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Ques : Which Regional Rural Bank became the first in India to launch e-Bank Guarantee (e-BG) services?

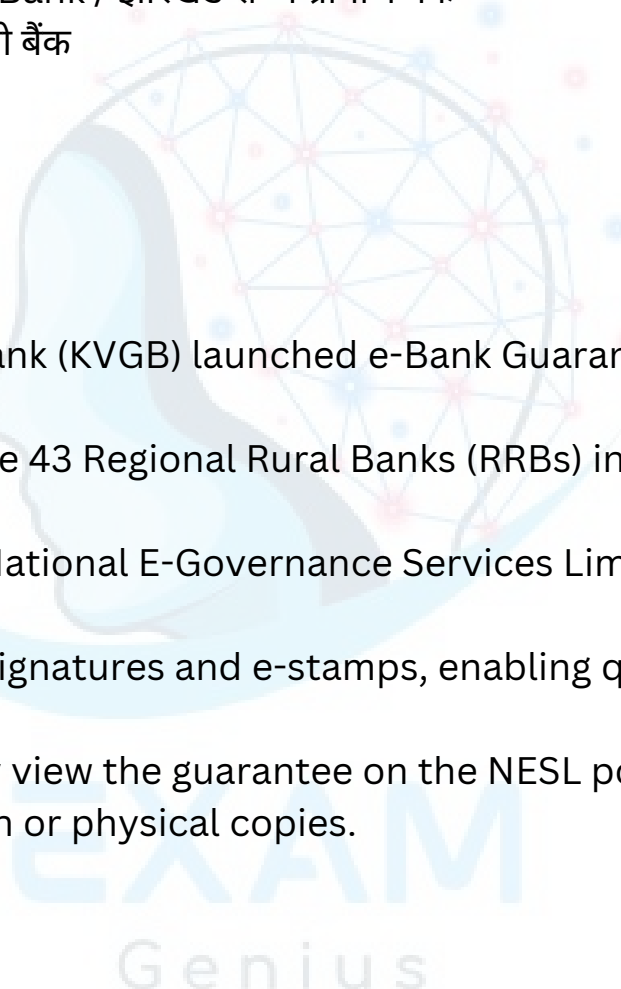
भारत में ई-बैंक गारंटी (e-BG) सेवा शुरू करने वाला पहला क्षेत्रीय ग्रामीण बैंक (RRB) कौन बना?

- a) Kerala Gramin Bank / केरल ग्रामीण बैंक
- b) Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank / आंध्र प्रदेश ग्रामीण विकास बैंक
- c) Karnataka Vikas Gramin Bank / कर्नाटक विकास ग्रामीण बैंक
- d) Jharkhand Rajya Gramin Bank / झारखंड राज्य ग्रामीण बैंक
- e) Baroda UP Bank / बड़ौदा यूपी बैंक

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Karnataka Vikas Gramin Bank (KVGB) launched e-Bank Guarantee (e-BG) services in Dharwad, Karnataka.
- KVGB is the first among the 43 Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in India to offer this facility.
- The bank partnered with National E-Governance Services Limited (NESL) to launch the service.
- The e-BG process uses e-signatures and e-stamps, enabling quick and paperless issuance of guarantees.
- Beneficiaries can instantly view the guarantee on the NESL portal, removing the need for manual verification or physical copies.





Ques : What is the current repo rate after RBI's April 2025 cut?

अप्रैल 2025 में RBI की कटौती के बाद वर्तमान रेपो दर क्या है?

- a) 6.25%
- b) 6.75%
- c) 6.5%
- d) 6%
- e) 5.75%

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- In April 2025, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cut the repo rate by 25 basis points (0.25%), bringing it down to 6%.
- This move was driven by concerns over Global trade war uncertainties, Tariff-related impacts from U.S. economic policies and Risks to domestic growth momentum
- The GDP growth forecast for the current fiscal was revised downward from 6.7% to 6.5%.
- Policy stance was changed from neutral to accommodative, signaling a focus on supporting economic growth.
- RBI emphasized the need to stimulate demand and revive investment, placing higher priority on growth than inflation.
- The central bank also hinted at the possibility of further rate cuts if needed.

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Ques: What is the tenure of the new 'bob Square Drive Deposit Scheme' launched by Bank of Baroda?

बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा द्वारा शुरू की गई नई 'बॉब स्क्वायर ड्राइव डिपॉजिट स्कीम' की अवधि क्या है?

- (a) 400 days / 400 दिन
- (b) 500 days / 500 दिन
- (c) 444 days / 444 दिन
- (d) 333 days / 333 दिन
- (e) 365 days / 365 दिन

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Bank of Baroda launched a new fixed deposit scheme called 'bob Square Drive Deposit Scheme', effective from April 7, 2025.
- This scheme offers a tenure of 444 days.
- **The interest rates are:**
 - 7.15% per annum for the general public
 - 7.65% for senior citizens
 - 7.75% for super senior citizens (80+ years)
- This scheme replaces the earlier Utsav Deposit Scheme, which has now been withdrawn.

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Ques : Which public awareness campaign has the RBI expanded with the launch of the WhatsApp channel?

व्हाट्सएप चैनल लॉन्च करने के साथ RBI ने किस सार्वजनिक जागरूकता अभियान का विस्तार किया है?

- (a) Safer Banking India / सुरक्षित बैंकिंग इंडिया
- (b) Financial Literacy Campaign / वित्तीय साक्षरता अभियान
- (c) RBI Kehta Hai / RBI कहता है
- (d) Digital Banking Awareness / डिजिटल बैंकिंग जागरूकता
- (e) Consumer Rights Awareness / उपभोक्ता अधिकार जागरूकता

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- RBI has launched a WhatsApp Channel to enhance its financial literacy campaign, especially targeting remote and underserved areas.
- This is part of its broader initiative 'RBI Kehta Hai', which spreads awareness on safe banking, consumer rights, and fraud prevention.
- The WhatsApp channel will share verified and secure information, helping combat financial myths and ensuring people make informed financial decisions.

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Ques : Who has been appointed as the Executive Director – Technology and Operations of Equitas Small Finance Bank?

इक्विटास स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक के कार्यकारी निदेशक – प्रौद्योगिकी और संचालन के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Vasudevan P N / वासुदेवन पी. एन.
- (b) Balaji Nuthalapadi / बालाजी नुथलापदी
- (c) Ramesh Subramanian / रमेश सुब्रमण्यम
- (d) Arvind Krishna / अरविंद कृष्णा
- (e) Sanjay Agarwal / संजय अग्रवाल

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Balaji Nuthalapadi has been appointed as the Executive Director – Technology and Operations at Equitas Small Finance Bank.
- Equitas Small Finance Bank was established in 2016 and is headquartered in Chennai.
- The current Managing Director and CEO of the bank is Vasudevan P N.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Oman India Joint Investment Fund – Management Company?

ओमान इंडिया संयुक्त निवेश कोष – प्रबंधन कंपनी के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (CEO) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Rajiv Kumar / राजीव कुमार
- (b) Satish Chavva / सतीश चव्वा
- (c) Sanjay Joshi / संजय जोशी
- (d) Nitin Gupta / नितिन गुप्ता
- (e) Ravi Menon / रवि मेनन

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Satish Chavva has been appointed as the CEO of Oman India Joint Investment Fund – Management Company (OIJIF-MC), a private equity fund manager backed by the Oman Investment Authority and the State Bank of India (SBI).
- He previously worked with British International Investment, where he led Direct Private Equity for South Asia.
- Chavva has a prior connection with OIJIF, having served as Director of Investments from 2016 to 2022.
- He also worked with Citi Group for over 9 years, including its private equity arm Citi Venture Capital International, in both India and the UK

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Ques: PNB MetLife India Insurance has partnered with which platform to launch the Pension Premier Multicap Fund under its ULIP plan?

पीएनबी मेटलाइफ इंडिया इंश्योरेंस ने अपनी यूनिट लिंक्ड इंश्योरेंस प्लान (ULIP) के तहत पेंशन प्रीमियर मल्टीकैप फंड लॉन्च करने के लिए किस प्लेटफॉर्म के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) BankBazaar / बैंकबाज़ार
- (b) IndiaFirst Life / इंडियाफर्स्ट लाइफ
- (c) LIC / एलआईसी
- (d) Policybazaar / पॉलिसीबाज़ार
- (e) Max Life / मैक्स लाइफ

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- PNB MetLife India Insurance Company Limited has partnered with Policybazaar to launch the Pension Premier Multicap Fund under its Unit-Linked Insurance Plans (ULIPs).
- The fund is offered under the PNB MetLife Smart Invest Pension Plan (UIN – 117L137V02).
- It aims to help build a retirement corpus while offering life insurance protection.
- The fund is open for subscription from April 1 to April 15, 2025, at an initial Net Asset Value (NAV) of Rs.10, after which it will be market-linked.

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Ques : What was the main reason RBI imposed a Rs.36.40 lakh penalty on Aryavart Bank in March 2025?

RBI ने मार्च 2025 में आर्यावर्त बैंक पर Rs.36.40 लाख का जुर्माना किस मुख्य कारण से लगाया?

- A) Failure to report NPAs correctly / एनपीए की सही रिपोर्टिंग न करना
- B) Violation of KYC norms / केवाईसी मानदंडों का उल्लंघन
- C) Non-compliance in SLR maintenance / एसएलआर रखरखाव में गैर-अनुपालन
- D) Delay in transferring unclaimed amounts to DEAF / दावा न की गई राशि को डीईएफ में स्थानांतरित करने में देरी
- E) Misreporting of priority sector lending / प्राथमिकता क्षेत्र ऋण की गलत रिपोर्टिंग

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- RBI imposed a Rs.36.40 lakh penalty on Aryavart Bank, Lucknow for not complying with regulatory norms.
- The penalty was issued on March 28, 2025, after an inspection conducted by NABARD.
- The bank failed to transfer eligible unclaimed amounts to the Depositor Education and Awareness Fund (DEAF) within the prescribed timeframe.
- This action violates Section 26A read with Section 51(1) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- RBI clarified that the penalty is due to statutory non-compliance and does not affect the validity of any customer-related transactions.

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Ques: Who recently resigned as the Executive Director of Federal Bank?
हाल ही में फेडरल बैंक के कार्यकारी निदेशक के पद से किसने इस्तीफा दिया?

- (a) Shalini Warriar / शालिनी वॉरियर
- (b) Ramesh Iyer / रमेश अय्यर
- (c) Balaji Nuthalapadi / बालाजी नुथलापदी
- (d) Rupa Devi Singh / रूपा देवी सिंह
- (e) Usha Ananthasubramanian / उषा अनंतसुब्रमण्यम

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Shalini Warriar has resigned as the Executive Director of Federal Bank.
- She joined the bank in 2015 as the Chief Operating Officer (COO).
- In 2020, she was promoted to Executive Director.
- Her departure marks the end of nearly a decade-long tenure with the bank, during which she played a pivotal role in operational strategy and transformation.

About Federal Bank :

- Established : 1931
- HQ : Kochi, Kerala
- MD & CEO : KVS Manian
- Tagline : Your Perfect Banking Partner

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Ques : What is the revised GDP growth forecast for India for FY26 as per ADB's April 2025 report?

ADB की अप्रैल 2025 रिपोर्ट के अनुसार FY26 के लिए भारत की संशोधित GDP वृद्धि दर क्या है?

- A) 7.3%
- B) 7.4%
- C) 7.8%
- D) 6.7%
- E) 6.9%

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) revised India's FY26 GDP growth forecast to 6.7%, down from the earlier 7% projection.
- Reasons for the downgrade includes, Global economic uncertainty, Impact of US tariffs on Indian exports and Risks to foreign investment flows
- ADB projects a slight rebound in FY27, forecasting 6.8% GDP growth.
- Inflation projections of FY26 is 4.3% and FY27 is 4.0%
- ADB recommends to Build resilience in the food supply chain and Extend policy support for rural income growth and inflation moderation
- India could gain from trade diversions triggered by evolving global tariff structures according to Moody's view.

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Ques: Under MSP operations, which state recorded the highest procurement of cotton by the government in 2025?

न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य (MSP) अभियान के तहत 2025 में सरकार द्वारा कपास की सबसे अधिक खरीद किस राज्य में दर्ज की गई?

- (a) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Telangana / तेलंगाना
- (d) Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- (e) Karnataka / कर्नाटक

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India procured 100 lakh bales of cotton under MSP operations through its nodal agency.
- This equals 38% of total cotton arrivals and 34% of total estimated cotton production.
- Telangana recorded the highest procurement with 40 lakh bales, followed by Maharashtra (30 lakh) and Gujarat (14 lakh).
- Other states with notable procurement include Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and smaller amounts from Haryana, Rajasthan, and Punjab.
- A total of Rs.37,450 crore has been disbursed to around 21 lakh cotton farmers across India.

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Ques: The 7th edition of 'Poshan Pakhwada', launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, is observed during which dates in 2025?

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्रालय द्वारा शुरू किया गया 'पोषण पखवाड़ा' का 7वां संस्करण 2025 में किस अवधि के दौरान मनाया जा रहा है?

- (a) April 1 to 14
- (b) April 5 to 21
- (c) April 10 to 24
- (d) April 8 to 22
- (e) April 7 to 20

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) launched the 7th edition of Poshan Pakhwada, being observed from April 8 to 22, 2025.

It focuses on four core themes:

1. Maternal and infant nutrition in the first 1,000 days
 2. Promotion of the Poshan Tracker app
 3. Community-Based Management of Malnutrition (CMAM)
 4. Encouraging a healthy lifestyle to prevent childhood obesity
- The campaign includes WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) efforts in collaboration with Jal Jeevan Mission and Swachh Bharat Mission–Grameen.
 - Social media hashtags like #DDWSJoinsPoshanPakhwada and #PoshanPakhwada are being used to enhance outreach.



Ques : Which UK university is set to open its campus in Gift City, Gujarat, with academic session starting from 2026?

कौन-सी यूके की यूनिवर्सिटी 2026 से GIFT सिटी, गुजरात में अपना कैंपस शुरू करने जा रही है?

- A) Oxford University / ऑक्सफोर्ड विश्वविद्यालय
- B) University of Manchester / मैनचेस्टर विश्वविद्यालय
- C) Coventry University / कोवेंट्री विश्वविद्यालय
- D) University of Cambridge / कैम्ब्रिज विश्वविद्यालय
- E) University of Leeds / लीड्स विश्वविद्यालय

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Coventry University (UK) has received approval to establish an international campus in Gift City, Gujarat.
- It is among the first few foreign universities to set up a presence in India's financial hub.
- Academic session is set to begin in 2026.
- The initial courses offered include: BSc Honours in International Business Management and BSc Honours in Business and Finance
- This move supports India's efforts to boost global educational collaboration and provide international learning opportunities within the country.

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Ques : As per FY25 data, how many more families availed NREGS compared to pre-Covid FY20?

FY25 के अनुसार, कोविड से पहले FY20 की तुलना में कितने अधिक परिवारों ने NREGS का लाभ उठाया?

- a) 65 lakh
- b) 78 lakh
- c) 85 lakh
- d) 1 crore
- e) 45 lakh

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), 5.78 crore families availed benefits in FY25, excluding West Bengal.
- This reflects an increase of 85 lakh families compared to FY20 (pre-Covid), when 4.93 crore families were beneficiaries.
- Maharashtra saw a notable rise 15.37 lakh families (FY20) and 30.07 lakh families (FY25)
- Increase is driven by Emphasis on individual asset creation, Work like digging wells, building goat and buffalo sheds and Provision of top-up wages beyond the standard 100-day guarantee
- Compared to the pandemic peak year (FY21), some states like Maharashtra, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, and Tripura recorded further increases in demand.

States with highest demand in FY25 include:

- Tamil Nadu – 65.32 lakh
- Uttar Pradesh – 65.28 lakh
- Rajasthan – 58.86 lakh
- Bihar – 51.36 lakh
- Andhra Pradesh – 46.93 lakh



Ques: The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) has partnered with which organization to launch Phase 2 of the “Niveshak Didi” initiative for rural women’s financial literacy?

निवेशक शिक्षा और संरक्षण कोष प्राधिकरण (IEPFA) ने ग्रामीण महिलाओं की वित्तीय साक्षरता के लिए “निवेशक दीदी” पहल के चरण 2 को शुरू करने के लिए किस संगठन के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) NABARD / नाबार्ड
- (b) SIDBI / सिडबी
- (c) India Post Payments Bank / इंडिया पोस्ट पेमेंट्स बैंक
- (d) SEBI / सेबी
- (e) RBI / आरबीआई

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) under the Department of Posts have signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA).
- This is for Phase 2 of the "Niveshak Didi" initiative, which aims to enhance financial literacy for women in rural, semi-urban, and underserved areas.
- Women postal workers and community leaders are trained to act as financial educators.
- In Phase 1, over 55,000 beneficiaries participated, with 60% female, mostly from deep rural areas.

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Ques : What will the M-CADWM sub-scheme use to connect irrigation sources with farmland?

M-CADWM उप-योजना सिंचाई स्रोतों को कृषि भूमि से जोड़ने के लिए क्या उपयोग करेगी?

- (a) Canals / नहरें
- (b) Underground pressurised piped system / भूमिगत दबावयुक्त पाइप सिस्टम
- (c) Water trucks / जल ट्रक
- (d) Rainwater harvesting / वर्षा जल संचयन
- (e) Solar-powered pumps / सौर ऊर्जा संचालित पंप

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The M-CADWM (Modernisation of Command Area Development and Water Management) sub-scheme is aimed at improving micro-irrigation infrastructure under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) for the 2025–26 period.
- The sub-scheme focuses on delivering water directly to farm gates through a pressurised underground piping system in 78 pilot sites across India, benefiting nearly 80,000 farmers.
- The initiative aims to modernise irrigation networks, ensuring efficient water supply to 1-hectare fields in remote areas.

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Ques: What is the name of India's first tri-service all-women global circumnavigation sailing expedition?

भारत के पहले त्रि-सेवा वाली महिला वैश्विक परिक्रमा नौकायन अभियान का नाम क्या है?

- (a) Navika Sagar Parikrama / नाविका सागर परिक्रमा
- (b) Nari Vayu Yatra / नारी वायु यात्रा
- (c) Samudra Pradakshina / समुद्र प्रदक्षिणा
- (d) Triveni Shakti Abhiyan / त्रिवेणी शक्ति अभियान
- (e) Tarini Parikrama / तारिणी परिक्रमा

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The first tri-service all-women global circumnavigation expedition, "Samudra Pradakshina," was flagged off from Colaba, Mumbai, aboard the Indian Army Sailing Vessel (IASV) Triveni.
- The expedition involves 12 women crew members from the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force.
- It was flagged off by Lieutenant General AK Ramesh from the Indian Naval Watermanship Training Centre.
- The crew underwent intensive training at the Army Adventure Nodal Centre, Marve, Mumbai.
- The voyage includes a 4,000 nautical mile journey to Seychelles and back to Mumbai in 55 days.
- The mission promotes Nari Shakti (women empowerment) in the Indian Armed Forces.
- In comparison, INSV Tarini carried out the second all-women Navika Sagar Parikrama last year, manned by two women Indian Navy officers.





Ques : Who represented the Government of India as the Co-Chair in the 4th JWG Meeting with Japan?

भारत सरकार की ओर से जापान के साथ चौथी JWG बैठक में सह-अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसने भाग लिया?

- (a) Arvind Singh / अरविंद सिंह
- (b) Rajeev Mehta / राजीव मेहता
- (c) Mugdha Sinha / मुग्धा सिन्हा
- (d) Anita Karwal / अनीता करवल
- (e) G. Kishan Reddy / जी. किशन रेड्डी

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The 4th Joint Working Group (JWG) Meeting on Tourism Cooperation between India and Japan was held in New Delhi.
- It was co-chaired by Mugdha Sinha, Director General, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, and Haraikawa Naoya, Commissioner of the Japan Tourism Agency (JTA).
- The meeting focused on data sharing, visitor profiles, and boosting tourism, especially to Buddhist destinations, to appeal to millennial travelers.
- This collaboration aims to enhance bilateral tourism and promote cultural exchange between the two nations.

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Ques : Who became the first Indian cricketer to score 13,000 runs in T20 cricket?
T20 क्रिकेट में 13,000 रन बनाने वाले पहले भारतीय क्रिकेटर कौन बने हैं?

- (a) Rohit Sharma / रोहित शर्मा
- (b) Virat Kohli / विराट कोहली
- (c) Suryakumar Yadav / सूर्यकुमार यादव
- (d) KL Rahul / केएल राहुल
- (e) MS Dhoni / एमएस धोनी

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Virat Kohli became the first Indian and fifth cricketer overall to reach 13,000 runs in T20 cricket.
- He achieved this milestone during the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and Mumbai Indians (MI) match at Wankhede Stadium.
- He reached 13,000 runs with the 17th run of his innings.

Other players with 13,000+ T20 runs:

- Chris Gayle – 14,562
- Alex Hales – 13,610
- Shoaib Malik – 13,557
- Kieron Pollard – 13,537

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Ques : What is NTPC's revised thermal capacity addition target by 2032?

NTPC का 2032 तक संशोधित तापीय क्षमता वृद्धि लक्ष्य क्या है?

- a) 26,000 MW
- b) 60 GW
- c) 3,580 MW
- d) 30,000 MW
- e) 80,020 MW

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- NTPC Limited has revised its thermal capacity addition target to 30,000 MW by FY32, up from the previous target of 26,000 MW by FY31.
- This forms part of NTPC's long-term strategy to expand its energy generation portfolio, balancing thermal and renewable energy sources.
- For FY26, NTPC aims to add 3,580 MW of thermal capacity (compared to just 660 MW added in FY24).
- In the renewable energy segment, NTPC targets an addition of 5,000 MW in FY25, which is 26% higher than FY24's 3,312 MW.
- NTPC's total installed capacity currently stands at 80,020 MW, with a 2032 renewable energy target of 60 GW (60,000 MW).
- NTPC also aims to produce 50 million tonnes of coal in FY25 from its captive mines, up from 45.72 million tonnes in FY24.

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Ques : Which Indian President was recently honoured with the "Key to the City of Lisbon" during her visit to Portugal?

हाल ही में पुर्तगाल यात्रा के दौरान किस भारतीय राष्ट्रपति को "लिस्बन शहर की चाबी" से सम्मानित किया गया?

- (a) Pranab Mukherjee / प्रणब मुखर्जी
- (b) Ram Nath Kovind / राम नाथ कोविंद
- (c) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam / ए.पी.जे. अब्दुल कलाम
- (d) Droupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मू
- (e) K.R. Narayanan / के.आर. नारायणन

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- President Droupadi Murmu was recently presented with the Key to the City of Lisbon, which is the highest civilian honour awarded by the city of Lisbon, Portugal.
- The honour was conferred during a ceremony hosted by the Mayor of Lisbon, Carlos Manuel.
- Her visit to Portugal was on the invitation of President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa.
- This was a historic visit, taking place 27 years after the last Indian state visit to Portugal, which was made by President K. R. Narayanan in 1998.

EXAM
Genius





Ques : The book Heart Lamp, shortlisted for the International Booker Prize 2024, is a translated collection of stories originally written in which Indian language?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बुकर पुरस्कार 2024 के लिए शॉर्टलिस्ट की गई पुस्तक हार्ट लैंप मूल रूप से किस भारतीय भाषा में लिखी गई कहानियों का अनुवादित संग्रह है?

- a) Hindi / हिंदी
- b) Bengali / बंगाली
- c) Kannada / कन्नड़
- d) Malayalam / मलयालम
- e) Tamil / तमिल

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Heart Lamp is a collection of 12 short stories originally written in Kannada between 1990 and 2023 by Banu Mushtaq.
- The stories have now been translated into English by Deepa Bhashti.
- This book has been shortlisted for the International Booker Prize 2024, a major global literary award.
- This is a historic moment for Kannada literature, as it is getting international recognition on a prestigious platform.
- Banu Mushtaq expressed her happiness and pride at seeing Kannada stories reach the global stage.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Who launched the dedicated digital portal developed by IWAI to streamline private investment in infrastructure development on National Waterways?

राष्ट्रीय जलमार्गों पर बुनियादी ढांचा विकास में निजी निवेश को सुविधाजनक बनाने के लिए IWAI द्वारा विकसित समर्पित डिजिटल पोर्टल का शुभारंभ किसने किया?

- (a) Nitin Gadkari / नितिन गडकरी
- (b) Dharmendra Pradhan / धर्मेंद्र प्रधान
- (c) Ashwini Vaishnaw / अश्विनी वैष्णव
- (d) Hardeep Singh Puri / हरदीप सिंह पुरी
- (e) Sarbananda Sonowal / सर्बानंद सोनोवाल

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched the dedicated digital portal developed by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI).
- The portal aims to facilitate private sector participation in building infrastructure (like jetties and terminals) on National Waterways, promoting Ease of Doing Business (EODB).
- Under the National Waterways Regulations, 2025, private firms can get a digital No Objection Certificate (NoC) from IWAI.
- The first digital NoC was granted to Marina India Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. for a jetty at Malim, Goa on National Waterway-68.
- This is seen as a major step toward digital governance, sustainable infrastructure, and the Viksit Bharat vision, with cargo movement already rising significantly.

