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**Ques : What is the new official name of the parent company of the quick-commerce startup Zepto, as part of its IPO preparations?**

- (a) Zepto E-Commerce Pvt Ltd
- (b) Zepto Retail India Ltd /
- (c) Zepto Private Limited
- (d) Zepto Kart Services Pvt Ltd
- (e) Zepto Tech India Ltd

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The parent company of Zepto, earlier known as Kiranakart Technologies Private Limited, has officially changed its name to Zepto Private Limited.
- The change, approved by the Registrar of Companies (RoC) in Mumbai, is part of Zepto's preparation for a potential IPO.
- This is a common trend followed by startups like Swiggy and Zomato before their public listings, aimed at streamlining branding.

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**Ques : What is the projected GDP growth rate for India in FY27, as per Fitch Ratings?**

- (a) 6%
- (b) 6.1%
- (c) 6.2%
- (d) 6.3%
- (e) 6.4%

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- Citing uncertainty in the global economy, Fitch Ratings updated its estimate of India's GDP growth for FY26 to 6.4% while keeping its 6.3% forecast for FY27.
- Due to growing concerns about a possible global trade war, the global ratings agency also downgraded its predictions for FY25 and FY26 by 10 basis points, to 6.2% and 6.4%, respectively.

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**Ques : Ajay Bhushan Pandey has been appointed as the Vice President at which international financial institution?**

- a) IMF
- b) World Bank
- c) ADB
- d) AIIB
- e) NDB

**Answer : Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Ajay Bhushan Pandey, former Chairperson of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA), has been appointed as Vice President – Investment Solutions at the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).
- In his new role, he will oversee three major departments:
  - Sectors, Themes, and Finance Solutions
  - Sustainability and Fiduciary Solutions
  - Portfolio Management Department
- AIIB is a multilateral development bank that focuses on financing infrastructure projects in Asia and beyond.

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## Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Piyush Anchliya : Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Cashfree Payments
- Dr. Neelam Dhungana Timsina : Acting Governor of Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB) (replaced Mahaprasad Adhikari)
- Andrew Holland : Head of the newly introduced asset class – specialised investment funds (SIF) of Nippon Life India Asset Management (NAM)
- Viral Davda : Deputy Chief Information Officer at Bombay Stock Exchange Limited (BSE)
- Balaji Nuthalapadi : Executive Director – Technology and Operations at Equitas Small Finance Bank
- Satish Chavva : CEO of Oman India Joint Investment Fund – Management Company (OIJIF-MC)
- Ravneet Kaur : Chairperson of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA)
- Natarajan Chandrasekaran : International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Advisory Council on Entrepreneurship and Growth
- Ambuj Chandna : Managing Director (MD) and Head of Consumer Banking Group at DBS Bank India (replacing Prashant Joshi)
- Sivasubramanian Ramann : Chairman of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
- Sohini Rajola : Executive Director – Growth of NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India)
- Poonam Gupta : Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- Shyam Srinivasan : senior advisor and operating partner of TVS Capital Funds
- Swaminathan S. Iyer : Whole-time Member (Life) of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)





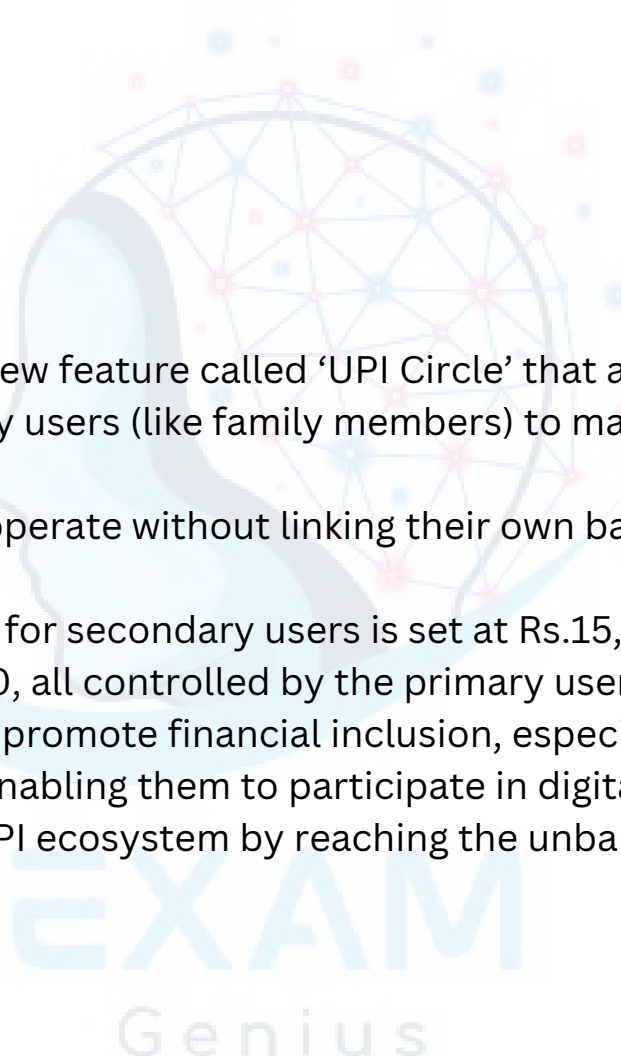
**Ques : What is the maximum daily transaction limit set under PhonePe's new 'UPI Circle' feature for a secondary user?**

- (a) Rs.5,000
- (b) Rs.10,000
- (c) Rs.15,000
- (d) Rs.20,000
- (e) Rs.12,000

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- PhonePe has launched a new feature called 'UPI Circle' that allows a primary user to authorize trusted secondary users (like family members) to make payments using their UPI account.
- The secondary users can operate without linking their own bank accounts by creating individual profiles.
- The daily transaction limit for secondary users is set at Rs.15,000, and the per transaction limit is Rs.5,000, all controlled by the primary user.
- The feature is designed to promote financial inclusion, especially for housewives, students, and the elderly, enabling them to participate in digital payments securely.
- It also helps expand the UPI ecosystem by reaching the unbanked population and enhancing digital access.





## Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance has launched the Superwoman Term (SWT) Plan, a women-exclusive term insurance policy
- NPCI BHIM Services Ltd. (NBSL), a subsidiary of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), launched the campaign 'Paisa Ki Kadar' to position BHIM as 'Bharat Ka Apna Payments App'
- Axis Bank launched the 'In-App Mobile OTP' feature on its Open mobile banking platform. This new security measure addresses OTP-related frauds like SIM swap and phishing
- Bandhan Bank launched the Elite Plus Savings Account, specially designed for High Net-worth Individuals (HNIs)
- Bank of Baroda launched a new fixed deposit scheme called 'bob Square Drive Deposit Scheme', effective from April 7, 2025
- Karnataka Vikas Gramin Bank (KVGB), a leading rural bank in India, has launched e-Bank Guarantee (e-BG) services in partnership with National E-Governance Services Limited (NESL)
- Jio Finance Ltd (JFL), the NBFC arm of Jio Financial Services Ltd, has launched a new product called Loan Against Securities (LAS)
- Federal Bank has launched a new credit card named Fed StarBiz, aimed specifically at business customers
- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched BHIM 3.0, a revamped version of its digital payment platform aimed at improving user experience and promoting financial inclusivity
- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has launched the PM-Vidyalaxmi Scheme to provide financial assistance to meritorious students pursuing higher education
- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has introduced the 'mDigiNext mobile app' to meet the cash management demands of its corporate customers
- HDFC Bank has launched the Embassy Fixed Deposit scheme, a foreign currency term deposit available only in USD
- IDFC FIRST Bank has added a "Ace" feature to its mobile banking app, which will provide information on over 2500 mutual funds. This is intended to encourage 'do-it-yourself' investment among its clients







**Ques: As of December 31, 2024, what is the total cumulative loan commitment made by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to India?**

- (a) \$55.3 billion
- (b) \$59.5 billion
- (c) \$57.5 billion
- (d) \$61.2 billion
- (e) \$62.5 billion

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation :**

- As of December 31, 2024, the Asian Development Bank has committed \$59.5 billion in loans to India overall, up from \$55.3 billion in 2023.
- It provided \$4.25 billion in finance for 21 projects in 2024 to help the Government of India catalyze strong, climate-resilient, and inclusive growth.
- As of December 31, 2024, the overall amount of ADB's support to India is \$59.5 billion, which includes 657 grants, loans, and technical assistance for the public sector.
- There are now 78 loans totaling \$16.23 billion in ADB's sovereign portfolio in India.

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## RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS :

- Argentina and the International Monetary Fund inked a \$20 billion, 48-month Extended Fund Facility agreement
- National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) has provided a loan of Rs.1,787 crore to BluPine Energy Private Limited to optimize financial structuring, enhance operational efficiency, and fuel portfolio expansion
- India and Japan have signed credit agreements totaling 191.736 billion Japanese yen for six projects through Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) to India
- Wipro Ltd has signed a 10-year, £500 million deal with Phoenix Group, a major UK-based savings and retirement company
- Loan Amount of USD 200 million given to Government of West Bengal, Kolkata Municipal Corporation Sustainability, Hygiene, and Resilience (Sector) Project (KSHARP) by ADB to improve the development of climate and disaster-resilient sewerage and drainage infrastructure in Kolkata, West Bengal
- Loan amount of Rs 2,147.51 crore given by REC Limited (formerly Rural Electrification Corporation Limited) to Chenab Valley Power Project Limited (CVPPL)
- Shriram financing, a large non-banking financing company (NBFC), raised \$500 million through the SACE External Commercial Borrowing Push loan facility, which has a ten-year term
- The Export Import Bank of India will provide lines of credit totalling \$300 million to Vietnam for procuring high-speed guard boats and offshore patrol vessels
- AFD will offer SIDBI a credit line of USD 100 million to enhance access to affordable financing.
- Loan of Rs 2,424.28 crore (approximately USD 280 million) given to Kerala Health System Improvement Programme (KHSP), Government of Kerala by World Bank to Strengthen Healthcare System





**Ques : SIDBI is set to sign a pact with which of the following to support small businesses in adopting climate-resilient technologies?**

- a) World Bank
- b) Green Climate Fund
- c) Asian Development Bank
- d) IMF
- e) NDB

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :**

- The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) is set to sign a strategic pact with the Green Climate Fund (GCF) by mid-May 2025.
- This collaboration aims to support small businesses in adopting low-emission and climate-resilient technologies.
- As part of the initiative, a \$1 billion fund will be established to finance green transitions, with SIDBI contributing \$800 million.
- The move aligns with India's broader goals of climate action, sustainable development, and empowering MSMEs to adapt to environmental challenges.
- The partnership is expected to enhance access to climate finance for small enterprises, promoting greener business practices nationwide.

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## Recently signed banking agreements

- The Central Bank of India and NPST, a well-known fintech company, have inked a multi-year agreement to improve offline digital payment systems throughout India
- Mastercard and City Union Bank (CUB) have jointly launched India's first "Passion Cards", which are available in both credit and debit card formats
- Piramal Finance Limited and ICICI Bank, both based in Mumbai, have formed a co-lending partnership for providing Home Loans and Loan Against Property
- The MoU was signed between New Development Bank (NDB) and National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) to establish a strategic framework for collaboration
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL) signed an MoU with Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM), the nodal agency under the Government of Kerala
- PNB MetLife India Insurance Company Limited has partnered with Policybazaar to launch the Pension Premier Multicap Fund under its Unit-Linked Insurance Plans (ULIPs)
- Axis Bank has partnered with a Fortune 500 company to launch India's first B2B collections solution using NBBL's Bharat Connect (earlier known as BBPS).
- The Department of Posts (DoP) has partnered with Nippon India Mutual Fund to offer door-to-door KYC verification services for investors.
- Luminous Power Technologies Private Limited has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest PSB, to increase access to solar finance nationwide
- Central Bank of India said it has entered into MOU with PSB Alliance Pvt Ltd for Digital Supply Chain Finance
- Bandhan Bank has signed an MoU with the Indian Air Force (IAF) to launch the Bandhan Bank Shaurya Salary Account for IAF personnel, veterans, and their families
- This collaboration between Axis Bank and JPMorgan represents a major step in modernizing cross-border transactions, particularly for businesses operating in India





**Ques: According to the revised forecasts, what is Morgan Stanley's GDP growth projection for India in FY26?**

- (a) 6.7%
- (b) 6.5%
- (c) 6.3%
- (d) 6.1%
- (e) 5.7%

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

- The RBI revised India's FY26 GDP growth forecast from 6.7% to 6.5%.
- Morgan Stanley further lowered the FY26 projection to 6.1%, citing global trade and policy uncertainties.
- Growth is expected to bottom out at 5.7% in Q3 FY26, compared to 6.2% in Q3 FY25.
- Inflation is projected to average around 4% in FY26.
- The RBI may implement a cumulative 100 bps rate cut, with two more cuts expected in 2025 to support growth.

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**:Ques: According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), what is India's projected economic growth rate for the year 2025?**

- (a) 6.1%
- (b) 6.9%
- (c) 5.6%
- (d) 6.5%
- (e) 2.3%

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) projects that robust public investment and further monetary easing would help India's economy expand by 6.5% in 2025.
- India's GDP is expected to grow at the quickest rate in 2024, despite a decrease from the 6.9% growth estimate.
- Global growth is expected to fall to 2.3% in 2025, putting the world economy on a recessionary path, according to UNCTAD's latest research, "Trade and Development Foresights 2025 – Under Pressure: Uncertainty Reshapes Global Economic Prospects."
- According to UNCTAD, South Asia will grow by 5.6% in 2025 as monetary relaxation occurs throughout the majority of the region due to falling inflation.

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**Ques : Which bank was fined ₹29.60 lakh by the RBI for violating guidelines related to customer service, specifically for charging penal fees on inoperative accounts?**

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) Canara Bank
- (c) Punjab National Bank
- (d) Union Bank of India
- (e) Bank of Baroda /

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation :**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.29.60 lakh on Punjab National Bank (PNB) for violating its guidelines on Customer Service in Banks.
- During the Inspection for Supervisory Evaluation (ISE) 2023, RBI found that PNB levied wrongful penal charges on customers for non-maintenance of minimum balance in inoperative accounts.
- The penalty was imposed under Section 47A(1)(c) read with Sections 46(4)(i) and 51(1) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- This regulatory action reflects non-compliance with customer-centric norms and does not affect the validity of customer transactions.
- RBI also retains the authority to take further action if deemed necessary.

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## Recent Penalties imposed on Banks by RBI :

- RBI imposed a Rs.36.40 lakh penalty on Aryavart Bank, Lucknow for not complying with regulatory norms
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has imposed a Rs.1.06 crore fine on Flipkart Internet Pvt. Ltd. (FIPL)
- The RBI has imposed monetary penalties on KLM Axiva Finvest of Rs.10 lakh for not complying with dividend declaration requirements
- The RBI has imposed monetary penalties on Punjab & Sind Bank of Rs.68.2 lakh for not complying with regulatory guidelines
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a Rs.75 lakh penalty on HDFC Bank for non-compliance with KYC norms
- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.36.28 lakh on Citibank N.A. under Section 11(3) of FEMA, 1999
- RBI imposed a penalty of Rs.36.30 lakh on IDBI Bank under Section 11(3) of FEMA, 1999.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed penalties of Rs 66.60 lakh and Rs 33.10 lakh on The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC) and IIFL Samasta Finance, respectively, for violating regulations
- Citibank, Asirvad Micro Finance, and JM Financial Home Loans have all received monetary penalties from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for breaking regulatory standards. Citibank was fined Rs 39 lakh, Asirvad Micro was fined Rs 6.20 lakh and JM Financial Home Loans was fined Rs 1.50 lakh.
- Nainital Bank Ltd received a penalty of Rs.61.40 lakh for failing to follow guidelines on 'Interest Rate on Advances' and 'Customer Service in Banks
- The RBI assessed a Rs.6.70 lakh penalty on Ujjivan Small Finance Bank for failing to comply with its 'Loans and Advances - Statutory and Other Restrictions'
- Shriram Finance, a non-banking business, was fined Rs.5.80 lakh by the RBI for failing to comply with KYC standards and 'Data Format for Furnishing of Credit Information to Credit Information Companies'







**Ques : What was the reason behind RBI imposing Rs.61.40 lakh penalty on Kotak Mahindra Bank in April 2025?**

- (a) Misuse of customer data
- (b) Delay in reporting frauds
- (c) Non-compliance with RBI guidelines on loans and advance
- (d) Violation of foreign exchange rules
- (e) None of these

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.61.40 lakh on Kotak Mahindra Bank for non-compliance with regulatory guidelines related to loans and advances.
- The violations were identified during the Inspection for Supervisory Evaluation (ISE) based on the bank's position as of March 31, 2023.
- Issues included failure to ensure the required loan component in working capital for certain borrowers and non-adherence to margin norms for intra-day limits granted to stockbrokers.
- The penalty was imposed under Section 47A(1)(c) read with Section 46(4)(i) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- This action is a part of regulatory compliance enforcement and does not affect the validity of customer transactions or banking operations.
- The RBI also clarified that this penalty does not bar further action against the bank in future, if necessary.





**Ques: Which public sector insurance company has partnered with SIDBI to offer tailored general insurance solutions for the MSME sector**

- (a) New India Assurance
- (b) United India Insurance Company Ltd
- (c) Oriental Insurance
- (d) National Insurance Company
- (e) LIC of India

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- United India Insurance Company Ltd (UIICL) has partnered with SIDBI to offer general insurance products such as home, health, motor, and engineering insurance.
- The collaboration aims to serve the MSME sector, utilizing SIDBI's extensive network of 123 branches across India.
- This move supports India's economic development by strengthening financial protection for MSMEs.

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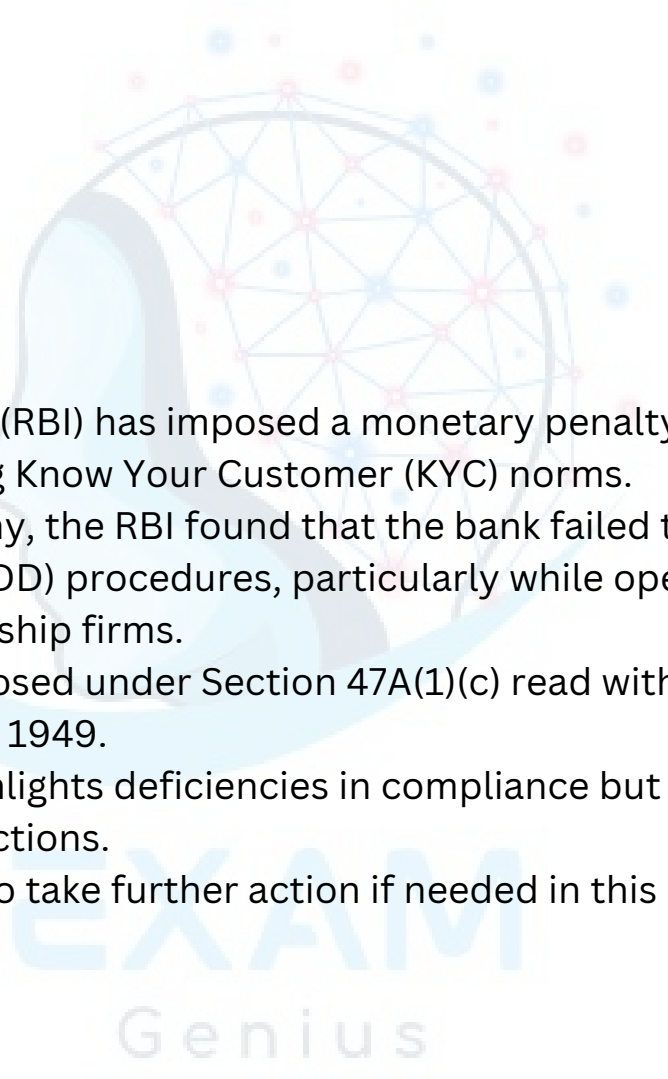
**Ques : Which bank was fined Rs.38.60 lakh by the RBI for violating KYC norms related to Customer Due Diligence while opening current accounts?**

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) Axis Bank
- (c) ICICI Bank
- (d) IDFC First Bank
- (e) Yes Bank

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation :**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.38.60 lakh on IDFC First Bank for violating Know Your Customer (KYC) norms.
- During supervisory scrutiny, the RBI found that the bank failed to follow proper Customer Due Diligence (CDD) procedures, particularly while opening current accounts of sole proprietorship firms.
- The penalty has been imposed under Section 47A(1)(c) read with Section 46(4)(i) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- This regulatory action highlights deficiencies in compliance but does not affect the validity of customer transactions.
- RBI retains the authority to take further action if needed in this matter.





**Ques: On 17 April 2025, which two institutions signed an MoU to enhance cooperation in Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (CFT) compliance?**

- (a) SEBI and Ministry of Finance
- (b) RBI and CBI
- (c) FIU-IND and RBI
- (d) FIU-IND and NITI Aayog
- (e) Enforcement Directorate and RBI

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation :**

- On 17 April 2025, the Financial Intelligence Unit – India (FIU-IND) and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation for Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (CFT) compliance.
- The MoU focuses on the effective implementation of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and associated rules.
- Key signatories include Shri Vivek Aggarwal (Director, FIU-IND) and Shri R.L.K. Rao (Executive Director, RBI – Department of Regulation).
- Cooperation areas include:
  - Appointment of nodal officers
  - Sharing of intelligence
  - Setting reporting mechanisms under PML rules
  - Joint training for reporting entities
  - Monitoring red flag indicators and compliance
  - Conducting risk assessments and ensuring international standards
- The MoU is expected to enhance transparency, financial system integrity, and coordination in identifying and preventing suspicious transactions.





**Ques: Which city will host the cricket competition during the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, where the sport returns after 128 years?**

- (a) Pomona
- (b) Anaheim
- (c) Pasadena
- (d) Long Beach
- (e) Santa Monica

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation :**

- The cricket tournament will take place in Pomona, South California, during the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.
- The cricket competition, which will include six teams in the men's and women's divisions, will take place at the Fairgrounds in Pomona. After 128 years, cricket is expected to be included in the Olympics.
- Along with baseball/softball, flag football, lacrosse (sixes), and squash, cricket was one of five new sports added to LA28.
- Men's and women's T20 competitions were held in the Asian Games in 2010, 2014, and 2023, while a women's competition was held at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham in 2022.

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**Ques: Where was the world's 17th Athlete Passport Management Unit (APMU) inaugurated by Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya?**

- (a) Sports Authority of India, Bengaluru
- (b) National Dope Testing Laboratory, New Delh
- (c) Nehru Stadium, Chennai
- (d) NADA Headquarters, Mumbai
- (e) India International Centre, New Delhi

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation :**

- The 17th Athlete Passport Management Unit (APMU) in history was opened by Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya at the National Dope Testing Laboratory in New Delhi.
- In order to maintain fair play and the integrity of clean sport, the Athlete Passport Management entity is a specialized entity tasked with tracking and managing athletes' biological passports.
- By making it possible to trace athletes' biological profiles over time via the Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) system, APMU represents a significant turning point in the nation's fight against doping. By recognizing unethical actions, this novel technique will safeguard sports fairness and assist in discovering drug habits.

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**Ques: According to NITI Aayog's report, what is the projected size of the global hand and power tools market by 2035?**

- (a) \$100 billion
- (b) \$134 billion
- (c) \$190 billion
- (d) \$60 billion
- (e) \$25 billion

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- A report titled "Unlocking \$25+ Billion Export Potential – India's Hand & Power Tools Sector" was released by NITI Aayog.
- According to the analysis, the power and hand tool trade market is expected to rise dramatically from its current worth of about \$100 billion to approximately \$190 billion by 2035.
- Electrical tools make up the majority of this industry, with hand tools accounting for \$34 billion and projected to reach \$60 billion by 2035, and power tools, including tool accessories, accounting for \$63 billion and projected to reach \$134 billion.
- Over the next ten years, the hand and power tool industry will contribute to the expansion of our global presence and the improvement of our domestic manufacturing.







**Ques: What was the theme of the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) India's conference held at the India International Centre, New Delhi, during Play True Week 2025?**

- (a) Strengthening Sports Infrastructure
- (b) Building Together a Clean Sport Ecosystem
- (c) Empowering Athletes Through Education
- (d) Zero Tolerance Against Doping
- (e) Sports Integrity for the Nation

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation :**

- At the India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi, the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) India successfully hosted a conference titled "Building Together a Clean Sport Ecosystem."
- As part of Play True Week 2025, the event brought together a diverse range of stakeholders who are dedicated to creating a clean, equitable, and values-based athletic environment in India.
- The release of "NADA India's Fair Play Guide" in 10 regional languages, which aims to increase access to clean sport education for athletes and stakeholders nationwide, was one of the highlights of the first session.
- To reaffirm their dedication to fair play and doping-free sport, participants also took part in a pledge signing ceremony.

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**Ques: Who has been recommended as the 52nd Chief Justice of India by current CJI Sanjiv Khanna?**

- (a) Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul
- (b) Justice B.R. Gavai
- (c) Justice D.Y. Chandrachud .
- (d) Justice Surya Kant
- (e) Justice Hima Kohli

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- Justice B.R. Gavai has been recommended as the 52nd Chief Justice of India by the incumbent CJI Sanjiv Khanna, who retires on May 13, 2025.
- Justice Gavai was born in Amravati on November 24, 1960, and became a member of the Bar on March 16, 1985. The father of Justice Gavai, Ramakrishna Suryabhan Gavai, popularly referred to as "Dadasaheb," was a well-known Dalit politician and former governor of Bihar.
- Justice Gavai was elevated to the Supreme Court in May 2019 and is due to retire on November 23, 2025.
- Beginning in 1987, Justice Gavai practiced at the Bombay High Court, where he appeared in instances involving administrative law and constitutionalism.
- In 2003, he was promoted to Additional Judge of the Bombay High Court, and in November 2005, he was named a Permanent Judge.
- He has delivered key judgments including those related to Article 370, electoral bonds, pan-India guidelines against illegal demolitions or the 'bulldozer culture' of States , and personal liberty in the Manish Sisodia bail case.
- He is also notable as the first Dalit CJI from the Scheduled Caste community in many decades.





**Ques: What was the name of the first edition of the maritime engagement held in Tanzania in 2025 involving India and several African nations?**

- (a) MAHASAGAR 2025
- (b) SAGAR SETU 2025 /
- (c) AIKEYME 2025
- (d) IND-AFRICA NAVAL DRILL 2025
- (e) UNITY WAVE 2025

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- The 1st edition of Africa India Key Maritime Engagement (AIKEYME 2025) was conducted in Tanzania.
- The engagement included a Harbour Phase and a Sea Phase.
- Participating countries: India, Tanzania, Comoros, Djibouti, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, and South Africa.
- Indian naval participants: INS Chennai (destroyer) and INS Kesari (large platform).
- This initiative aligns with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, promoting Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions (MAHASAGAR)

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**Ques : Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the 23rd Law Commission of India?**

- a) Ranjan Gogoi /
- b) Arun Mishra
- c) H.L. Dattu
- d) Dipak Misra
- e) Dinesh Maheshwari

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation :**

- Justice Dinesh Maheshwari, a retired Supreme Court judge, has been appointed as the Chairperson of the 23rd Law Commission of India.
- The 23rd Law Commission was officially constituted on September 3, 2024, following the completion of the 22nd Commission's term on August 31, 2024.
- The commission's mandate includes reviewing and recommending reforms in legal matters, notably the feasibility of implementing a Uniform Civil Code (UCC).
- Justice Maheshwari brings significant judicial experience to the role, expected to aid in complex legal evaluations and legislative reforms.

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**Ques: The 2025 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics was awarded to how many physicists across collaborative projects at CERN?**

- (a) 5,200
- (b) 8,375
- (c) 10,000
- (d) 13,508
- (e) 15,750

**Answer:** Option D

### Explanation

- The 11th annual Breakthrough Prizes, often referred to as the Oscars® of Science, were held in Santa Monica, California, USA.
- Six prizes of \$3 million each were announced in categories including Life Sciences, Mathematics, and Fundamental Physics.
- The 2025 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics was awarded to 13,508 physicists involved in four collaborative projects at CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research located near Geneva, Switzerland.

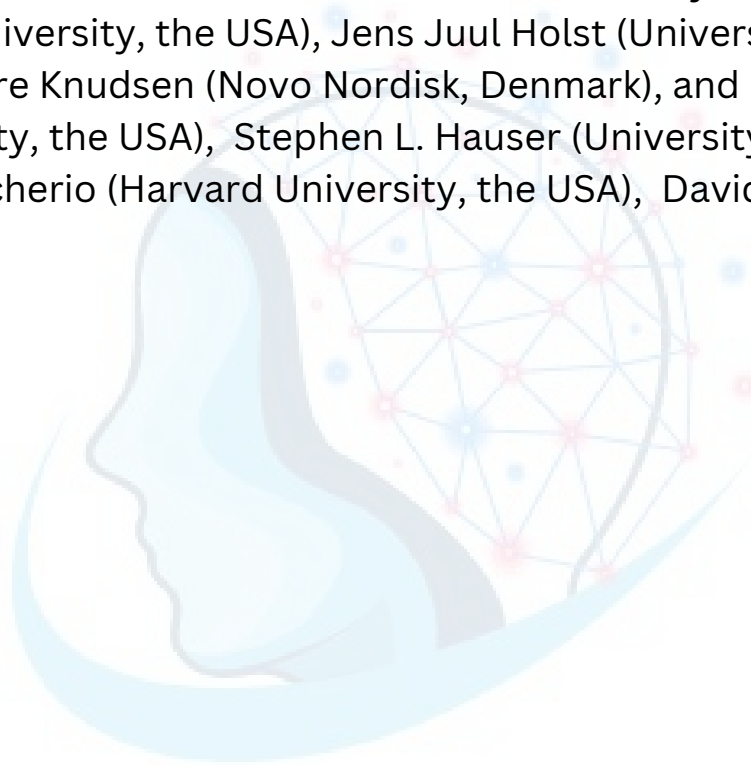
### List of winners of Breakthrough Prizes 2025 :

- Fundamental Physics (USD 3 million) : Thousands of researchers from over 70 countries
- Mathematics (USD 3 million) : Dennis Gaitsgory from Germany based Max Planck Institute for Mathematics
- Special Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics (USD 3 million) : Gerardus 't Hooft from Utrecht University, The Netherlands
- New Horizons in Physics Prize (USD 100,000) : Waseem Bakr from Princeton University, the USA , Jeongwan Haah from Stanford University, the USA, Sebastiaan Haffert from Leiden University, the Netherlands, Rebecca Jensen-Clem from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and Maaïke van Kooten from the National Research Council Canada





- New Horizons in Mathematics Prize (USD 100,000) : Ewain Gwynne from the University of Chicago , John Pardon Stony Brook University(SBU), the USA and Sam Raskin from Yale University, the USA
- Maryam Mirzakhani New Frontiers Prize (USD 50,000) : Si Ying Lee from Stanford University, Rajula Srivastava from the University of Bonn, Germany and Ewin Tang from the University of California, Berkeley
- Life Sciences (USD 3 million) : Daniel J. Drucker (University of Toronto), Joel Habener (Harvard University, the USA), Jens Juul Holst (University of Copenhagen, Denmark), Lotte Bjerre Knudsen (Novo Nordisk, Denmark), and Svetlana Mojsov (Rockefeller University, the USA), Stephen L. Hauser (University of California, the USA) and Alberto Ascherio (Harvard University, the USA), David R. Liu (Harvard University)



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- Key to the City of Lisbon, which is the highest civilian honour awarded by the city of Lisbon, Portugal : President Droupadi Murmu
- shortlisted for the International Booker Prize 2024 : Heart Lamp by Banu Mushtaq and translated into English by Deepa Bhasthi
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- Maharashtra Bhushan : Veteran sculptor Ram Sutar
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**Ques : World Haemophilia Day is observed every year on which day ?**

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

**Answer :** Option A

**Explanation :**

- To raise awareness of hemophilia and other bleeding illnesses, April 17 is designated as World Haemophilia Day each year.
- Theme 2025 – Access for All: Women and Girls Bleed Too
- The World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) was founded by Frank Schnabel, whose birth anniversary is celebrated on this day.
- The World Federation of Haemophilia established World Haemophilia Day in 1989 in remembrance of its founder, Frank Schnabel, who was instrumental in bringing attention to the condition and devoted his life to helping those who were affected by it.

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