration for wetlands :*

1. Professor Celesto Saulo of Argentina
2. Julie Mulonga of Kenya
3. Jennifer George of New Zealand
4. Libuse Vlasakova of Czechia

**Contributing to Wetland Protection :**

1. Rachel D'Silva of Jamaica
2. Laura González of Panama
3. Franziska Trautmann of the United States of America
4. Oladosu Adenike of Nigeria







### Contributing to the Wise Use of Wetlands :

1. Tatiana Minayeva of Poland
2. Rosa Jalja of Bolivia
3. Teresa Vincente Gimenez of Spain
4. Dr. Jayshree Vencatesan of India



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**Ques : "Gyandhara" initiative, which aims to introduce VR metaverse in PM SHRI schools, is being developed by which institution?**

- (a) IIT Guwahati
- (b) IIT Delhi
- (c) IIT Madras
- (d) IIT Indore
- (e) IIT Roorkee

**Answer :** Option A

**Explanation :**

- IIT Guwahati has developed India's first VR Metaverse, "Gyandhara", for PM SHRI Schools in collaboration with the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Assam Government's Department of Education.
- The project aims to enhance digital education by integrating Virtual Reality (VR) into learning, providing students with an immersive educational experience.
- "Gyandhara" is being piloted in 56 PM SHRI schools across Assam, where students will use VR technology to engage with complex topics more effectively.
- This initiative aligns with India's push for digital transformation in education, leveraging advanced VR tools to make learning more interactive and engaging.

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**:Ques : Which Indian hockey player won the 'Goalkeeper of the Year' award at the 7th Hockey India Annual Awards 2024?**

- (a) PR Sreejesh
- (b) Savita Punia
- (c) Harmanpreet Singh
- (d) Manpreet Singh
- (e) Amit Rohidas

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

- Hockey India honored the 1975 Indian hockey team, which won the Hockey World Cup in Kuala Lumpur, with the Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award at the 7th Hockey India Annual Awards.
- A Rs.12 crore prize pool was distributed to recognize individual and team achievements in Indian hockey.
- Savita Punia (Women) and Harmanpreet Singh (Men) won the Balbir Singh Sr. Player of the Year Award, receiving Rs.25 lakh each.

**Other awardees include:**

- **Savita Punia** : Goalkeeper of the Year
- **Amit Rohidas** : Defender of the Year
- **Abhishek** : Forward of the Year
- **Nadia (Tamil Nadu)** : Upcoming Player of the Year (Women) : Rs.10 lakh
- **Manpreet Singh** : Player of the Year (Men) : Rs.25 lakh
- **1975 World Cup-winning Team** : Rs.50 lakh Lifetime Achievement Award



**Ques : How many new moons were recently discovered around Saturn, making it the planet with the most moons in the solar system?**

- (a) 90
- (b) 100
- (c) 113
- (d) 128
- (e) 136

**Answer :** Option D

**Explanation :**

- Astronomers have discovered 128 new moons around Saturn, bringing its total to 274, making it the planet with the most moons in the solar system.
- These newly found moons are small and irregular, following elongated and tilted orbits around Saturn.
- Scientists believe these moons formed due to past cosmic collisions, with some being fragments of larger celestial bodies that shattered millions of years ago.
- The Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope was used to track and confirm these moons over time.
- The International Astronomical Union (IAU) has officially recognized these 128 new moons, solidifying Saturn's position as the planet with the most natural satellites.

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**Ques : Which Chinese company recently launched two new AI models, including a reasoning-focused model?**

- (a) Tencent
- (b) Alibaba
- (c) Huawei
- (d) Baidu
- (e) DeepSeek

**Answer :** Option D

**Explanation :**

- Baidu has launched two new AI models, including one focused on reasoning, to compete in the fast-growing AI sector.
- ERNIE X1, one of the models, rivals DeepSeek R1, offering similar performance at half the price.
- ERNIE X1 features advanced capabilities like understanding, planning, reasoning, reflection, and evolution, making it a powerful AI tool.
- Baidu aims to strengthen its position in the competitive AI market, where companies are rapidly advancing AI technologies.

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**Ques : Where has the first-ever temple of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj been inaugurated?**

- (a) Pune
- (b) Nashik
- (c) Bhiwandi
- (d) Kolhapur
- (e) Mumbai

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis inaugurated the first-ever temple dedicated to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Bhiwandi, Thane district, on his birth anniversary.
- The 6.5-feet statue of Shivaji Maharaj is the centerpiece, designed by renowned sculptor Arun Yogiraj (who also made the Ram idol in Ayodhya).
- The temple structure resembles a fort, with bastions, a 42-foot grand entrance, and military-style elements, symbolizing Shivaji Maharaj's legacy.
- The temple spans 2,500 sq. ft., featuring 36 sections showcasing key moments from Shivaji Maharaj's life.
- CM Fadnavis announced that pilgrimage status will soon be granted to the temple.

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**Ques : World Consumer Rights Day on which day ?**

- (a) 10 March
- (b) 11 March
- (c) 12 March
- (d) 14 March
- (e) 15 March

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation :**

- World Consumer Rights Day is commemorated every March 15 to increase awareness about consumer rights and protection.
- Theme 2025: A Just Transition to Sustainable Lifestyles.
- It was inspired by former US President John F. Kennedy's 1962 speech on consumer rights, in which he articulated four fundamental rights: the right to be safe, the right to be informed, the freedom to choose, and the right to be heard.

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**Ques : World Sleep Day is observed annually on which day ?**

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

**Answer :** Option E

**Explanation :**

- Every year on March 14, World Sleep Day promotes healthy sleep habits, raises awareness about sleep disorders, and emphasizes the significance of quality sleep.
- Theme 2025: Make Sleep Health a Priority
- This global movement, organized by the World Sleep Day Committee of the World Sleep Society, raises awareness of the negative impact of sleep disorders on general health while advocating for their prevention and treatment.

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**Ques : Pi Day is celebrated annually on which day ?**

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

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation :**

- Pi Day, observed annually on March 14, honors the mathematical constant Pi, which is about 3.14.
- The date, written as 3/14, corresponds to the first three digits of Pi, making it an appropriate day for mathematicians and numerophiles to commemorate this significant number.
- Larry Shaw, a physicist, celebrated Pi Day for the first time in 1988. In 2009, the United States House of Representatives declared March 14 to be Pi Day.
- Later, in 2019, UNESCO named Pi Day the "International Day of Mathematics" at its general assembly.
- Albert Einstein, the famed scientist who developed the "General Theory of Relativity," was born on Pi Day in 1879. Archimedes of Syuse, an ancient mathematician, originally computed the value of Pi.
- It gained widespread acceptance after Leonhard Euler used the sign Pi in 1737. Shaw, a physicist, related Pi's digits to March 14, preparing a special celebration for the Exploratorium workers in San Francisco.





### Important days :

- **21 February** : 25th International Mother Language Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Silver Jubilee Celebration of International Mother Language Day)
- **22 February** : World Thinking Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Our Story)
- **23 February** : World Peace and Understanding Day
- **24 February** : Central Excise Day
- **27 February** : 6th World Protein Day 2025 (Theme 2025 #RightWayToProtein)
- **27 February** : World NGO Day (Theme 2025: Empowering grassroots movements for a sustainable future)
- **28 February** : National Science Day (Theme : 'Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science and Innovation for Viksit Bharat')
- **28 February** (Last day of February, either 28 or 29 in leap years) : Rare Disease Day 2025 (Theme 2025 More than you can imagine; an anthology of rare experiences)
- **1 March** : World Seagrass Day (Theme 2025 Harnessing Seagrass' Carbon Sequestration Potential Against the Climate Crisis)
- **1 March** : Zero Discrimination Day (Theme 2025: We Stand Together)
- **1 March** : World Civil Defence Day (Theme 2025 Civil Defence, Guarantee of Security for the Population)
- **3 March** : World Wildlife Day (Theme 2025: Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and the Planet)
- **3 March** : World Hearing Day (Theme 2025 – Changing mindsets: empower yourself to make ear and hearing care a reality for all)
- **4 March** : National Safety Day (Theme 2025 - Safety and well-being are crucial for Viksit Bharat (Developed India))
- **4 March** : 6th World Engineering Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Unleashing the power of engineers to advance the Sustainable Development Goals)
- **5 March** : International Day for Disarmament and Nonproliferation Awareness
- **6 March** : National Dentist's Day 2025
- **7 March** : 7th Jan Aushadhi Diwas 2025
- **1st to 7th March** : Jan Aushadhi Diwas Week
- **8 March** : International Women's Day (IWD) (Theme 2025: For All Women and Girls: Rights, Equality, and Empowerment)
- **4 to 10 March** : 54th National Safety Week 2025 (Theme 2025 Safety & Well-being Crucial for Viksit Bharat)
- **10 March** : International Day of Women Judges
- **10 March** : CISF Raising Day





### IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Arun Mammen, Vice Chairman & Managing Director of MRF Ltd, has been elected as the next Chairman of the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA), India's national automotive tyre industry association. ATMA has appointed Hiroshi Yoshizane, Managing Director of Bridgestone India, as its new Vice Chairman.

The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) successfully test-fired India's Astra Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM) from the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) AF MK1 prototype off the coast of Chandipur, Odisha. It is developed by DRDO.

Tata Communications has appointed N Ganapathy Subramaniam (NGS) as the chairman of the board of directors of the company.

Muthoot Microfin Wins Two prestigious Gold Awards at the SKOCH Awards 2025. First category is Corporate Excellence – “Best Customer Application on Digital Financial Inclusion” and second is BFSI Award – “Best Insurance Scheme”

Jio Platforms, led by Mukesh Ambani, has partnered with SpaceX to bring Starlink's internet services to India. However, the deal depends on SpaceX getting approval to sell Starlink in the country. This partnership will allow Jio and SpaceX to explore ways to expand internet services for consumers and businesses.

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

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

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :**

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

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**Ques : Which company owns the flagship payment gateway brand CCAvenue?**

- (a) Infibeam Avenues Ltd
- (b) BillDesk
- (c) Paytm
- (d) PayU
- (e) Razorpay

**Answer :** Option A

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer :** Option E

**Explanation :**

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

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**Ques : Who has signed a MoU with Jammu -based J&K Grameen Bank for the promotion and financing of 2,000 Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) ?**

- (a) SEBI
- (b) NABARD
- (c) National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE)
- (d) Ministry of Finance
- (e) NITI Aayog

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

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

**About NABARD :**

- **Established** : 12 July 1982 (Under recommendations of B. Sivaraman Committee)
- **HQ** : Mumbai
- **Chairman** : K V Shaji

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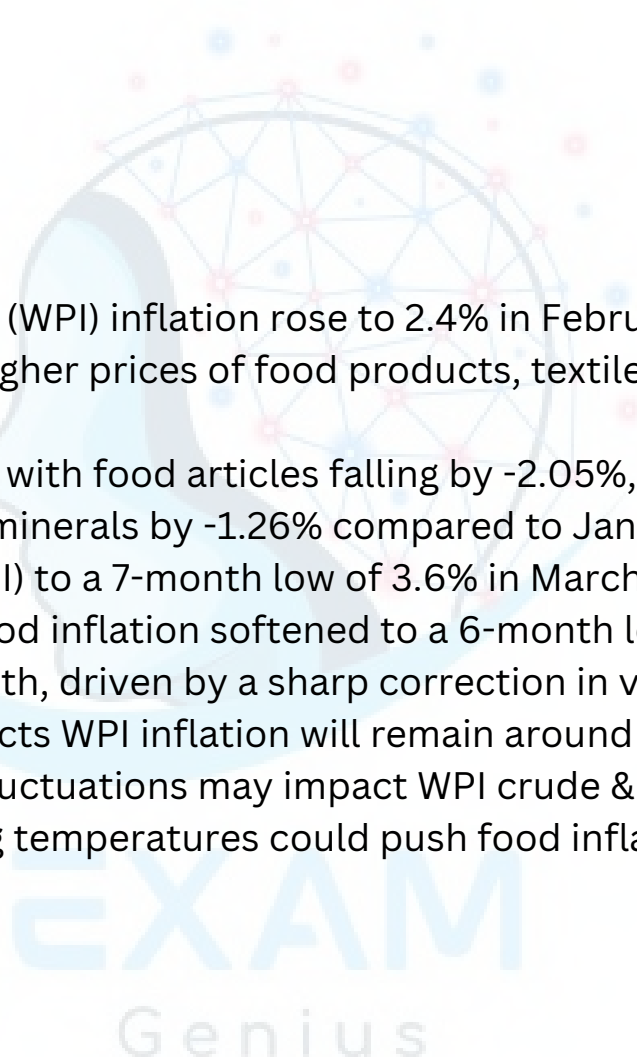
**Ques : What was the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation rate in February 2024?**

- A) 3.6%
- B) 2.3%
- C) 2.4%
- D) 5.9%
- E) 7.5%

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

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





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

- (a) Razorpay
- (b) PayU
- (c) BRISKPE
- (d) Instamojo
- (e) None of these

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer :** Option E

**Explanation :**

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

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

- (a) Endowment Option
- (b) Early Income Option
- (c) Deferred Income Option
- (d) Guaranteed Double Benefit Option
- (e) None of the above

**Answer :** Option D

**Explanation :**

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

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**Ques : What is the primary objective of ADB's 'Frontier Seed (Pacific)' initiative?**

- (a) Providing large-scale infrastructure financing
- (b) Supporting SMEs with funding and technical assistance
- (c) Developing digital payment solutions
- (d) Expanding trade agreements among Pacific nations
- (e) None of the above

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

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

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**Ques : Who is the author of the book Rice: A Global History?**

- (a) Renee Marton
- (b) Chitra Narayanan
- (c) Amartya Sen
- (d) Sudha Murthy
- (e) Vikram Seth

**Answer :** option A

**Explanation :**

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

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**Ques : Which publisher released the book The Sona Story?**

- (a) Penguin Random House
- (b) HarperCollins
- (c) Bloomsbury
- (d) Reaktion Books
- (e) Rupa Publications

**Answer :** option C

**Explanation :**

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

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

- (a) CrowdStrike
- (b) Wiz
- (c) Zscaler
- (d) Mandiant
- (e) Palo Alto Networks

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :**

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

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**Ques : What was the theme of the Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2025?**

- (a) Future of Connectivity
- (b) Digital Innovation
- (c) AI in Telecom
- (d) Converge. Connect. Create.
- (e) Smart Technology for a Better Future

**Answer :** Option D

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer : Option D**

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

- (a) Central Water Commission (CWC)
- (b) The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
- (c) National Green Tribunal (NGT)
- (d) NITI Aayog
- (e) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer : Option A**

**Explanation :**

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

**About Mukhyamantri Balika Samridhi Yojana :**

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

**About Mukhyamantri Kanya Atmanirbhar Yojana :**

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



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

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

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :**

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







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

- (a) Paris, France
- (b) Cali, Colombia
- (c) Rome, Italy
- (d) Geneva, Switzerland
- (e) Nairobi, Kenya

**Answer :** Option D

**Explanation :**

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

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

- (a) Kalinga Stadium, Odisha
- (b) Major Dhyan Chand Stadium, Delhi
- (c) Tau Devi Lal Complex, Haryana
- (d) Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium, Jharkhand
- (e) Guru Nanak Stadium, Punjab

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

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

**About Hockey India :**

- Hockey India, established in 2009, is the governing body for hockey in India, replacing the Indian Hockey Federation.
- **Headquarters** : New Delhi
- **President** : Dileep Tirkey





**Ques : Which two countries participated in the 1st Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting on Agriculture?**

- a) India and Brazil
- b) India and Argentina
- c) India and Chile
- d) India and Peru
- e) India and Mexico

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

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

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

- (a) Eknath Solkar
- (b) Salim Durani
- (c) Syed Abid Ali
- (d) Bhagwat Chandrasekhar
- (e) Srinivas Venkataraghavan

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

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

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**Ques : Which of the following organizations collaborated with ISRO to develop the 32-bit microprocessors Vikram 3201 and Kalpana 3201?**

- (a) DRDO
- (b) Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL)
- (c) IIT Madras
- (d) BEL
- (e) HAL

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

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

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### Recent News Headlines Related to ISRO

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





**Ques : What is the primary objective of the MoU signed between RBI and Bank of Mauritius?**

- (a) Facilitating the use of local currencies for cross-border transactions
- (b) Promoting cryptocurrency exchanges between the two nations
- (c) Setting up a new international payment system
- (d) Creating a common currency for the SAARC region
- (e) None of the above

**Answer :** Option A

**Explanation :**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Bank of Mauritius (BOM) have signed an MoU to promote the use of Indian Rupee (INR) and Mauritian Rupee (MUR) for cross-border transactions.
- The agreement aims to reduce dependence on third-party currencies like the US Dollar in bilateral trade and investment.
- This initiative will facilitate smoother trade settlements and enhance economic cooperation between India and Mauritius.
- The move aligns with India's de-dollarization efforts, encouraging local currency usage in international trade.

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**Ques : Who published the Report on Trends and Progress of Housing in India, 2024 ?**

- (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- (b) State Bank of India (SBI)
- (c) NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)
- (d) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- (e) National Housing Bank (NHB)

**Answer :** Option E

**Explanation :**

- Report on Trends and Progress of Housing in India, 2024 Published by National Housing Bank (NHB)
- As of September 30, 2024, individual house loans were Rs 33.53 lakh crore, up 14% from the same period last year.
- As of September 30, 2024, the Middle-Income Group (MIG) accounted for 44% of all housing loans.
- The Economically Weaker Section & Lower Income Group (EWS & LIG) accounted for 39% of outstanding individual housing loans, followed by the Higher Income Group (HIG) with 17%.
- Finance is distributed regionally as follows: Southern (35%), Western (30%), Northern (28%), Eastern (5.4%), and North Eastern States (0.68%).
- Banks make up 81% of housing loans, with Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) accounting for 19%.
- In the first half of FY25 (April-September), individual home loan disbursements totaled Rs 4.10 lakh crore, compared to Rs 9.07 lakh crore in FY24 (ending March 31, 2024).
- In the September 2024 quarter, the Housing Price Index (NHB-RESIDEX) increased by 6.8% compared to the previous year.
- Housing loans (as a percentage of GDP) have climbed from 6.60% in 2011-12 to 11.29% in 2023-24.
- Green buildings: Only 5% are classified as green.
- NHB released this report in accordance with provision of Section 42 of NHB Act 1987.





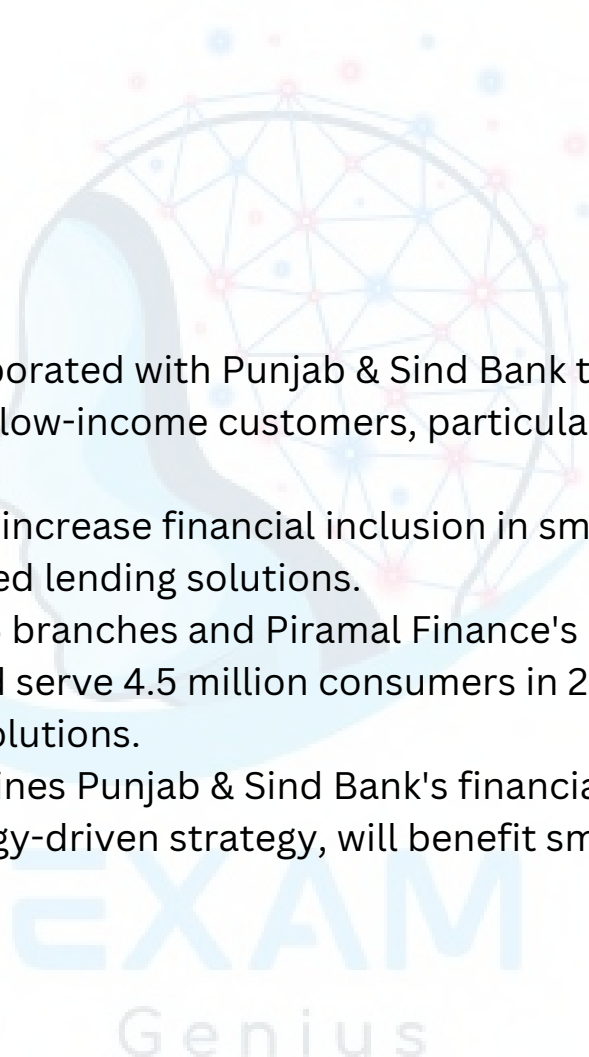
**Ques : Piramal Finance has partnered with which bank to Expand Credit Access for middle and low-income borrowers ?**

- (a) Karnataka Bank
- (b) Central Bank of India
- (c) Indian Overseas Bank
- (d) Union Bank of India
- (e) Punjab & Sind Bank

**Answer:** Option E

**Explanation :**

- Piramal Finance has collaborated with Punjab & Sind Bank to make loans more affordable for medium and low-income customers, particularly in rural and semi-urban areas.
- This collaboration aims to increase financial inclusion in smaller cities by offering inexpensive and personalized lending solutions.
- Punjab & Sind Bank's 1,575 branches and Piramal Finance's 514+ branches, which cover 13,000 pin codes and serve 4.5 million consumers in 26 states, will collaborate to provide better lending solutions.
- The program, which combines Punjab & Sind Bank's financial experience with Piramal Finance's technology-driven strategy, will benefit small enterprises (MSMEs) and home loan seekers.





**Ques : Which bank has partnered with Sunrisers Hyderabad as their exclusive banking partner?**

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

**Answer :** Option A

**Explanation :**

- City Union Bank (CUB) has become the exclusive banking partner of Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH).
- The bank will offer customized financial services and exclusive benefits to SRH fans, players, and staff.
- CUB aims to enhance brand visibility through sports partnerships.
- The partnership will help in expanding its customer base among cricket fans. Special offers and banking services will be tailored for SRH members.
- Boosts customer engagement and loyalty among cricket enthusiasts. Provides financial benefits to SRH fans and stakeholders.

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**Ques : Which organization is responsible for administering the ADB Frontier Seed (Pacific) technical assistance program?**

- (a) World Bank
- (b) IMF
- (c) Asian Development Bank
- (d) United Nations
- (e) WTO

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has launched the Frontier Seed (Pacific) technical assistance (TA) program to support SMEs in Pacific developing member countries (DMCs).
- This initiative aims to identify and fund SMEs that have the potential to transform or create local industries, fostering sustainable and inclusive economic growth.
- The program will provide financial assistance to SMEs, helping them expand and drive industrial transformation in the Pacific region.
- By strengthening economic resilience in developing countries, ADB seeks to promote long-term stability and growth in the region.

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**Ques : Recently, which bank has started accepting deposits under the Senior Citizens' Savings Scheme (SCSS)?**

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

**Answer :** Option A

**Explanation :**

- HDFC Bank, one of India's top private banks, will now accept deposits under the Senior Citizens' Savings Scheme (SCSS). This scheme, run by the Government of India, is designed to help elderly individuals save money securely.
- As an agency bank, HDFC Bank will assist the government by accepting SCSS deposits and offering smooth services to customers. Eligible individuals can visit any HDFC Bank branch to apply for the scheme.
- As of March 17, 2025, the SCSS offers an interest rate of 8.2% per year, fixed by the government for the period from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025.
- This scheme is open to individuals aged 60 and above. People who have retired at or after 55 years of age can also apply. Additionally, retired Defence personnel can join the scheme after turning 50.
- Investments in SCSS qualify for tax benefits under Section 80C of the Income Tax Act. The scheme provides interest payments every three months and has a lock-in period of five years, with the option to extend it by three years multiple times. The government may update the interest rate from time to time.





**Ques : IIFL Finance established in which year ?**

- (a) 1980
- (b) 1985
- (c) 1990
- (d) 1995
- (e) 1999

**Answer :** Option D

**Explanation :**

- On Women's Day, IIFL Finance, one of India's leading non-banking financial organizations, rebranded seven existing branches as 'Shakti' branches, staffed entirely by women.
- The seven renamed branches are spread across Delhi National Capital Region and Mumbai Metropolitan Region.

**About IIFL Finance :**

- **Established :** 1995
- **HQ :** Mumbai
- **Chairman :** Nirmal Jain

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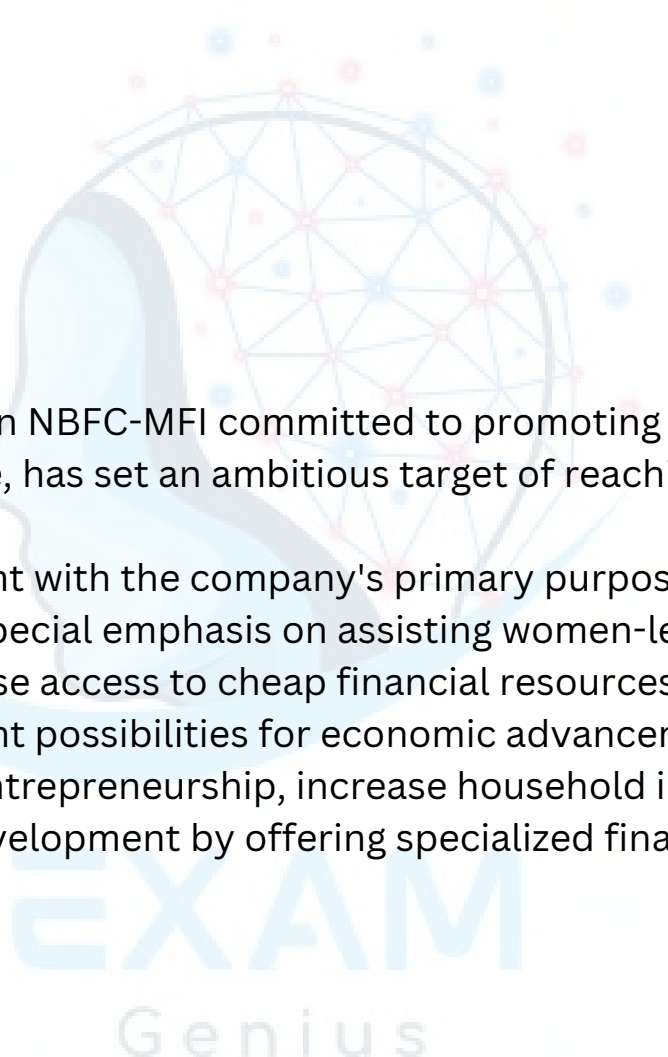
**Ques : SATYA MicroCapital Ltd, a NBFC-MFI committed to promoting entrepreneurship and financial independence, has unveiled an ambitious goal of reaching 10 million households by \_\_.**

- (a) 2026
- (b) 2027
- (c) 2028
- (d) 2029
- (e) 2030

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation :**

- SATYA MicroCapital Ltd, an NBFC-MFI committed to promoting entrepreneurship and financial independence, has set an ambitious target of reaching 10 million families by 2030.
- This milestone is consistent with the company's primary purpose of fostering financial inclusion, with a special emphasis on assisting women-led businesses.
- This effort seeks to increase access to cheap financial resources, thereby providing poor families with consistent possibilities for economic advancement.
- SATYA aims to promote entrepreneurship, increase household incomes, and contribute to long-term development by offering specialized financial solutions such as microloans.







**Ques : What is the primary objective of SEBI's partnership with DigiLocker?**

- (a) To promote digital banking
- (b) To reduce unclaimed assets in the securities market
- (c) To regulate stock trading
- (d) To provide insurance for investors
- (e) None of these

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

- SEBI has collaborated with DigiLocker, a government-backed digital document storage platform, to address the issue of unclaimed assets and enhance investor protection.
- This partnership allows investors to store and access their demat and mutual fund holdings in DigiLocker, ensuring easy management of financial documents.
- Investors can also add nominees, who will receive SMS and email notifications in case of the investor's demise, simplifying the transmission of assets.
- SEBI has directed AMCs, RTAs, and depositories to integrate with DigiLocker, while KRAs will provide information on deceased investors.
- The initiative aims to reduce unclaimed assets by resolving issues related to dormant accounts, missing bank details, and complex asset transmission procedures

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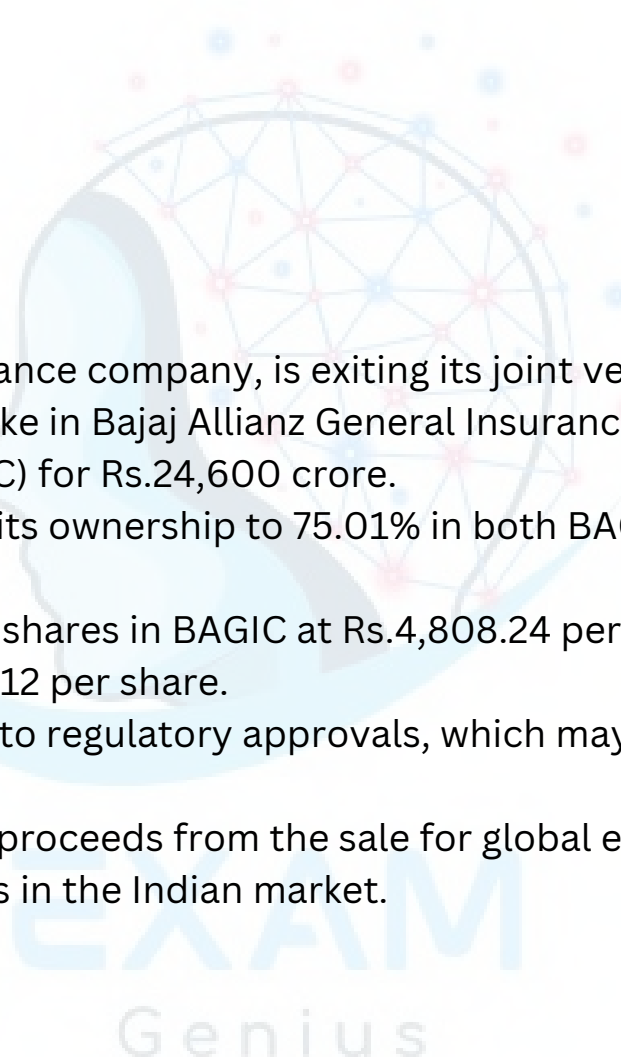
**Ques : How much stake is Allianz selling in Bajaj Allianz General and Life Insurance JVs?**

- (a) 51%
- (b) 49%
- (c) 26%
- (d) 75.06%
- (e) 19.95%

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- Allianz SE, a German insurance company, is exiting its joint ventures with Bajaj Group by selling its 26% stake in Bajaj Allianz General Insurance (BAGIC) and Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance (BALIC) for Rs.24,600 crore.
- Bajaj Finserv will increase its ownership to 75.01% in both BAGIC and BALIC, making it the majority stakeholder.
- Allianz will sell 11.13 crore shares in BAGIC at Rs.4,808.24 per share and 15.2 crore shares in BALIC at Rs.2,654.12 per share.
- The transaction is subject to regulatory approvals, which may take a few months to be finalized.
- Allianz plans to utilize the proceeds from the sale for global expansion and exploring new opportunities in the Indian market.





**Ques : How much loan amount was written off by scheduled commercial banks between FY15 and FY24?**

- (a) Rs.10 lakh crore
- (b) Rs.12 lakh crore
- (c) Rs.14 lakh crore
- (d) Rs.16 lakh crore
- (e) Rs.18 lakh crore

**Answer :** Option D

**Explanation :**

- Scheduled commercial banks wrote off over Rs.16 lakh crore worth of loans between FY15 and FY24, reflecting a significant financial adjustment in the banking sector.
- The trend of loan write-offs has seen a sharp rise, increasing from Rs.59,000 crore in FY15 to Rs.1.71 lakh crore in FY24, indicating growing non-performing assets (NPAs).
- Large industries and the services sector accounted for Rs.9.26 lakh crore, which is 57% of the total write-offs, highlighting their substantial contribution to the NPA burden.
- Various recovery measures have been implemented, including legal actions through Debt Recovery Tribunals, the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, and the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code.
- Governance challenges persist in the banking sector, with 12 public sector banks having board vacancies and 40% of director positions remaining unfilled, potentially affecting decision-making and oversight.





**Ques : Which edition of the Kabaddi World Cup 2025 being held in England ?**

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

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

- The second edition of the Kabaddi World Cup 2025 begins in England. The Indian men's team will begin their campaign against Italy in Wolverhampton.
- The competition will last seven days and feature more than 60 matches in Birmingham, Coventry, Walsall, and Wolverhampton, all in the West Midlands region of the United Kingdom.
- The men's competition will begin with ten teams divided into two equal groups: A and B. India will compete in Group B, alongside Italy, Scotland, Wales, and China.
- In contrast, the women's competition will have six teams divided into two groups: D and E. India will compete in Group D, alongside Wales and Poland.
- In the inaugural edition, hosted by Malaysia in 2019, India won both the men's and women's titles. Also, this is the first time the Kabaddi World Cup has been held outside of Asia.
- Furthermore, this Kabaddi World Cup differs from those organized by the International Kabaddi Federation (IKF), whose previous editions have all been held in India.





### Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Hockey Jharkhand won the title after defeating defending champions Hockey Haryana in the final of the 15th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2025
- Hockey India honored the 1975 Indian hockey team, which won the Hockey World Cup in Kuala Lumpur, with the Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award at the 7th Hockey India Annual Awards
- The fifth edition of India's major winter sports event, the Khelo India Winter Games 2025, held its second leg in Gulmarg on March 9-12. The Indian Army won the most medals, with seven golds, five silvers, and six bronze
- Axar Patel, an all-rounder from India, has been named captain of the Delhi Capitals for the 2017 IPL season, replacing KL Rahul, a senior player who has recently joined the squad
- Shubman Gill of India earned the ICC Men's Player of the Month award, while Alana King of Australia took the ICC Women's Player of the Month title
- The World Para Athletics Grand Prix (WPA GP) 2025 will begin at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi. Praveen Kumar, Navdeep Singh, and Dharambir, who won gold medals at the Paris 2024 Paralympics, will lead the Indian delegation
- Mumbai Indians (MI) clinched their second Women's Premier League (WPL) title by defeating Delhi Capitals (DC) by 8 runs in the final
- England batsman Harry Brook has withdrawn from the Indian Premier League (IPL) for the second consecutive year, risking a potential twoyear ban under IPL regulations. He need to focus on preparations for England's upcoming series as the reason for his decision
- The Indian women's Kabaddi team won the '6th Edition of Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship championship', defeating Iran's team 32-25 in the final in Tehran, Iran.
- The 2026 FIFA World Cup, hosted by the US, Canada, and Mexico, will not include Russia, Pakistan, and Congo owing to individual controversies
- Rohit Sharma became the second-most successful Indian skipper after winning his second ICC title





**Ques : Who has been appointed as the CEO of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF)?**

- a) Dr. Abhay Karandikar
- b) Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar
- c) Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman
- d) Dr. K. Radhakrishnan
- e) Dr. Vijay Raghavan

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman has taken over as CEO of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF).
- Previously, Professor Abhay Karandikar, Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), served as acting CEO. He officially handed up the job to Dr. Shivkumar.
- Dr. Shivkumar was previously the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of Microsoft's Energy Industry in Asia.
- According to the guidelines of the National Education Policy (NEP), the ANRF would serve as the country's top body for providing high-level strategic direction to scientific research.

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**Ques : The ACM A.M. Turing Award is often referred to as the:**

- a) Fields Medal of mathematics
- b) Nobel Prize of Computing
- c) Pulitzer Prize of Technology
- d) Booker Prize of Artificial Intelligence
- e) Abel Prize of Computer Science

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

- The 2024 ACM A.M. Turing Award, often referred to as the "Nobel Prize of Computing," has been awarded to Dr. Andrew Barto from the USA and Richard S. Sutton from Canada.
- The award comes with a prize of USD 1 million, sponsored by Google Inc. It is presented by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), based in New York, USA.
- Both Andrew Barto and Richard Sutton are known for their contributions to artificial intelligence and co-authored the book Reinforcement Learning: An Introduction in 1998.

**About ACM A.M. Turing Award :**

- **Started** : 1966
- **Given to** : Computer scientists and engineers for creating systems and theoretical foundations important for the advancement of Information Technology (IT)
- **Last winner** : Israeli mathematician and computer scientist Avi Wigderson







**Ques : Which Indian IT companies have partnered with Nvidia to develop AI solutions?**

- (a) Infosys, Wipro, and TCS
- (b) Wipro, Tech Mahindra, and L&T Technology Services
- (c) HCL, TCS, and Tech Mahindra
- (d) Cognizant, Wipro, and HCL
- (e) Accenture, Infosys, and L&T

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

- Nvidia has partnered with Wipro, Tech Mahindra, and L&T Technology Services to develop advanced AI solutions across various industries.
- The announcement was made at Nvidia's GPU Technology Conference (GTC) in California.
- These AI solutions aim to enhance healthcare, public services, and rail safety through automation and efficiency improvements.
- Tech Mahindra introduced an AI-driven pharmacovigilance (PV) solution for better drug safety management.
- Wipro launched Agentic AI services, leveraging Nvidia AI enterprise tools to optimize workforce and data management.
- L&T Technology Services (LTS) unveiled TrackEi, an AI-based railway track inspection system built on Nvidia's Jetson platform.
- The collaboration is expected to reduce human intervention in safety and compliance processes, boosting AI-driven industrial transformation in India.





**Ques : What is the total revised outlay for the Rashtriya Gokul Mission approved by the Cabinet?**

- (a) Rs.1400 Crore
- (b) Rs.2400 Crore
- (c) Rs.3400 Crore
- (d) Rs.2000 Crore
- (e) Rs.2600 Crore

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- The Union Cabinet has approved an increased budget for the Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM), raising the total outlay to Rs.3,400 crore.
- An additional Rs.1,000 crore has been allocated for the mission for the period from 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- The objective of the scheme is to promote indigenous cattle breeds and enhance livestock productivity in India.
- New initiatives under the scheme include providing financial incentives to farmers for purchasing high-genetic-quality cattle.
- A one-time assistance of 35% will be given for setting up heifer rearing centers to support livestock development.

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**Ques : What is the purpose of the MoU signed between India and Qatar?**

- (a) Cooperation in the field of oil and gas
- (b) Strengthening financial and economic cooperation
- (c) Enhancing defense and security collaboration
- (d) Promoting cultural exchange programs
- (e) Developing a free trade agreement (FTA)

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

- The Indian government approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for financial and commercial cooperation between India and Qatar after the fact.
- The MoU was signed on February 18, 2025, during the visit of Qatar's Amir Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani to India.
- The MoU aims to improve collaboration on economic policy, funding, public-private partnerships, and investment.

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**Ques : Which cricketer led India Masters clinched the inaugural International Masters League T20 title beating Brian Lara's West Indies Masters at the Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Stadium in Raipur ?**

- (a) Rahul Dravid
- (b) MS Dhoni
- (c) Sachin Tendulkar
- (d) Sunil Gavaskar
- (e) Anil Kumble

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- In cricket, Sachin Tendulkar led India Masters to the inaugural International Masters League T20 title, defeating Brian Lara's West Indies Masters by six wickets at Raipur's Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Stadium.
- After deciding to bat first, the West Indies Masters were restricted to 148 for 7 thanks to Vinay Kumar and Shahbaz Nadeem's wicket-taking spells.
- In response, India Masters won in 17.1 overs thanks to Ambati Rayudu's 74 from 50 balls, and he was named Player of the Match.
- Shane Watson won the Elevated Most Sixes of the Season accolade, while Kumar Sangakkara received the Masterstroke of the Season award.

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**Ques : Which sport was recently approved by the IOC board for inclusion in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics?**

- (a) Tennis
- (b) Shotput
- (c) Badminton
- (d) Boxing
- (e) Archery

**Answer :** Option D

**Explanation :**

- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) executive board has approved the inclusion of boxing in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, ensuring the sport's continuity in the Games.
- This decision comes after World Boxing received recognition, effectively replacing the International Boxing Association (IBA), which faced governance and integrity concerns.
- The final confirmation of boxing's inclusion will take place at the IOC Session scheduled from March 18 to 21, where the executive board's decision will be ratified.
- Initially, boxing was not part of the 2028 Olympics due to issues with the IBA, which led to its exclusion from the list of approved sports.
- The approval marks a crucial step in restoring boxing as a key Olympic sport, reinforcing the sport's future in international multi-sport competitions.

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**Ques : What is the total investment approved for the JNPA connectivity Greenfield Highway?**

- (a) Rs.1500 Crore
- (b) Rs.2500 Crore
- (c) Rs.3500 Crore
- (d) Rs.4500 Crore
- (e) Rs.5500 Crore

**Answer :** Option D

**Explanation :**

- The Union Cabinet has approved the construction of a six-lane, access-controlled greenfield highway to improve connectivity between JNPA Port and Chowk in Maharashtra.
- The project, covering a length of 29.219 km, will be developed under the Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) mode with an investment of Rs.4,500 crore.
- The highway will enhance logistics efficiency by reducing congestion and travel time between JNPA Port and major highways.
- Two tunnels through the Sahyadri Hills will facilitate the smooth movement of commercial vehicles.
- It will also provide better connectivity to the Mumbai-Pune Expressway and NH-48, supporting regional trade and transport infrastructure.

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**Ques : How much has Standard Chartered raised through its first social bond?**

- (a) 1 billion euros
- (b) 2 billion euros
- (c) 3 billion euros
- (d) 4 billion euros
- (e) 5 billion euros

**Answer :** Option A

**Explanation :**

- Standard Chartered issued its first social bond, raising 1 billion euros (about ₹9,400 crore) to assist sustainable development projects in emerging markets, including India.
- StanChart said in a statement on Friday that the 8-year bond will primarily assist lending to small and medium-sized firms (SMEs), enabling access to credit, contributing to job creation, and empowering and developing women-owned SMEs.
- Approximately 50% of the total would be set aside for India's sustainable projects. The top five nations where StanChart's social assets are located are India (57%), Malaysia (10%), Bangladesh (6%), Mainland China (5%), and Nepal (4%).

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**Ques : In which category was Ramakanta Rath honored with the Padma Bhushan award?**

- a) Literature and Education
- b) Public Administration
- c) Social Work
- d) Science and Technology
- e) Journalism

**Answer : Option A**

**Explanation :**

- Padma Bhushan Ramakanta Rath, one of the most celebrated modernist poets in Odia language, died at the age of 91.
- Ramakanta Rath, an IAS officer from the 1957 batch, was also Odisha's Chief Secretary and held various critical positions in the Union Government.
- His poetic compositions, known for their depth and insight, include the renowned poem 'Sri Radha', among others. His writings have been translated into English and several Indian languages.
- In 2006, Ramakanta Rath received the Padma Bhushan, India's third-highest civilian award, as well as numerous other prestigious literary accolades, in appreciation of his extraordinary contributions to writing.
- He also served as president of India's Sahitya Akademi from 1998 to 2003.

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**Ques : Which companies have partnered for R&D in digitalization of the manufacturing sector?**

- (a) Reliance, TCS, Nokia
- (b) Airtel, Volvo, Ericsson
- (c) Infosys, Siemens, Huawei
- (d) Jio, Samsung, Bosch
- (e) IBM, Tesla, Cisco

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

- Bharti Airtel, Ericsson, and Volvo Group have partnered to advance research in extended reality (XR), digital twin technology, and artificial intelligence (AI) to drive digitalization in the manufacturing sector.
- The collaboration will leverage 5G and 5G Advanced technologies to enhance industrial operations, workforce training, and automation processes.
- Research activities will take place at Volvo Group's factory and R&D centre in Bengaluru, focusing on real-time XR applications to improve productivity and efficiency.
- Experts from Airtel, Volvo, and Ericsson believe that 5G and XR technologies will play a crucial role in industrial digital transformation, enabling smarter and more connected manufacturing ecosystems.
- This initiative is expected to accelerate Industry 4.0 adoption by integrating AI-driven solutions with next-generation connectivity for optimized operations.





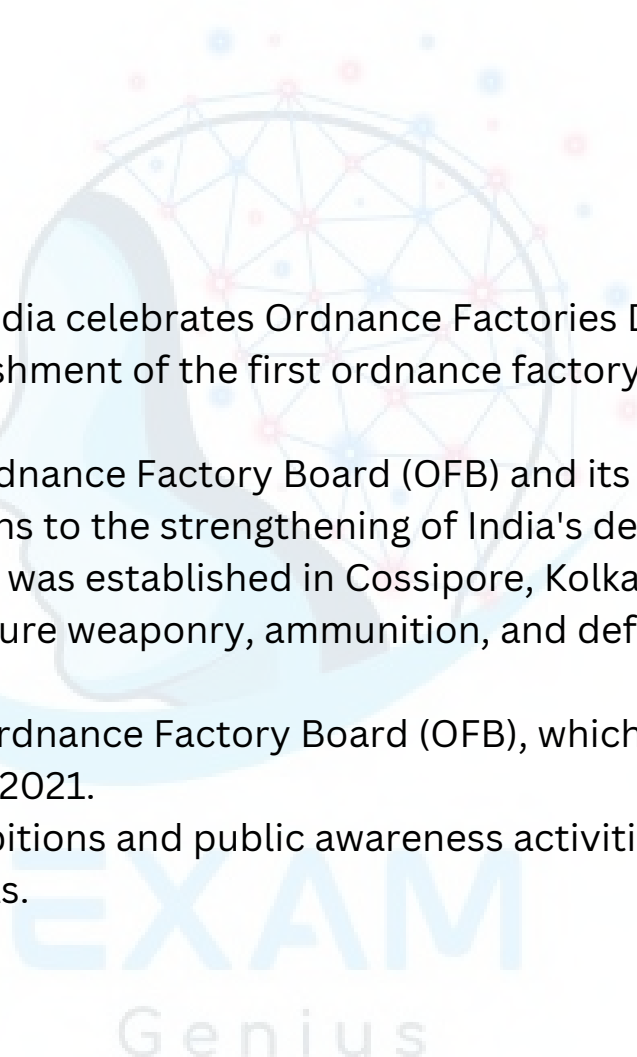
**Ques : National Ordnance Factories Day Observed annually on which day ?**

- (a) 17 March
- (b) 18 March
- (c) 19 March
- (d) 20 March
- (e) 21 March

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

- Every year on March 18, India celebrates Ordnance Factories Day, which commemorates the establishment of the first ordnance factory in Cossipore, Kolkata, in 1801.
- The day recognizes the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) and its network of manufacturers' contributions to the strengthening of India's defense sector.
- The first ordnance factory was established in Cossipore, Kolkata, in 1801.
- Its purpose is to manufacture weaponry, ammunition, and defense equipment for the Indian Armed Forces.
- Managed initially by the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB), which was then reformed into seven defense PSUs in 2021.
- Celebrations include exhibitions and public awareness activities highlighting defense manufacturing skills.





### Important days :

- **1 March** : World Seagrass Day (Theme 2025 Harnessing Seagrass' Carbon Sequestration Potential Against the Climate Crisis)
- **1 March** : Zero Discrimination Day (Theme 2025: We Stand Together)
- **1 March** : World Civil Defence Day (Theme 2025 Civil Defence, Guarantee of Security for the Population)
- **3 March** : World Wildlife Day (Theme 2025: Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and the Planet)
- **3 March** : World Hearing Day (Theme 2025 – Changing mindsets: empower yourself to make ear and hearing care a reality for all)
- **4 March** : National Safety Day (Theme 2025 - Safety and well-being are crucial for Viksit Bharat (Developed India))
- **4 March** : 6th World Engineering Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Unleashing the power of engineers to advance the Sustainable Development Goals)
- **5 March** : International Day for Disarmament and Nonproliferation Awareness
- **6 March** : National Dentist's Day 2025
- **7 March** : 7th Jan Aushadhi Diwas 2025
- **1st to 7th March** : Jan Aushadhi Diwas Week
- **8 March** : International Women's Day (IWD) (Theme 2025: For All Women and Girls: Rights, Equality, and Empowerment)
- **4 to 10 March** : 54th National Safety Week 2025 (Theme 2025 Safety & Well-being Crucial for Viksit Bharat)
- **10 March** : International Day of Women Judges
- **10 March** : CISF Raising Day
- **11 March** : 135th Foundation Day of National Archives of India (NAI)
- **12 March** (Second Wednesday of March) : No Smoking Day 2025
- **13 March** (2nd Thursday of March) : World Kidney Day (WKD) (Theme 2025 : Are Your Kidneys OK? Detect Early, Protect Kidney Health)
- **14 March** : Pi Day
- **14 March** : World Sleep Day (Theme 2025: Make Sleep Health a Priority)
- **15 March** : World Consumer Rights Day (Theme 2025: A Just Transition to Sustainable Lifestyles)





### IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cards to Mauritius' Prime Minister Navin Ramgoolam and his wife. Earlier in the day, PM Modi also handed OCI cards to Mauritius' President Dharambeer Gokhool and First Lady Vrinda Gokhool. The OCI card allows holders to live, work, and study in India without a visa.

Microsoft India Development Centre (IDC) at Sector-145, Noida and Sify Data Center at Gautam Buddha Nagar's Sector 132 Inaugurated by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Indian athletes finished their outstanding campaign at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Turin, Italy, with 33 medals, including 8 gold, 18 silver, and 7 bronze. This was the 12th edition of the Special Olympics Winter Games, which took place after an eight-year delay.

Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Dr Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated the maiden edition of Fit India Carnival in Delhi. The Fit India Carnival is a three-day fitness and wellness festival that strives to promote a healthy and active lifestyle

The Competition Commission of India has approved Hindustan Unilever Limited's (HUL) acquisition of Uprising Science Private Limited. As part of the deal, HUL will acquire a 90.5% stake in Uprising Science initially. The remaining 9.5% stake will be acquired within two years after the transaction is completed.

Genius





**Ques : How much total incentive has the government approved for banks under the UPI incentive scheme for FY 2024-25?**

- a) Rs.1,000 crore
- b) Rs.1,500 crore
- c) Rs.2,000 crore
- d) Rs.3,631 crore
- e) Rs.5,000 crore

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

- The Union Cabinet has approved a Rs.1,500 crore incentive scheme for FY 2024-25 to encourage UPI transactions below Rs.2,000.
- Under this scheme, banks will get a 0.15% incentive per eligible transaction, with one-fifth of it based on their infrastructure performance.
- The incentive is specifically aimed at small merchants and does not apply to payments above Rs.2,000.
- The initiative supports wider UPI adoption since UPI does not levy merchant fees like card-based transactions.
- In FY 2023-24, Rs.3,631 crore was disbursed to banks as UPI incentives, more than the combined total of the previous two years.
- The government aims to achieve Rs.20,000 crore in UPI transaction volume in FY 2024-25.

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**Ques : Which company has won two Gold Awards at the SKOCH Awards 2025?**

- a) Bandhan Bank
- b) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- c) Muthoot Microfin
- d) Equitas Microfinance
- e) Spandana Sphoorty

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- Muthoot Microfin, a pioneering microfinance institution dedicated to helping female entrepreneurs, won a spectacular double triumph at the SKOCH Awards 2025, receiving two coveted Gold Awards.
- The awards were awarded to Sadaf Sayeed, CEO of Muthoot Microfin, by Sameer Kochhar, Chairman of SKOCH Group, and Gursharan Dhanjal, Vice-Chairman of SKOCH Group, at a ceremony in New Delhi.

**The company received recognition for its competence in digital financial inclusion and insurance solutions, winning :**

- **Corporate Excellence** - "Best Customer Application on Digital Financial Inclusion" for its pioneering Mahila Mitra program.
- **BFSI Award** - "Best Insurance Scheme" for its Griha Raksha Insurance Scheme, which has insured 2.66 million people, demonstrating Muthoot Microfin's dedication to financial stability and social empowerment.







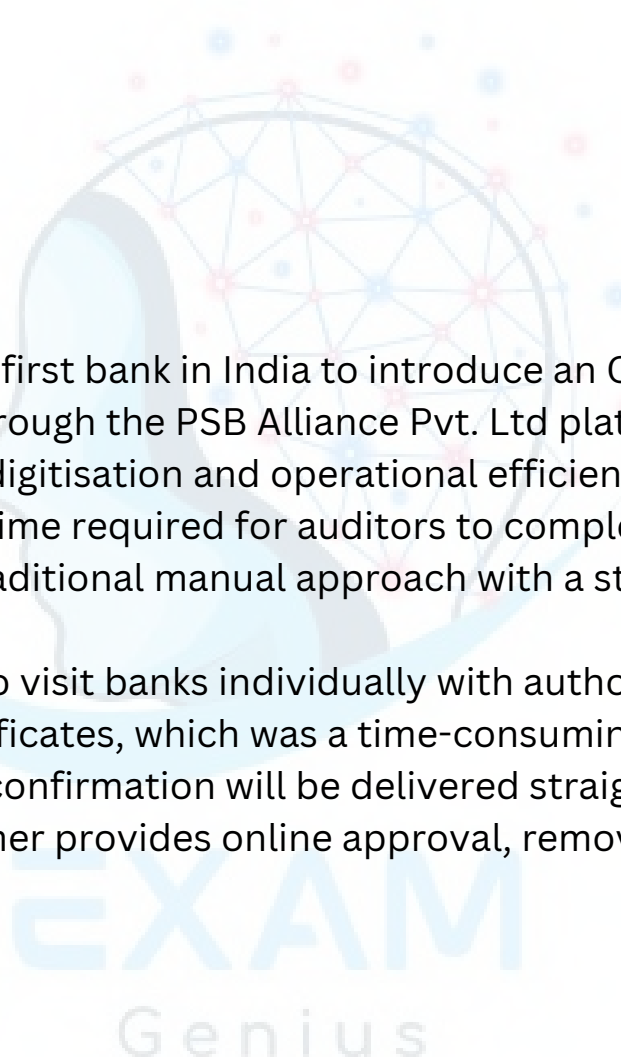
**Ques : Which bank has become the first in India to launch an Online Digital Balance Confirmation Certificate?**

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

**Answer :** Option D

**Explanation :**

- Canara Bank has been the first bank in India to introduce an Online Digital Balance Confirmation Certificate through the PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd platform, marking a significant step forward in digitisation and operational efficiency.
- This effort minimizes the time required for auditors to complete the auditing process by replacing the traditional manual approach with a streamlined digital alternative.
- Previously, auditors had to visit banks individually with authority letters to get Balance Confirmation Certificates, which was a time-consuming procedure.
- With this digital solution, confirmation will be delivered straight to auditors via the web portal after the customer provides online approval, removing the need for manual interaction.





**Ques : How much stake will Bain Capital acquire in Manappuram Finance initially?**

- (a) 10%
- (b) 12%
- (c) 16%
- (d) 18%
- (e) 20%

**Answer :** Option D

**Explanation :**

- Bain Capital will initially acquire an 18% stake in Manappuram Finance Ltd for Rs.4,385 crore through preferential allotment of equity and warrants.
- The shares will be issued at Rs.236 per share, which is a 30% premium over the 6-month average trading price.
- This deal triggers a mandatory open offer for an additional 26% stake at the same price.
- Depending on the open offer subscription, Bain Capital's total stake could go up to 41.7%.
- The investment aims to support Manappuram's growth, digital transformation, and operational efficiency.

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**Ques : What was the total issuance of Certificates of Deposits (CDs) by banks in FY25 (up to March 7, 2025)?**

- a) Rs.7.89 lakh crore
- b) Rs.9.25 lakh crore
- c) Rs.10.58 lakh crore
- d) Rs.12.10 lakh crore
- e) Rs.11.75 lakh crore

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- Banks' Certificate of Deposits (CDs) issuances reached Rs.10.58 lakh crore in FY25 up to March 7, 2025.
- This marks a 34% increase compared to Rs.7.89 lakh crore in FY24.
- The surge in CD issuances is due to a credit growth of 12% outpacing deposit growth of 10.6% as of February 21, 2025.
- To bridge the credit-deposit gap, banks have increased their dependence on short-term borrowings through CDs.
- CD rates also rose by 17 basis points from 7.47% to 7.64% between February 3 and March 18, 2025.
- This indicates rising short-term borrowing costs for banks.
- Tight liquidity conditions have been caused by RBI's forex interventions, high credit growth, and FPI outflows.

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**Ques : What was the total bilateral trade value between India and New Zealand in 2023-24?**

- a) \$1.2 billion
- b) \$873 million
- c) \$650 million
- d) \$990 million
- e) \$735 million

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

- During New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon's current visit, India and New Zealand committed to increase collaboration in digital payments as well as bilateral commerce and investment.
- India's merchandise exports to New Zealand totaled \$535 million in 2023-24, with imports of \$335.07 million, for a total trade value of \$873 million.
- The country is only the 59th greatest source of historical foreign direct investment in India, with inward investments totaling \$87.2 million since 2000.
- Both leaders also praised the signing of the Authorised Economic Operators Mutual Recognition Arrangement, which is part of the Customs Cooperation Arrangement inked in 2024 and will make it easier to transfer goods between the two nations.
- After amending the bilateral air services agreement, both parties agreed to encourage their carriers to start direct (non-stop) flights between the two nations.

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**Ques : The Varuna naval exercise is a bilateral engagement between India and which country?**

- a) United States
- b) Japan
- c) Australia
- d) France
- e) United Kingdom

**Answer : Option D**

**Explanation :**

- The Indian and French navies are preparing to deepen their maritime partnership with the 23rd edition of Varuna 2025, which will take place from March 19 to 22, 2025.
- This long-standing exercise, which began in 2001, remains a cornerstone of cooperation between the two countries, demonstrating their commitment to improving naval interoperability and operational synergy in the Indo-Pacific area.
- The drill, which will take place in the Arabian Sea, will involve an impressive fleet of naval assets, including the Indian Navy's aircraft carrier INS Vikrant and the French Navy's nuclear-powered carrier Charles de Gaulle.
- VARUNA 2025 will include advanced air defense drills and fighter exercises, such as realistic air-to-air combat between the French Rafale-M and Indian MiG-29K, to help develop tactical and operational skills.

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**Ques : What is India's rank in the World Happiness Report 2025?**

- (a) 117
- (b) 118
- (c) 119
- (d) 120
- (e) 121

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

- India's happiness score improved from 4.054 (2021–23) to 4.389 (2022–24), leading to a jump in rank from 126th to 118th among 147 countries.
- Despite Pakistan having a higher score of 4.768, its rank dropped from 108th to 109th.
- The World Happiness Report uses Gallup World Poll data where people rate their lives from 0 to 10, and the ranking is based on a 3-year average.
- Key factors include GDP per capita, life expectancy, social support, freedom, generosity, and corruption perception.
- Among neighbors, Nepal showed the biggest improvement (+0.71), while India's score has declined by -0.58 over time.

**Ranking of top 5 and last countries :**

- 1 Finland
- 2 Denmark
- 3 Iceland
- 4 Sweden
- 5 Netherlands
- 118 India
- 147 Afghanistan







**Ques : Which state government replaced the 'Rs' symbol with 'Ru' in the budget 2025-2026 ?**

- (a) Ladakh
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Odisha

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

- Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin said his government replaced the 'Rs' symbol with 'Ru' in the budget 2025-2026 to demonstrate DMK's commitment to the language issue.
- The Tamil Nadu government has replaced the rupee sign with 'Ru,' the first letter of 'Rubaai', which represents the national currency in the vernacular language.
- D Udaya Kumar, a design professional, created the rupee (₹) symbol for a contest in 2009. He currently leads the IIT Guwahati design department.
- During Pranab Mukherjee's tenure as Union Finance Minister under Manmohan Singh, the symbol he developed was approved countrywide in 2010.

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**Ques : Between 2015 and 2024, how many foreign satellites has India launched?**

- (a) 197
- (b) 245
- (c) 258
- (d) 393
- (e) 300

**Answer :** Option D

**Explanation :**

- Between 2015 and 2024, India generated USD 143 million in foreign exchange revenue by launching 393 satellites from 34 countries, making it a worldwide space leader.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched satellites using PSLV, LVM3, and SSLV launch vehicles.
- This success has enhanced India's standing in the global space economy and prepared the path for future ambitious missions such as Gaganyaan and Bharatiya Antariksha Station, scheduled for 2035.
- There were 393 foreign satellites launched, with 232 in the US, 83 in the UK, 19 in Singapore, 8 in Canada, 5 in Korea, 4 in Luxemburg, 4 in Germany, 3 in Belgium, 3 in Finland, 3 in France, 2 in Switzerland, 2 in the Netherlands, 2 in Japan, 2 in Israel, 2 in Spain, 1 in Australia, 1 in the UAE, and 1 in Austria.
- Three Indian customer satellites were launched commercially.
- Space collaboration agreements have been inked with 61 countries and five multilateral organizations.
- Total Fund - 272 Million Euro = 296 Million USD , Total – 439 Million USD





**Ques : Where has India's first PPP-based green waste processing plant been launched?**

- (a) Guwahati
- (b) Indore
- (c) Agra
- (d) Ranchi
- (e) New Delhi

**Answer :** option B

**Explanation :**

- Indore, Madhya Pradesh, has become the first city in India to launch a green waste processing plant under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.
- This project is part of the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U), promoting sustainable waste management practices.
- The plant, built over 55,000 square feet in Bicholi Hapsi, will process green waste like wood and branches to produce eco-friendly wood pellets.
- These pellets will serve as a cleaner alternative to coal, contributing to energy conservation and pollution reduction.
- This first-of-its-kind initiative sets an example for other Indian cities to adopt eco-conscious waste-to-energy solutions.

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### Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and world :

- 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
- India's first commercial semiconductor fabrication unit Total investment is Rs 91,000 crore with capacity of 50,000 wafer starts per month (WSPM)
- 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 Jammu and Kashmir Police registered the first e-FIR at Police Station Khrew, a crucial step towards digital policing.
- The GoI authorized the Rs 42,000 crore Arunachal Frontier Highway project, becoming India's first large-scale road project
- 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
- Pixxel, a Bengaluru-based business, has launched India's first private hyperspectral satellite constellation through its Firefly project, making history.
- Amazon introduced the prototype of Ocelot, their first quantum computing chip developed in-house. Amazon's Ocelot chip aims to improve hardware efficiency
- Uttar Pradesh (UP) Assembly made history by becoming the first legislative body in India to implement a translation facility. This new service will permit discussions in Awadhi, Braj, Bhojpuri, Bundelkhand, and English
- Microsoft unveiled its first quantum processor. The Majorana 1 chip is powered by a novel Topological Core design.
- India has established its first zoo-based biobank at the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (PNHZP) in Darjeeling, West Bengal, advancing wildlife conservation efforts
- India's first Road Train Inaugurated by Union Minister, Nitin Jairam Gadkari, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways at Nagpur, Maharashtra
- Madhya Pradesh has introduced India's first designated Global Capability Centers (GCC) Policy 2025, marking a significant economic milestone





**Ques : Which edition of QS World University Rankings by Subject Published by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) ?**

- (a) 11th
- (b) 12th
- (c) 13th
- (d) 14th
- (e) 15th

**Answer :** Option E

**Explanation :**

- QS World University Rankings by Subject Edition 15th Published by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)
- For the first time, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) (Indian School of Mines, ISM) Dhanbad ranked 20th in the Engineering - Mineral and Mining subject area, surpassing other Indian universities.
- The 2025 edition ranks 55 disciplines across five categories: Arts & Humanities, Engineering & Technology, Life Sciences & Medicine, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences & Management.
- US universities dominated 32 academic specialties, with Harvard University leading in 15 and MIT (USA) in 11.
- The 2025 rankings comprised 79 Indian institutions with 533 entrants, a 25.7% increase from the previous year's 69 institutions and 424 entries (2024).
- Despite minor reductions, 9 Indian universities are rated in the top 50 globally in the QS topic rankings for 2025.
- India ranks 12th globally for the number of overall entries and 5th in new entries, following China, the US, the UK, and Korea.

**Ranking of top 3 universities in each categories :**

**Arts & Humanities :**

- 1 Harvard University, USA
- 2 University of Oxford, UK
- 3 University of Cambridge, UK





## Engineering & Technology :

- 1 Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA
- 2 University of Oxford, UK
- 3 Stanford University, UK

## Life Sciences & Medicine :

- 1 Harvard University, USA
- 2 University of Oxford, UK
- 3 Johns Hopkins University, USA

## Natural Sciences :

- 1 Harvard University, USA
- 2 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA
- 3 University of Oxford, UK

## Social Sciences & Management :

- 1 Harvard University, USA
- 2 University of Oxford, UK
- 3 Stanford University, USA

## Ranking of Indian Universities :

- 20 Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad
- 28 IIT Bombay (IITB)
- 45 IIT Kharagpur (IITK)
- 26 IIT Delhi (IITD)
- 50 IIT Bombay (IITB)
- 27 Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA)
- 40 IIM Bangalore (IIB)
- 31 IIT Madras (IITM)
- 29 Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)







**Ques : Which state recently initiated scientific coal mining after almost a decade of ban on rat-hole coal mining imposed by the National Green Tribunal (NGT)?**

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

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

- Following the National Green Tribunal's (NGT) nearly decade-long prohibition on rat-hole coal mining, Meghalaya began scientific coal mining.
- Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma virtually inaugurated the first scientific coal mining block at Saryngkham-A, located in the Byndihati area of East Jaintia Hills district.
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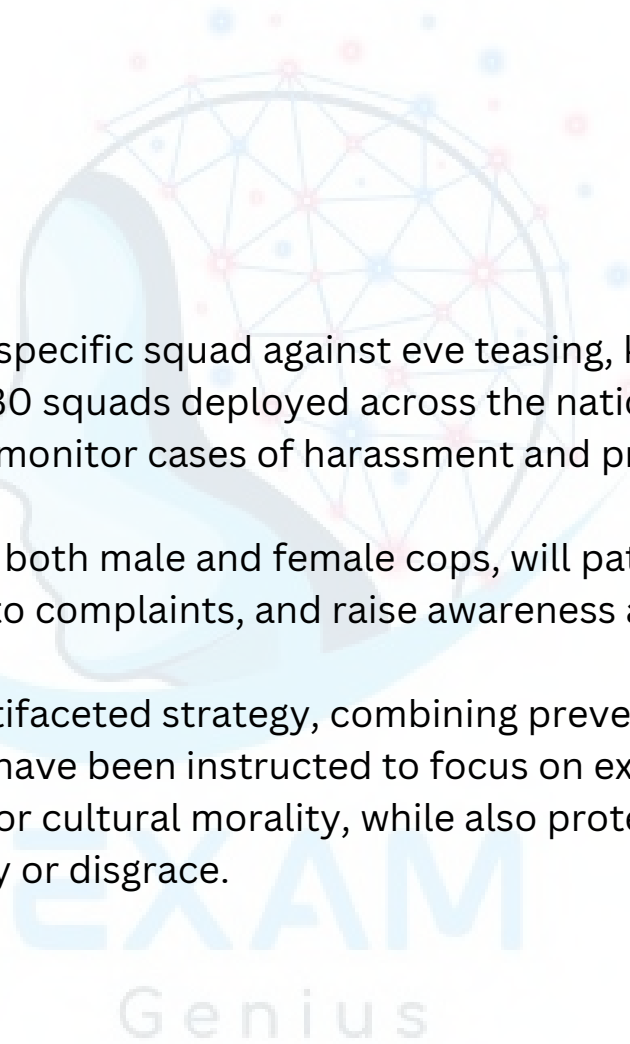
**Ques : What is the name of the newly launched anti-eve teasing squad by Delhi Police?**

- a) Nirbhaya Force
- b) Mahila Suraksha Dal
- c) Raksha Squad
- d) Shishtachar
- e) Veerangana

**Answer : Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Delhi Police has formed a specific squad against eve teasing, known as 'Shishtachar,' with at least 30 squads deployed across the national capital, particularly in hotspots, to monitor cases of harassment and protect women's safety in public places.
- These squads, made up of both male and female cops, will patrol high-risk locations, respond quickly to complaints, and raise awareness about harassment legislation.
- The campaign takes a multifaceted strategy, combining prevention, intervention, and victim aid. The squads have been instructed to focus on executing the law without imposing personal or cultural morality, while also protecting victims from unnecessary public scrutiny or disgrace.





**Ques : Stuart Young to be sworn in as new Prime Minister of which country ?**

- (a) Guyana
- (b) Mauritius
- (c) Trinidad and Tobago
- (d) Fiji
- (e) Suriname

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- Stuart Young, Trinidad and Tobago's next Prime Minister, will be sworn in during a ceremony at the President's House in St. Ann's.
- Mr Young is now the Minister of Energy and Energy Industries. He will follow outgoing Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley, who made his final public appearance at the People's National Movement (PNM) Special Convention.

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### Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President :

- **Mark Carney** : Prime Minister of Canada (Replaced Justin Trudeau)
- **65th President of Uruguay** : Yamandú Orsi (Replaced Luis Lacalle Pou)
- **President of Greece** : Constantine Tassoulas (Replaced Katerina Sakellaropoulou, Greece's first female president)
- **Prime Minister of Vanuatu** : Jotham Napat (Replaced Charlot Salwai)
- **Interim President of Romania** : Ilie Bolojan ( Replaced Klaus Iohannis )
- **Prime Minister of Lebanon** : Nawaf Salam (Replaced Najib Mikati)
- **Prime minister of Belgium** : Bart De Wever
- **Interim President of Syria** : Ahmed alSharaa (Replaced Bashar al-Assad)
- **President of Belarus** : Alexander Lukashenko
- **Prime minister of Ireland** : Micheal Martin
- **47th President of the United States** : Donald Trump for Second Term
- **President of Croatia** : Zoran Milanovic
- **President of Venezuela** : Nicolas Maduro
- **President of Lebanon** : Joseph Aoun
- **Prime Minister of Iceland** : Kristrun Frostadottir (Replaced Bjarni Benediktsson)
- **President of Moldova** : Ms Maia Sandu
- **President of Tonga** : Aisake Valu Eke
- **President of Georgia** : Mikheil Kavelashvili

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**Ques : Where is the newly approved Brownfield Ammonia-Urea Complex by the Union Cabinet to be established?**

- a) Paradeep, Odisha
- b) Namrup, Assam
- c) Panipat, Haryana
- d) Bhatinda, Punjab
- e) Haldia, West Bengal

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

- The Union Cabinet has approved a new Brownfield Ammonia-Urea Complex at Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL) in Namrup, Assam, with an annual production capacity of 12.7 lakh metric tonnes (LMT).
- The project will be performed under a Joint Venture (JV) with a 70:30 Debt-Equity ratio at a cost of ₹10,601.40 crore, following the New Investment Policy, 2012 and its 2014 revisions. The completion timetable is 48 months
- National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) has been granted an 18% equity participation, which exceeds the guidelines set by the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), and the project will be overseen by an Inter-Ministerial Committee.
- The Government of Assam owns 40% of the equity, BVFCL owns 11%, National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) and Oil India Limited (OIL) each own 18%, and Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Limited (HURL) owns 13%.
- The project intends to increase domestic urea production, benefiting North-East India, Bihar, West Bengal, Eastern Uttar Pradesh, and Jharkhand, while also improving energy efficiency and creating job opportunities.





**Ques : Who has inaugurated the India Innovation Summit – Pioneering Solutions to End TB?**

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
- (c) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- (d) Anupriya Patel
- (e) Narendra Modi

**Answer :** Option D

**Explanation :**

- Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Anupriya Patel, has opened the India Innovation Summit - Pioneering Solutions to End Tuberculosis at the Bharat Mandapam Convention Centre.
- The Department of Health Research-Indian Council of Medical Research (DHR-ICMR) and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's Central TB Division (CTD) collaborated to organize the Summit. The conference intends to accelerate India's efforts toward TB elimination by 2025.
- The Program is consistently working toward its aim of eliminating tuberculosis by 2025. The number of missing cases has been reduced from 15 lakh in 2015 to 2.5 lakh by 2023.
- The program was able to notify 25.5 lakh tuberculosis and 26.07 lakh cases in 2023 and 2024, the highest ever.
- A shorter and safer oral Bedaquiline-containing drug resistant TB treatment regimen has been implemented throughout all states/UTs, increasing treatment success rates for drug-resistant TB patients from 68% in 2020 to 75% by 2022.







### Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2025 Held at Fira Gran Via in Barcelona, Spain.
- India and Chile had their first joint working group (JWG) meeting on agriculture virtually
- The 353rd Governing Body meeting of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) took place in Geneva, Switzerland
- Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced a \$1 billion fund for the creative economy as part of the World Audio-Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025
- The Bureau of Water Use Efficiency (BWUE), under the National Water Mission (NWM) and the Ministry of Jal Shakti, collaborated with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) to organize the Water Sustainability Conference 2025, focusing on Industrial Water Use Efficiency
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 10th edition of the Raisina Dialogue, India's premier conference on geopolitics and geo-economics
- The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) exhibited India's agricultural and processed food excellence at the 39th edition of AAHAR 2025, hosted by the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi
- The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, launched the second edition of Vividhta Ka Amrit Mahotsav at Rashtrapati Bhavan

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**Ques : The International Day to Combat Islamophobia is observed annually on which day ?**

- (a) 15 March
- (b) 16 March
- (c) 18 March
- (d) 19 March
- (e) 20 March

**Answer : Option A**

**Explanation :**

- The International Day to Combat Islamophobia is observed annually on March 15.
- The United Nations established this day in 2022 to address and raise awareness of Islamophobia, prejudice, and violence against Muslims around the world.
- In reaction to the 2019 Christchurch mosque attacks in New Zealand, which murdered 51 people, the UN General Assembly recognized March 15 as International Day to Combat Islamophobia.
- The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution sponsored by 60 Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member states designating March 15 as International Day to Combat Islamophobia.

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**Ques : World Oral Health Day is celebrated annually on which day ?**

- (a) 15 March
- (b) 16 March
- (c) 18 March
- (d) 19 March
- (e) 20 March

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation :**

- World Oral Health Day is observed each year on March 20 to raise awareness about the importance of oral hygiene, dental care, and general oral health.
- Theme 2025: "A Happy Mouth is...A Happy Mind."
- The day encourages people to practice healthy dental practices and emphasizes the importance of oral health to overall well-being.

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**Ques : World Sparrow Day is observed annually on which day ?**

- (a) 15 March
- (b) 16 March
- (c) 18 March
- (d) 19 March
- (e) 20 March

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation :**

- World Sparrow Day is marked yearly on March 20 to raise awareness about sparrow populations in decline and the need for conservation efforts.
- Theme 2025: A tribute to nature's tiny messengers.
- The first observation occurred in 2010 to emphasize the issues that sparrows confront as a result of urbanization, habitat loss, pollution, and radiation from cell towers.

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### Important days :

- **1 March** : World Seagrass Day (Theme 2025 Harnessing Seagrass' Carbon Sequestration Potential Against the Climate Crisis)
- **1 March** : Zero Discrimination Day (Theme 2025: We Stand Together)
- **1 March** : World Civil Defence Day (Theme 2025 Civil Defence, Guarantee of Security for the Population)
- **3 March** : World Wildlife Day (Theme 2025: Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and the Planet)
- **3 March** : World Hearing Day (Theme 2025 – Changing mindsets: empower yourself to make ear and hearing care a reality for all)
- **4 March** : National Safety Day (Theme 2025 - Safety and well-being are crucial for Viksit Bharat (Developed India))
- **4 March** : 6th World Engineering Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Unleashing the power of engineers to advance the Sustainable Development Goals)
- **5 March** : International Day for Disarmament and Nonproliferation Awareness
- **6 March** : National Dentist's Day 2025
- **7 March** : 7th Jan Aushadhi Diwas 2025
- **1st to 7th March** : Jan Aushadhi Diwas Week
- **8 March** : International Women's Day (IWD) (Theme 2025: For All Women and Girls: Rights, Equality, and Empowerment)
- **4 to 10 March** : 54th National Safety Week 2025 (Theme 2025 Safety & Well-being Crucial for Viksit Bharat)
- **10 March** : International Day of Women Judges
- **10 March** : CISF Raising Day
- **11 March** : 135th Foundation Day of National Archives of India (NAI)
- **12 March** (Second Wednesday of March) : No Smoking Day 2025
- **13 March (2nd Thursday of March)** : World Kidney Day (WKD) (Theme 2025 : Are Your Kidneys OK? Detect Early, Protect Kidney Health)
- **14 March** : Pi Day
- **14 March** : International Day of Action for Rivers (Theme 2025 Our Rivers, Our Future)
- **14 March** : World Sleep Day (Theme 2025: Make Sleep Health a Priority)
- **15 March** : World Consumer Rights Day (Theme 2025: A Just Transition to Sustainable Lifestyles)
- **18 March** : National Ordnance Factories Day





### IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Former Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has been handed over to the International Criminal Court (ICC) after his arrest on charges of crimes against humanity related to his deadly anti-drug crackdown.

‘No Money for Terror’ (NMFT) Conference 4th Edition Held at Munich, Germany. Indian Delegation Lead by Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai. Previous Conferences in France (Paris, 2018), Australia (2019) and India (2022)

Amazon, Alphabet’s Google, and Meta Platforms signed to support the global initiative to triple nuclear energy capacity by 2050.

Patanjali Ayurved Limited (PAL) and Dharampal Satyapal Group Limited (DS Group) have jointly acquired a 98% stake in Magma HDI General Insurance Company Limited, a subsidiary of Adar Poonawalla-owned Sanoti Properties LLP, for Rs 4,500 crore.

Bengaluru’s Kempegowda International Airport (KIAB) has been honored with the Air Service Quality (ASQ) award for the third consecutive year.

Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited (TAFE) has selected Lakshmi Venu as its Vice Chairman. Lakshmi has played an important role in our leadership team and on the TAFE Board.

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