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Ques: What is the full form of OBICUS Survey launched by RBI in April 2025?

- A) Order Book and Industry Credit Utilisation Survey
- B) Order Books, Inventories and Capacity Utilisation Survey
- C) Official Balance and Industrial Capacity Utilisation Survey
- D) Orders, Banking and Internal Credit Utilisation Survey
- E) Operational Book of Inventories and CU System

Answer: Option B

- OBICUS stands for Order Books, Inventories and Capacity Utilisation Survey.
- It is conducted quarterly by the RBI since 2008.
- The survey covers selected manufacturing companies across India.
- It gathers data on New Orders, Pending Orders, Inventories (Finished Goods, Workin-Progress, Raw Materials) and Capacity Utilisation (CU)
- This data helps the RBI in monetary policy formulation by providing insights into demand, supply, and production dynamics.
- The 69th round of the survey covers the period January to March 2025 (Q4 of FY 2024-25).

















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Ques: From April 1, 2025, around 500 weak Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) under the RBI's Supervisory Action Framework (SAF) will transition to which regulatory mechanism?

- (a) BASEL III Framework
- (b) Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) Framework
- (c) Financial Resolution Mechanism
- (d) Risk Mitigation Scheme
- (e) Capital Monitoring Directive

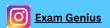
Answer: Option B

- About 500 weak UCBs under RBI's SAF will shift to the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework from April 1, 2025.
- PCA enables timely supervisory intervention requiring banks to take prompt remedial measures.
- PCA focuses on capital adequacy, asset quality, and profitability as the key indicators.
- Earlier, SAF encouraged self-correction by bank management, but PCA demands more active and timely regulatory oversight.
- Under the PCA framework, co-operative banks with more than 6 % net NPA ratio can be placed under restriction.
- UCBs which have been posting net losses for two consecutive years can also be placed under the framework.
- UCBs from all tiers, except tier-I entities with up to Rs 100 crore in deposits which are posting 2.5%-4% lower CAR than the minimum requirement of 9%, can be placed under the PCA norms.















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Ques: BharatPe recently received final approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate in which capacity?

- (a) Digital Lending Platform
- (b) Payment Bank
- (c) Online Payment Aggregator
- (d) NBFC
- (e) UPI Provider

Answer: Option C

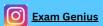
- BharatPe received final authorization from the RBI for its subsidiary Resilient Payments Private Limited to operate as an Online Payment Aggregator.
- The services will be offered under the brand name "BharatPe X."
- The company plans to grow its footprint, especially in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, and continues to build its merchant base and tech infrastructure.
- Founded in 2018, BharatPe is now present in over 450 cities with a merchant network of 1.3 crore+.

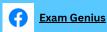
















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Ques: According to a recent report by the State Bank of India (SBI), what is the projected range of India's retail inflation for the first half of FY 2025-26?

- (a) 4.5% 5.0%
- (b) 3.9% 4.0%
- (c) 3.5% 3.8%
- (d) 4.0% 4.5%
- (e) 3.0% 3.5%

Answer: Option B

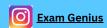
- A report by SBI projects India's retail inflation to remain between 3.9% and 4.0% in the first half (April-September) of FY 2025-26.
- This may be the first time in recent years that inflation stays below 4% for two consecutive quarters.
- The report also estimated that CPI inflation will fall to 3.8% in Q4 of FY25, with average inflation for FY25 expected around 4.6%.

















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Ques: Which company became No. 1 in global semiconductor revenues in 2024?

A) Intel

B) TSMC

C) AMD

D) Nvidia

E) Samsung

Answer: Option D

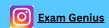
- As per Gartner's 2024 report, Nvidia emerged as the No. 1 company in global semiconductor revenues.
- Nvidia earned \$76.69 billion in 2024, marking a 120% increase from \$34.84 billion in 2023.
- The surge was driven by skyrocketing demand for GPUs, especially for AI workloads in data centers. Its Market share is 11.7%
- Samsung ranked 2nd with \$65.69 billion in revenue (60.8% growth).
- Intel slipped to 3rd, earning \$49.80 billion with minimal 0.8% growth.
- The global semiconductor market grew by 21%, reaching \$655.88 billion in 2024.

















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Ques: During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 2025 visit to Sri Lanka, how many MoUs were signed between India and Sri Lanka across sectors like defence, energy, and health?

- (a) 5
- (b) 6
- (c)7
- (d) 8
- (e) 10

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

7 MoUs were signed between India and Sri Lanka during PM Modi's fourth visit to Sri Lanka (after 2015, 2017, 2019, and 2025).

Key Agreements Include:

• Defence Cooperation: First-ever framework MoU, 40 years after IPKF deployment.

Energy Projects:

- Sampur Power Project to boost energy security.
- Tripartite MoU (India-Sri Lanka-UAE) for a multiproduct energy pipeline.
- Trincomalee Development as an energy hub.

Solar Rooftop Initiative:

- Solar panels on 5,000 religious institutions.
- \$17 million Indian credit.
- Expected to generate 25 MW green energy.

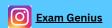
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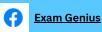














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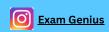
- Cooperation in Health & Medicine.
- Recognition of Indian Pharmacopoeia.
- Rs.2.37 billion grant for socio-economic projects in Eastern Province.
- Power Interconnection for import/export.

















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Ques: DRDO recently conducted successful trials of which indigenously developed Long-Range Glide Bomb (LRGB) from a Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft?

- (a) Vibhav
- (b) Vajra
- (c) Gaurav
- (d) Shaurya
- (e) Trinetra

Answer: Option C

- DRDO successfully conducted release trials of the Long-Range Glide Bomb (LRGB) 'Gauray' from a Su-30 MKI aircraft.
- The bomb is a 1,000-kg class glide bomb with a demonstrated range of close to 100 km and pin-point accuracy.
- It was developed by Research Centre Imarat, Armament Research and Development Establishment, and Integrated Test Range, Chandipur.
- Developed in collaboration with Adani Defence, Bharat Forge, and MSMEs.

















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Ques: Which company won four gold awards at the IAA Olive Crown Awards 2025, including Corporate Social Crusader of the Year and Green Advertiser of the Year?

- (a) Tata Group
- (b) Reliance Industries
- (c) Infosys
- (d) Adani Group
- (e) Mahindra Group

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

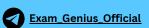
- Adani Group secured 4 gold awards at the International Advertising Association (IAA) Olive Crown Awards 2025, held in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The IAA Olive Crown Awards recognize creative excellence in green advertising and are the first of their kind in India.
- 2025 marked the 15th edition of these awards.

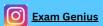
The Adani Group received:

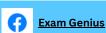
- Corporate Social Crusader of the Year
- Green Advertiser of the Year
- 2 Golds for "Pankha" film in TV/Cinema (Corporate) and Digital categories.















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Ques: India and Italy recently signed an MoU under which program to focus on joint research in areas like quantum technologies, AI, and biotechnology?

- (a) Indo-Italian Executive Programme of Cooperation (EPOC) 2025–2027
- (b) Indo-Italian Strategic Cooperation Agreement (ISCA) 2025-2027
- (c) Indo-Italian Research Collaboration Program (IRCP)
- (d) India-Italy Joint Science and Technology Cooperation (ISSTC)
- (e) Indo-Italian Innovation Partnership (IIIP) 2025-2027

Answer: Option A

- India and Italy signed an MoU under the Indo-Italian Executive Programme of Cooperation (EPOC) 2025-2027.
- This MoU focuses on joint research in quantum technologies, AI, and biotechnology.
- It also includes funding for 10 research mobility proposals and 10 collaborative projects.
- Both nations also reaffirmed their commitment to collaborate in green hydrogen, renewable energy, cultural heritage preservation, and the sustainable blue economy.

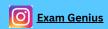


















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Ques: What is the name of the indigenously developed two-seater trainer aircraft launched by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union MoS for Science & Technology?

- (a) TEJAS-LTA
- (b) SARAS-NG
- (c) HANSA-3 (Next Generation)
- (d) GARUDA-X
- (e) VAYU-VIKAS

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The HANSA-3 (Next Generation) is a two-seater trainer aircraft.
- It was launched by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science & Technology, at the National Media Centre, New Delhi.
- It is indigenously designed and developed by CSIR-NAL (National Aerospace Laboratories).
- A Technology Transfer agreement was signed with Pioneer Clean Amps Pvt. Ltd. for manufacturing and commercialization.
- Initially, 36 aircraft per year will be produced, increasing to 72 annually.
- It is powered by the Rotax 912 iSc3 Sports engine, offering the Range of 620 nautical miles, Endurance of 7 hours and Cruise Speed is 98 knots

About CSIR-NAL:

• Established: 1959

• HQ : Bengaluru, Karnataka

Director: Dr. Abhay Anant Pashilkar

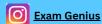


















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Ques: What is the primary benefit of implementing Kavach 5.0 in Mumbai local trains?

- A) Increase speed of trains
- B) Save fuel consumption
- C) Increase train services by 30%
- D) Eliminate ticket checking staff
- E) Introduce bullet trains

Answer: Option C

- Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced Kavach 5.0, an advanced Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system, in Mumbai.
- It is designed to increase Mumbai local train services by 30% by reducing the 180second gap between two trains.
- Kavach 5.0 assists Loco Pilots by automatically applying brakes in emergencies and ensuring safe operations during poor weather conditions.
- The system is expected to be fully developed by December.
- Currently, around 3,500 trains run daily, serving 80 lakh commuters in Mumbai.
- To meet growing demand, Rs.17,000 crore infrastructure projects are underway to improve capacity, safety, and commuter comfort.



















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Ques: What is the primary goal of the World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES)?

- (a) To promote India as a hub for content creation and technological innovation
- (b) To focus on improving global trade relations
- (c) To develop new technologies for agriculture
- (d) To enhance India's defense capabilities
- (e) To promote sports and fitness

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Government of India will host the inaugural World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES) in Mumbai, Maharashtra, from May 1-4, 2025.
- WAVES is expected to enhance India's creative capabilities and solidify its standing as a center for technological innovation, intellectual property, and content production.
- Broadcasting, print media, television, radio, movies, animation, visual effects, gaming, comics, sound and music, advertising, digital media, social media platforms, generative artificial intelligence, augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR), and extended reality (XR) are among the industries and sectors that are the subject of this study.

Shortlisted Candidates:

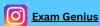
- Iman Sengupta & Soham Ghosh Havas Worldwide India
- Kartik Sankar & Madhumita Basu 22feet Tribal
- Tanmay Raul & Mandar Mahadik DDB Mudra Group
- Akash Mejari & Kajol Jeswani DDB Mudra Group
- Kajal Tirlotkar Interactive Avenues

















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Ques: What is the name of the latest open-source AI model suite released by Meta in its push toward generative AI?

- (a) GPT-5
- (b) Gemini Ultra
- (c) Llama 4
- (d) Falcon-X
- (e) Bard Plus

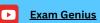
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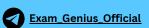
- Meta released the Llama 4 open-source AI suite to strengthen its presence in generative AI.
- The first two models launched are Llama 4 Scout and Llama 4 Maverick, available on the Llama website and Hugging Face.
- Meta also announced Llama 4 Behemoth, which is described as one of the smartest and most powerful LLMs developed by the company.
- Over the next three years, the business intends to invest Rs 1,200 crore to boost growth in three high-priority categories: designer boards, construction chemicals, and pipes.

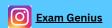
Models Introduced:

- Scout: Meta claims it is the best multimodal model available.
- Maverick: Described as Meta's flagship AI assistant, outperforms GPT4o and Gemini 2.0
- Behemoth: The most powerful LLM developed by Meta, intended to act as a teacher model.















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Ques: Padma Shri Ram Sahay Pandey, a legendary figure in Rai folk dance, passed away at the age of 92. What recognition did he receive for his contribution to the art form?

- (a) Padma Bhushan
- (b) Padma Vibhushan
- (c) Padma Shri
- (d) Sangeet Natak Akademi Award
- (e) Sahitya Akademi Award

Answer: Option C

- Ram Sahay Pandey was awarded the Padma Shri in 2022 for his outstanding work in preserving and promoting the Rai folk dance.
- Pandey was a prominent figure in challenging societal stigma, especially as Rai is associated with the marginalized Bedia community, which was once targeted by the Criminal Tribes Act.
- In addition to the Padma Shri, Pandey was honored with the title of 'Nritya Shiromani' and appointed to the Tribal Folk Art Council by the Madhya Pradesh government.



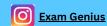


















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Ques: World Homoeopathy Day is observed every year on which day?

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

Answer: Option A

- Every year on April 10, we celebrate World Homoeopathy Day, which honors the achievements of alternative medicine and the birth anniversary of Dr. Samuel Hahnemann, the pioneer of homoeopathy from Germany, who was born in 1755.
- Theme 2025 Adhyayan, Adhyaapan, Anusandhaan" (Education, Practice, and Research)
- The alternative medical practice of homeopathy is founded on the idea that "like cures like." It implies that substances that produce symptoms in healthy people can alleviate similar symptoms in sick people in little amounts.
- Although homoeopathy has ancient Greek medical roots, it wasn't until the 19th century that it became widely accepted in North America and Europe.
- To encourage awareness and research in the area, the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, observes World Homeopathy Day.

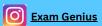


















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Ques: National Safe Motherhood Day is observed on which day?

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

Answer: Option B

- Every year, April 11th is designated as National Safe Motherhood Day.
- Theme 2025 Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures
- The purpose of the day is to raise awareness about pregnant women's safety. Despite having the largest population in the world, India still lacks adequate health facilities.
- A non-governmental organization called the White Ribbon Alliance India brought attention to the significance of maternal health in 1991. On the 90th anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi's birth, the national government declared 2003 to be National Safe Motherhood Day.
- Kasturba Gandhi, who had a strong commitment to the welfare of women and children, is honored on this day.

















