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Ques: Which international financial institution approved an $85.4 million loan for developing critical industrial infrastructure in Tripura?

त्रिपुरा में महत्वपूर्ण औद्योगिक बुनियादी ढांचे के विकास के लिए *$85.4* मिलियन ऋण किस अंतर्राष्ट्रीय वित्तीय संस्था ने स्वीकृत किया?

(a) World Bank / विश्व बैंक
(b) International Monetary Fund (IMF) / अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मुद्रा कोष
(c) Asian Development Bank (ADB) / एशियाई विकास बैंक
(d) New Development Bank (NDB) / न्यू डेवलपमेंट बैंक
(e) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) / एशियाई अवसंरचना निवेश बैंक

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

• A loan of $85.4 million has been authorized by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to finance essential industrial infrastructure in Tripura's nine industrial complexes.
• Bodhjungnagar Industries, Kumarghat Industries, R.K. Nagar Industries, Dharmanagar Industries, Dhajanagar Industries, Dukli Industries, Deewanpasma Industries, Nagicherra Industries, and Sarasima Industries are the nine industrial estates of the Tripura government that will receive funding.
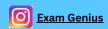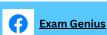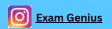
RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS :

• 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

• 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

Ques: SBI Card recently collaborated with which company to launch the Tata Neu SBI Card, offering rewards in the form of NeuCoins?
SBI कार्ड ने हाल ही में किस कंपनी के साथ मिलकर Tata Neu SBI Card लॉन्च किया है, जिसमें NeuCoins के रूप में रिवॉर्ड दिए जाते हैं?

(a) Reliance Retail / रिलायंस रिटेल
(b) Tata Digital / टाटा डिजिटल
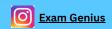(c) Amazon Pay / अमेज़न पे
(d) Paytm / पेटीएम
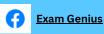(e) Flipkart / फ्लिपकार्ट

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

• The Tata Neu SBI Card is a co-branded credit card created by SBI Card and Tata Digital to give consumers a satisfying shopping experience.
• There are two types of the card: the Tata Neu Plus SBI Card and the Tata Neu Infinity SBI Card.
• NeuCoins can be earned by cardholders on all domestic and foreign purchases, whether they are made in-person or online.
• The NeuPass account in the Tata Neu app receives these incentives once a month. They can be exchanged for a range of goods and services, such as electronics, groceries, travel, and clothing.
• Up to 10% can be redeemed with the Tata Neu Infinity SBI Card and up to 7% with the Tata Neu Plus SBI Card.
• Additional benefits of the card include up to 1.5% back on UPI purchases and up to 5% back on Tata Neu bill payments.
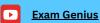
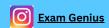## Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

• 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

• 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 'Paison 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
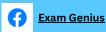
Ques: The RBI recently cancelled the license of Color Merchants Co-operative Bank Ltd (Ahmedabad) due to what key reason?
RBI ने हाल ही में कलर मर्चेंट्स को-ऑपरेटिव बैंक लिमिटेड (अहमदाबाद) का लाइसेंस किस मुख्य कारण से रद्द किया?

(a) Fraudulent transactions / धोखाधड़ी लेनदेन
(b) Mergers and acquisitions / विलय और अधिग्रहण
(c) Inadequate capital and regulatory non-compliance / अपर्याप्त पूंजी और विनियामक उल्लंघन
(d) Cybersecurity breach / साइबर सुरक्षा उल्लंघन
(e) High NPAs / उच्च गैर-निष्पादित संपत्ति (NPA)

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

• Due to insufficient capital adequacy, weak earnings prospects, and non-compliance with Sections 11(1) and 22(3)(d) read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, the RBI revoked the license of Color Merchants Co-operative Bank Limited, located in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
• Section 5(b) of the Banking Regulation Act prohibits the bank from taking deposits or carrying out banking operations.
• Section 18A of the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) Act, 1961 states that each depositor is entitled to up to Rs 5 lakh.
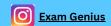
Ques: What is the name of the nuclear-powered battery introduced by China's Betavolt Technology, which can operate for up to 50 years on a single charge?
चीन की बेटावोल्ट टेक्नोलॉजी द्वारा पेश की गई उस न्यूक्लियर बैटरी का नाम क्या है, जो एक बार चार्ज करने पर 50 साल तक काम कर सकती है?

(a) AtomVolt
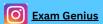(b) BV100
(c) NukeCore
(d) PowerCell-X
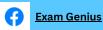(e) EnergyVault

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The BV100 is a coin-sized nuclear-powered battery developed by Betavolt Technology Company Limited, based in Beijing, China.
• It uses Nickel-63, a radioactive isotope, as the energy source.
• Power Output: 100 microwatts at 3 volts.
• Lifespan: Capable of working up to 50 years without charging or maintenance.
• Energy Density: Offers 10 times more energy than lithium-ion batteries.
• Operating Temperature Range: Between -60°C to +120°C, with no risk of explosion or fire.

Ques: Under the Price Support Scheme (PSS), which Indian state contributed the highest quantity of tur (pigeon pea) procured by the government in 2025?

मूल्य समर्थन योजना (PSS) के तहत 2025 में सरकार द्वारा खरीदी गई अरहर (तूर) की सबसे अधिक मात्रा किस राज्य से प्राप्त हुई है?

(a) Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश
(b) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
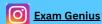(c) Telangana / तेलंगाना
(d) Karnataka / कर्नाटक
(e) Gujarat / गुजरात

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• Under the Price Support Scheme (PSS), the government has purchased 3,40,000 tonnes of tur (pigeon pea) to aid farmers; Karnataka has contributed the most, with 1,30,000 tonnes.
• Karnataka farmers are earning an extra state bonus of Rs 450 per quintal on top of the minimum support price (MSP) of Rs 7,550 per quintal for tur.
• In order to control market prices and stop price increases, the government wants to keep a buffer stock of 10 lakh tonnes of tur.
• Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana, and Uttar Pradesh are among the other states that have contributed.
• Additionally, 17,000 tonnes of chana (gram) have been purchased by the government, mostly from Madhya Pradesh and Telangana.
• The government pledged in Budget 2025 to purchase all tur, masur, and urad from central agencies at a 100% rate compared to state output until 2028–2029.

Ques : Who is heading the high-level committee formed by the Tamil Nadu government to review Centre-State relations and recommend steps to strengthen federalism?

तमिलनाडु सरकार द्वारा केंद्र-राज्य संबंधों की समीक्षा करने और संघवाद को मजबूत करने के लिए कदम सुझाने हेतु गठित उच्चस्तरीय समिति की अध्यक्षता कौन कर रहे हैं?

(a) Justice Ranjan Gogoi / जस्टिस रंजन गोगोई
(b) Justice Kurian Joseph / जस्टिस कुरियन जोसेफ
(c) Justice Madan Lokur / जस्टिस मदन लोकुर
(d) Justice A.K. Sikri / जस्टिस ए.के. सीकरी
(e) Justice Deepak Gupta / जस्टिस दीपक गुप्ता

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Tamil Nadu CM M.K. Stalin has set up a 3-member high-level committee to examine the constitutional, legal, and policy framework regarding Centre-State relations.
• The committee is headed by former Supreme Court judge Justice Kurian Joseph.
• Other members include : K. Ashok Vardhan Shetty, former Vice-Chancellor of Indian Maritime University and M. Naganathan, former Vice-Chairman, State Planning Commission
• The committee is expected to submit an interim report by January 2026 and the final report within two years.
• A similar committee was established in 1969 by M. Karunanidhi, the father of MK Stalin and the previous chief minister of Tamil Nadu. It was led by P V Rajamannar, the former chief justice of the Madras High Court.
• A federal organization with a powerful center is provided for under the Indian constitution.
• The Constitution's seventh schedule lists the legislative, executive, and financial branches' respective authorities.
• Union, State, and Concurrent are the three categories into which the powers are divided in the seventh schedule.
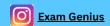
Ques: Which two Indian classical works were added to UNESCO's Memory of the World Register in 2025 for their exceptional universal value?
वर्ष 2025 में किन दो भारतीय शास्त्रीय ग्रंथों को उनकी विशिष्ट सार्वभौमिक महत्ता के लिए यूनेस्को की मेमोरी ऑफ द वर्ल्ड रजिस्टर में शामिल किया गया?

(a) Rigveda and Arthashastra / ऋग्वेद और अर्थशास्त्र
(b) Ramayana and Manusmriti / रामायण और मनुस्मृति
(c) Shrimad Bhagavad Gita and Natyashastra / श्रीमद्भगवद्गीता और नाट्यशास्त्र
(d) Upanishads and Mahabharata / उपनिषद और महाभारत
(e) Sushruta Samhita and Charaka Samhita / सुश्रुत संहिता और चरक संहिता

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Shrimad Bhagavad Gita is a spiritual-philosophical scripture consisting of 700 verses and forms part of the Mahabharata.
• Natyashastra, written by Bharat Muni, is the foundational treatise on Indian performing arts, covering drama, dance, and music.
• Both texts were recognized by UNESCO in 2025 and added to the Memory of the World Register for their global cultural and historical significance.

Ques: What is the title of the book that compiles Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speeches and was launched by Acharya Mahamandaleshwar Swami Avdheshanand Giri in New Delhi?

वह पुस्तक, जिसमें प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी के विभिन्न भाषणों का संकलन है और जिसे आचार्य महामंडलेश्वर स्वामी अवधेशानंद गिरी द्वारा नई दिल्ली में लॉन्च किया गया, उसका शीर्षक क्या है?

(a) Bharat Ki Sanskriti / भारत की संस्कृति
(b) Sanskriti Ka Mool Mantra / संस्कृति का मूल मंत्र
(c) Rashtra Aur Sanskriti / राष्ट्र और संस्कृति
(d) Sanskriti Ka Paanchva Adhyay / संस्कृति का पाँचवाँ अध्याय
(e) Sanskriti Ke Path / संस्कृति के पथ

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

• The book titled "Sanskriti Ka Paanchva Adhyay" is a compilation of speeches by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, delivered on various occasions highlighting India's cultural and spiritual essence.
• It was launched in New Delhi by Acharya Mahamandaleshwar Swami Avdheshanand Giri, the head of the Juna Akhara.
• The event was presided over by Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha Harivansh, who praised PM Modi's contributions toward preserving Indian culture, traditions, and heritage.
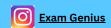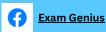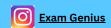
Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

• 'The India I Saw: A Glimpse into the Life of S. Ambujammal' (translated from the 1973 Tamil autobiography 'Nan Kanda Bharatham') : S. Ambujammal (original Author)

• "Confessions of Stock Market Wizards" : Safir Anand

• The Great Conciliator: Lal Bahadur Shastri and the Transformation of India : Sanjeev Chopra

• To the Seventh Generation: The Journey of Christian Medical College Vellore : V.I. Mathan

• March of Glory: The Story of India's 1975 World Cup triumph : Hockey historian, K. Arumugam and Eminent journalist Errol D'Cruz

• "Living with Birds" : Asad Rahmani

• Leo — The Untold Story : P.S. Raman

• Rice: A Global History : Renee Marton

• The Sona Story: The Textile to Tech Journey of Chettiar Industrialist C Valliappa : Chitra Narayanan

• Prapancha Charitra : Authored by Former minister and Member of Parliament Daggubati Venkateswara Rao

• Diyaslai : Autobiography of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Kailash Satyarthi

• Life on Mars: Collected Stories : Eminent Author and Sahitya Akademi Awardee, Namita Gokhale

• I Am? : Gopichand P Hinduja

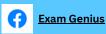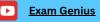• The New Icon: Savarkar and the Facts : Arun Shourie

Ques: What is the main objective of the GP-DRASTI program recently launched by Gujarat Police?
हाल ही में गुजरात पुलिस द्वारा शुरू किए गए GP-DRASTI कार्यक्रम का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

(a) Traffic regulation using AI / एआई की मदद से ट्रैफिक नियंत्रण
(b) Surveillance and tactical response using drones / ड्रोन के माध्यम से निगरानी और सामरिक प्रतिक्रिया
(c) Digitization of police records / पुलिस रिकॉर्ड का डिजिटलीकरण
(d) Recruitment of women in police force / पुलिस बल में महिलाओं की भर्ती
(e) Implementation of body-worn cameras / बॉडी कैमरों का उपयोग
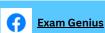
Answer: Option B
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Explanation:

• GP-DRASTI stands for Drone Response and Aerial Surveillance Tactical Interventions, introduced by the Gujarat Police.
• The program aims to modernize policing through drone-based surveillance and tactical operations.
• Deployed in 33 police station areas across Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Surat, and Vadodara.
• Drones operate up to 120 meters altitude, have a 4 km range, and a 45-minute flight time.
• Each is operated by a two-person team, and 16 officers are being trained currently.
• Drones will be dispatched from centralized base stations for effective coverage.

Ques: Who won the only gold medal for India at the 6th Asian U18 Athletics Championship 2025, and in which event?
6वीं एशियाई U18 एथलेटिक्स चैम्पियनशिप 2025 में भारत के लिए एकमात्र स्वर्ण पदक किसने और किस खेल में जीता?

(a) Hinmanshu – 400m sprint / हिनमांशु – 400 मीटर दौड़
(b) Hinmanshu – Javelin Throw / हिनमांशु – भाला फेंक
(c) Lu Hao – Javelin Throw / लू हाओ – भाला फेंक
(d) Ankit – Shot Put / अंकित – गोला फेंक
(e) Aditya – Long Jump / आदित्य – लंबी कूद
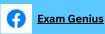
Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• At the 6th Asian U18 Athletics Championship 2025, the Indian athletes finished their campaign with 11 medals, including five silver, five bronze, and one gold.
• At Prince Naif Bin Abdulaziz Sports City in Saudi Arabia, the Asian Athletics Association hosted the 6th Asian U18 Athletics Championship.
• India took home 24 medals from the 5th Asian U18 Athletics Championships, which were held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, in 2023.
• In the javelin throw competition at the 6th U18 Asian Championship, Hinmanshu took home India's only gold. He won gold ahead of Lu Hao of China with his opening throw of 67.57 meters.
• India took home a gold medal for the first time in the Asian U18 Athletics Championship's boys' javelin throw competition.
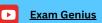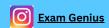
Recent News headlines related to Sports

• The cricket tournament will take place in Pomona, South California, during the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles

• McLaren's Oscar Piastri delivered a commanding performance at the Bahrain International Circuit, clinching his second victory of the 2025 Formula One season

• Mohun Bagan Super Giant, based in Kolkata, won the 11th edition of the ISL 2024-25 by defeating Bengaluru FC with a score of 2-1

• Dubai has been officially named the host city for the 5th Asian Youth Para Games, scheduled from December 7–14, 2025, after Tashkent withdrew

• Shreyas Iyer of India and Georgia Voll, a young Australian batsman, were named the International Cricket Council's (ICC) March 2025 Men's and Women's Players of the Month, respectively

• The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has officially confirmed that cricket will return to the Olympic Games in Los Angeles 2028

• Magnus Carlsen, the top-ranked player in the world of chess, won the 2025 Freestyle Chess Grand Slam in Paris, France. He won the match 1.5-0.5 over American Grandmaster Hikaru Nakamura

• Bihar will host the 7th Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2025 from 4th to 15th May 2025. The mascot is Gajsimha, symbolizing elephant's strength and lion's heart, inspired by the Pala dynasty's art and heritage

• In Football, Mohun Bagan Super Giant clinched the Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25 title following a 2-1 victory over Bengaluru FC at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan Stadium in Kolkata

• James Anderson, former England fast bowler, received a knighthood for his services to cricket

• The event was organized by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) and held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. India finished 2nd in the medal tally with total 8 medals, behind China

• Hitesh Gulia became the first Indian boxer to win a gold medal at the World Boxing Cup Brazil 2025. He won in the men's 70kg weight category.

• 4-time World Champion Max Verstappen, Belgian-Dutch driver of Red Bull won the Formula 1 (F1) Japanese Grand Prix 2025 held at Suzuka Circuit, in Suzuka, Japan
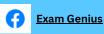
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Ques: What directive did the Supreme Court recently issue regarding the trial of child trafficking cases in India?
भारत में बाल तस्करी मामलों की सुनवाई को लेकर सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने हाल ही में क्या निर्देश जारी किया?

(a) Allow virtual hearings in all cases / सभी मामलों में वर्चुअल सुनवाई की अनुमति
(b) Complete trials within 6 months with daily hearings / रोजाना सुनवाई के साथ 6 महीने में मुकदमों को पूरा करना
(c) Abolish fast-track courts / फास्ट ट्रैक कोर्ट को समाप्त करना
(d) Refer all cases to NCPCR / सभी मामलों को एनसीपीसीआर को सौंपना
(e) Create new FIR formats / नई एफआईआर प्रारूप बनाना

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

• The Supreme Court, in a landmark ruling by Justices JB Pardiwala and R Mahadevan, issued directions to ensure the prevention and speedy trial of child trafficking cases.
• All High Courts were instructed to ensure that lower courts conclude trials within six months.
• The Court also ordered that these cases be heard on a daily basis to avoid delays in justice.
• Additionally, if a newborn is stolen from a hospital, the first action must be to revoke the hospital's license.
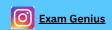
Ques: Which international container transshipment port, inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi in Kerala, is India's first semi-automated and truly deep-water port?
पीएम नरेंद्र मोदी द्वारा केरल में उद्घाटित कौन-सा अंतरराष्ट्रीय कंटेनर ट्रांसशिपमेंट पोर्ट भारत का पहला अर्ध-स्वचालित और गहराई वाला पोर्ट है?

(a) Paradip Port / पारादीप पोर्ट
(b) Ennore Port / एन्नोर पोर्ट
(c) Vizhinjam Port / विजिंजम पोर्ट
(d) Cochin Port / कोचीन पोर्ट
(e) Kandla Port / कांडला पोर्ट

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

• Vizhinjam International Seaport was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
• It is India's first semi-automated and deep-water international container transshipment port.
• Developed under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model involving the Kerala government, the Centre, and Adani Ports.
• The Concession Agreement was signed in 2015, and the total investment is over ₹18,000 crore.
• Since its commercial launch, it has handled 265 ships and 5.48 lakh TEUs.
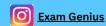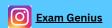• The first Mother Ship, MV San Fernando, docked in July 2024.
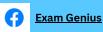
Recent Headlines Related to Inauguration :

• 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

• IIM Ahmedabad will launch its first international campus in Dubai, UAE, in September 2025

• Waaree Energies has inaugurated India's largest solar cell manufacturing facility in Chikhli, South Gujarat, with a production capacity of 5.4 GW

• The Chairman of ISRO and Secretary of the Department of Space inaugurated the Centre of Excellence for Research in Fluid and Thermal Sciences at IIT-Madras

• S N Bose Building Inaugurated by Rafael Mariano Grossi, Director General (DG) of Vienna (Austria) based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) at Global Centre for Nuclear Energy Partnership (GCNEP), a Research and Development (R&D) unit in Haryana

• Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Lachit Barphukan Police Academy at Dergaon, Assam

• 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

• Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis inaugurated the first-ever temple dedicated to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Bhiwandi, Thane district, on his birth anniversary

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Vantara, a unique wildlife conservation, rescue and rehabilitation initiative in Jamnagar, Gujarat. It is established by Reliance Industries with Reliance Foundation.

• Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah has inaugurated the workshop on sustainability and circularity in the dairy sector in New Delhi.

• Union Minister for Civil Aviation, Kinjrappu RamMohan Naidu, has opened the Udan Yatri Cafe at Chennai International Airport. This would help all travelers because five to six products such as water, tea, coffee, snacks, and local delicacies will be sold for Rs.10 to Rs.20

• Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu has inaugurated the Electronic Personnel License (EPL) for pilots, marking a significant step towards digital transformation

• The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has inaugurated its new headquarters, Keshav Kunj, near Jhandewalan, New Delhi

Ques: Which state was awarded by UIDAI for being the best-performing in mandatory biometric updates of children and verification of adult Aadhaar enrolment?

बच्चों के अनिवार्य बायोमेट्रिक अपडेट और वयस्क आधार नामांकन के सत्यापन में सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्रदर्शन करने वाला राज्य कौन-सा है, जिसे UIDAI द्वारा सम्मानित किया गया?

(a) Assam / असम
(b) Nagaland / नागालैंड
(c) Meghalaya / मेघालय
(d) Sikkim / सिक्किम
(e) Manipur / मणिपुर

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) recognized Meghalaya as:

• Best-performing state in mandatory biometric updates of children
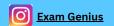• Best-performing in adult Aadhaar enrolment verification

The award was presented to Shai Kupar War, Aadhaar Nodal Officer from Meghalaya's General Administration Department.

Ques: Which coal PSU is set to become the first in India to adopt Paste Fill Technology for underground coal mining?

भारत में भूमिगत कोयला खनन के लिए पेस्ट फिल तकनीक अपनाने वाला पहला कोयला सार्वजनिक उपक्रम (PSU) कौन बनने जा रहा है?

(a) Western Coalfields Limited / वेस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड
(b) Northern Coalfields Limited / नॉर्दर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड
(c) South Eastern Coalfields Limited / साउथ ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड
(d) Mahanadi Coalfields Limited / महानदी कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड
(e) Central Coalfields Limited / सेंट्रल कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• An important step toward environmentally friendly and sustainable mining methods will be taken when South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) becomes the first coal PSU in India to use paste fill technology for coal mining.
• SECL and TMC Mineral Resources Private Limited have inked a Rs. 7040 crore deal to put this cutting-edge underground mining technology into practice.
• The project will be implemented at Singhali underground coal mine in the Korba area, aiming to produce 84.5 lakh tonnes of coal over 25 years.
• A contemporary underground mining technique that does not require acquiring surface land is paste filling.
• Following the extraction of coal, a specifically produced paste consisting of fly ash, crushed opencast mine overburden, cement, water, and binding agents is used to replace the mined-out voids. This procedure guarantees the mine's structural stability and stops land subsidence.
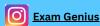
About Singhali Mine :

• The Singhali underground mine began operations in 1993 after receiving approval in 1989 for a production capacity of 0.24 million tonnes annually.
• The mine currently possesses 8.45 million tonnes of G-7 grade non-coking coal reserves that can be extracted.
• It was created with the Bord and Pillar technique, which uses Universal Drilling Machines (UDMs) and Load Haul Dumpers (LHDs) for subterranean operations.
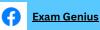
• Traditional caving techniques are not practical due to safety concerns because the surface region above the mine is heavily populated with villages, high-tension electrical wires, and a Public Works Department (PWD) road.
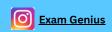
Ques: Where was GITEX Africa 2025, Africa's largest tech and startup event in which India participated, held?
GITEX Africa 2025, जो अफ्रीका का सबसे बड़ा टेक और स्टार्टअप इवेंट है जिसमें भारत ने भाग लिया, कहां आयोजित हुआ था?

(a) Nairobi, Kenya / नैरोबी, केन्या
(b) Kigali, Rwanda / किगाली, रवांडा
(c) Lagos, Nigeria / लागोस, नाइजीरिया
(d) Cairo, Egypt / काहिरा, मिस्र
(e) Marrakesh, Morocco / माराकेश, मोरक्को

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• GITEX Africa 2025 is the largest tech and startup event in Africa, hosted in Marrakesh, Morocco.
• It brought together global leaders, innovators, and startups to explore collaborative tech opportunities.
• India was represented by Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
• The event served as a key platform for Indian startups to showcase innovation and explore bilateral partnerships.

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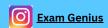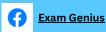Visit our website
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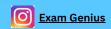
Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

• One of the main advisory groups of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), the Committee on Governance, has been chosen to be chaired by the Ministry of Interior of the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

• 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."

• The NXT25 Summit 2025 was held at the Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

• AICTE has formed an expert committee chaired by Anand Deshpande, Founder and Chairman of Persistent Systems, to integrate AI and Applied AI in both technical and non-technical programs like BBA, BCA, and Electrical Engineering

• The Indian Navy hosted the 3rd edition of the Meteorological and Oceanological Symposium called 'Meghayan 25' on 14 April 2025, virtually inaugurated from Nausena Bhawan, Delhi

• The 2nd edition of the STREE Summit was held in Hyderabad and organized by the Hyderabad City Security Council (HCSC). STREE stands for "She Triumphs Through Respect, Equality and Empowerment", aiming to empower women and promote gender equality

• The 15th BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting is scheduled for 17 April 2025 in Brasilia, Brazil. The meeting will focus on "Promoting Inclusive and Sustainable Agriculture" through cooperation, innovation, and equitable trade among BRICS nations

• India's first-ever Agentic AI Hackathon Final Held at Technopark, Kerala and Organised by Techvantage.ai & CrewAI. Venkata Saketh Dakuri, the AI winner, created an AI tool for anti-money laundering and regulatory compliance

• The 9th edition of the three-day Global Technology Summit was opened in New Delhi by the External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar. Sambhavna" is the theme for the 9th Global Technology Summit

• The 8th AITIGA Joint Committee Meeting was held at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi, India. It is Co-chaired by Rajesh Agrawal (India) and Dr. Sugumari S. Shanmuga (Malaysia)
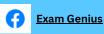
Ques: As per Airports Council International (ACI), which country is projected to have the highest air passenger traffic growth rate in 2026?
एयरपोर्ट्स काउंसिल इंटरनेशनल (ACI) के अनुसार, 2026 में किस देश की हवाई यात्री यातायात वृद्धि दर सबसे अधिक रहने की संभावना है?

(a) United States / संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका
(b) China / चीन
(c) India / भारत
(d) Indonesia / इंडोनेशिया
(e) Japan / जापान

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

• According to ACI Asia-Pacific & Middle East, India is expected to surpass China in air passenger traffic growth rate in 2026, with a projected growth of 10.5%, compared to China's 8.9%.
• In 2027, India is forecasted to continue leading with 10.3% growth vs. China's 7.2%.
• India's CAGR from 2023 to 2027 is estimated at 9.5%, higher than China's 8.8%.
• Over the long term (2023–2053), India is projected to be the fastest-growing aviation market in the world with a CAGR of 5.5%, ahead of China's 3.8%.
• Currently, India has 159 operational airports, with 50 more planned, and domestic airlines have placed orders for over 1,700 aircraft.
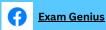
Ques: From which date will the new rules under the Legal Metrology (General) Rules, 2011 — mandating verification and stamping of radar-based speed measurement devices — come into effect?

कानूनी माप विज्ञान (सामान्य) नियम, 2011 के तहत रडार-आधारित गति माप उपकरणों के सत्यापन और मुहर लगाने के लिए अधिसूचित नए नियम किस तिथि से लागू होंगे?

(a) 1 April 2025
(b) 1 June 2025
(c) 1 July 2025
(d) 1 August 2025
(e) 1 October 2025

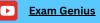**Answer**: Option C

Explanation :

• The Ministry of Consumer Affairs has introduced new regulatory measures to ensure accuracy and standardisation in radar-based speed measurement.
• These apply to microwave Doppler radar equipment, which are commonly used in traffic enforcement.
• The rules ensure compliance with technical standards, calibration protocols, tamper protection, and environmental stability.
• The changes will take effect from 1 July 2025, allowing sufficient lead time for implementation.
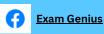
Impact on Stakeholders:

• For citizens: Ensures accurate speed readings and helps avoid unfair penalties.
• For industries: Provides a clear regulatory framework aligned with international standards.
• For law enforcement: Enhances credibility and operational efficiency with verified equipment.
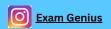
News Headlines Related to Ministry :

• The Ministry of Textiles (MoT) has released data indicating that India's silk exports and production increased steadily between 2017–18 and 2023–24. From 31,906 million tons (MT) in 2017–18 to 38,913 MT in 2023–24, India produced more raw silk

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

• The Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways (MoPSW) initiated the Sagarmala Programme in March 2015, and it has already been successfully implemented for 10 years

• The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) conducted the Indian Web Browser Development Challenge (IWBDC) to promote the development of a homegrown web browser under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiative

• On World Water Day, Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil launched the country-wide Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain - 2025 in Panchkula, Haryana

• The Union Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MIB), in collaboration with the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI), launched WAVEX 2025

• 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

• 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

• Union Health Minister J P Nadda has launched the Indian Council of Medical Research's (ICMR) flagship initiative 'Medical Innovations Patent Mitra' to enhance India's healthcare innovation ecosystem

• The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has started a revolutionary project to promote gender-sensitive governance at the grassroots level. The program, which focuses on the building of Model Women-Friendly Gram Panchayats (MWFGP), was launched at a National Convention held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi

Ques : Which edition of 'National Highways Excellence Awards' (NHEA 2023) ?
'राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग उत्कृष्टता पुरस्कार' (NHEA 2023) का कौन सा संस्करण आयोजित किया जाएगा?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

• The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) hosted the sixth edition of the "National Highways Excellence Awards" (NHEA 2023) at the Bharat Mandapam Convention Centre in New Delhi.
• MoRTH started these awards in 2018 with the intention of motivating those involved in the building and upkeep of highways.
• The "पथ चिंतन Hackathon" winners received recognition for their creative, technologically advanced suggestions to enhance highway infrastructure.
• After several examination stages, the jury selected 22 submissions from a total of 125 nominations.
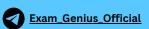
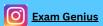**For the 2023 cycle of awards, the 5 categories are as follows :**
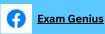
1. Excellence in Project Management :

• H.G. Infra Engineering Limited (Jaipur, Rajasthan) : Ateli Mandi to Narnaul section of NH-11 & Narnaul Bypass as an economic corridor (Haryana), (Silver)
• Bhartia Infra Projects Limited (Guwahati, Assam) : Hakanjuri to Khonsa section of NH-315A (Arunachal Pradesh, AP), (Silver)

2. Excellence in Operation & Maintenance : Nanguneri Kanyakumari Tollway Private Limited (TN) : Madurai to Kanyakumari of NH-7 Package 4 (Tamil Nadu, TN) (Gold)

3. Green Highways :

• Ashoka Buildcon Limited (Nashik, Maharashtra) : Kandi to Ramsanpalle section of NH161 (Telangana) (Gold)

• Deccan Tollways Limited (Chennai, TN) : Maharashtra-Karnataka border to Sangareddy section of NH-65 (in Karnataka & Andhra Pradesh, AP) (Silver)

4. Best Engineer Award :

• Navratan : Director General Manager (DGM) & PD, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI)

• Devender Kumar : General Manager (GM) of New Delhi (Delhi)-based National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL)

• Subhash Chandra : Regional Office (RO) Itanagar (AR), MoRTH

5. Special Recognition Award : Vatakara Kozhikode (Kerala)-based Uralungal Labour Contract Cooperative Society (ULCCS)
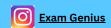
Ques: Hari Dutt Kapri, who passed away recently, was a former captain of which Indian national sports team and an Arjuna Awardee in 1969?
हाल ही में निधन हो चुके हरि दत्त कपरी किस भारतीय राष्ट्रीय खेल टीम के पूर्व कप्तान थे और उन्हें 1969 में अर्जुन पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया था?

(a) Basketball / बास्केटबॉल
(b) Football / फुटबॉल
(c) Volleyball / वॉलीबॉल
(d) Hockey / हॉकी
(e) Athletics / एथलेटिक्स

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• Hari Dutt Kapri, born in 1942 in Chiiriyakhan village, Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, was a former captain of the Indian basketball team.
• He led the team from 1965 to 1978, a period considered the golden era of Indian basketball.
• Under his leadership, India rose from 7th to 4th place in Asia in 1969.
• He received the Arjuna Award in 1969 for his exceptional contribution to Indian sports
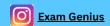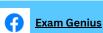
Ques : World Liver Day is observed every year on which day ?
विश्व लिवर दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

• To raise awareness about liver health and prevent disorders related to the liver, World Liver Day is celebrated annually on April 19.
• Theme 2025 – Food is Medicine
• The liver produces bile, controls metabolism, and detoxifies the blood, among more than 500 other essential processes.

Important days :

• 1 April : 89th edition of Utkal Divas, also known as Odisha Day or Vishuva Milan to commemorate the formation of the state of Odisha in 1936

• 2 April : International Fact-Checking Day

• 2 April : World Autism Awareness Day   (Theme 2025: Advancing Neurodiversity and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs))

• 2 April (first Wednesday of April) : National Walking Day (Theme 2025: Protect yourself from diabetes, heart disease, and cancer)

• 3 April : 261st Raising Day of the Army Medical Corps 2025 (To honor the founding of the AMC in 1764)

• 4 April : International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action (Theme 2025 - Safe Futures Begin Here)

• 5 April : National Maritime Day

• 6 April : International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) (Theme 2025 Leveling the Playing Field: Sport for Social Inclusion)

• 7 April : World Health Day (Theme 2025: Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures)

• 7 April : International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda

• 1 to 7 April : Prevention of Blindness Week

• 8 April : Earth's Rotation Day (Theme 2025 Our Power, Our Planet)

• 10 April : World Homoeopathy Day (Theme 2025 – Adhyayan, Adhyaapan, Anusandhaan" (Education, Practice, and Research))

• 11 April : National Safe Motherhood Day (Theme 2025 – Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures)

• 11 April : World Parkinson's Day 2025

• 12 April : International Day of Human Space Flight

• 13 April : Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Day

• 14 April : World Chagas Disease Day (Theme 2025 – Prevent, Control, Care: Everyone's role in Chagas disease)

• 14 April : World Quantum Day (Theme 2025 – Every Day in 2025)

• 15 April : World Art Day (Theme 2025 – Art for Unity and Transformation)

• 15 April : 78th Himachal Day 2025 (Himachal Pradesh was formed as a Union Territory on April 15, 1948 and On January 25, 1971, Himachal Pradesh achieved full statehood as the 18th state of India)

• 16 April : World Voice Day (Theme 2025 Empower Your Voice)