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## Ques: Who has recently been appointed as Deputy CFO and Special Officer Finance & Accounts at IndusInd Bank?

- (a) Santosh Kumar
- (b) Arun Khurana
- (c) Gobind Jain
- (d) Sandeep Bakshi
- (e) Rajnish Kumar

**Answer**: Option A

- At IndusInd Bank, Santosh Kumar, the Chief Accountant, has been promoted to Deputy CFO, Special Officer-Finance & Accounts, and Key Managerial Personnel.
- After former CFO Gobind Jain resigned in January, Arun Khurana was given the additional responsibility of CFO. He will now only serve as the bank's deputy CEO.
- According to the exchange filing, Santosh Kumar will oversee the bank's accounts and finance operations in his new position until a full-time CFO is hired.



















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## Ques: Mirae Asset recently launched a new fund via its IFSC branch to help Indian investors invest in which of the following?

- (a) Indian government bonds
- (b) Real estate
- (c) Global equity ETFs, including AI and semiconductors
- (d) Gold and precious metals
- (e) Infrastructure projects in India

**Answer**: Option C

- To enable Indian investors have exposure to global markets and high-growth industries like semiconductors and artificial intelligence (AI), Mirae Asset has introduced a new fund called the Mirae Asset Global Allocation Fund IFSC.
- Launched through the company's GIFT City IFSC branch, the fund invests in a portfolio of international equities exchange-traded funds (ETFs) with the goal of generating long-term capital appreciation
- These exchange-traded funds (ETFs) will be based on broad market indices and high-growth industries like semiconductors and artificial intelligence (AI).
- 90 100% of the fund's net asset value (NAV) will be invested in international exchange-traded funds (ETFs) in developed markets such as China and the United States.

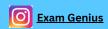


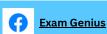
















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## Ques: Which cities currently have access to PhonePe's PINCODE medicine delivery service?

- a) Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai
- b) Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kolkata
- c) Bengaluru, Mumbai, Pune
- d) Pune, Chennai, Bhopal
- e) Mumbai, Delhi, Pune

Answer: Option C

- PhonePe has launched a 24x7 medicine delivery service through its PINCODE app, covering both OTC and prescription drugs.
- The service is currently available in Bengaluru, Mumbai, and Pune, with medicines delivered within 10 minutes from the nearest medical shop.
- Orders can be placed round-the-clock, ensuring fast access to essential medicines at any time.



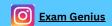


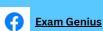
















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#### Ques: LIC recently increased its stake in which public sector bank to 7.05%?

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

**Answer**: Option D

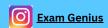
- The massive insurance company LIC has raised its ownership of the state-owned Bank of Baroda (BoB) by almost 2% to 7.05 percent.
- Over the course of a year and a half, the life insurance business has purchased an additional 10.45 crore shares from the open market.
- The purchase, which took place between November 20, 2023, and April 16, 2025, raised LIC's ownership of the Mumbai-based bank from 5.03 percent to 7.05 percent.

















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## Ques: As per the data of April 2025, what is the total number of RuPay debit cards issued under PMJDY?

A. 552.8 million

B. 308 million

C. 379.8 million

D. 184.7 million

E. 456.8 million

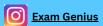
**Answer**: Option C

- Total deposits under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) have reached ₹2.63 lakh crore as of April 9, 2025.
- There are 552.8 million PMJDY accounts, with an average balance of ₹4,760 per account.
- 379.8 million RuPay debit cards have been issued to beneficiaries, offering ₹2 lakh accident insurance coverage.
- Of the total accounts, 368.1 million are in rural and semi-urban areas, and 184.7 million in urban and metro regions.
- 308 million accounts are held by women, highlighting the scheme's inclusive outreach.
- Other features include 3-4% annual interest, no minimum balance requirement, and an overdraft facility of ₹10,000.
- PMJDY was launched on August 28, 2014, to provide universal banking access.















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Ques: Which city is set to become the world's first city to be powered entirely by renewable energy, as per recent plans?

- A. Amaravati
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Chennai
- E. None of these

**Answer**: Option A

- Amaravati, the proposed capital city of Andhra Pradesh, is set to become the world's first city powered entirely by renewable energy.
- The project targets a total electricity requirement of 2,700 MW, with at least 30% of it coming from solar, wind, and hydropower sources.
- Amaravati is envisioned as a smart, ultra-modern, and environment-friendly people's capital that aligns with global sustainability goals.
- The foundation stone of this ₹65,000 crore project will be laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in April 2025, under the leadership of CM N. Chandrababu Naidu.
- Spread across 217 sq. km (within an 8,352 sq. km capital region), the city will act as a global model for future smart and green cities.
- The goal is to achieve 100% renewable energy reliance by the year 2050, significantly reducing dependence on fossil fuels.

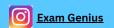


















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## Ques: Who inaugurated the 4-day Sansad Khel Mahakumbh held at K.D. Singh Babu **Stadium in Lucknow?**

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Yogi Adityanath
- (c) Anurag Thakur
- (d) Rainath Singh
- (e) Narendra Modi

**Answer**: Option D

- Rajnath Singh, Union Defence Minister, inaugurated the Sansad Khel Mahakumbh in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- Traditional Indian sports like Kalaripayattu, Yoga, and Mallakhamba were showcased during the ceremony.
- Around 2,500 athletes are participating across 8 sports: Athletics, Kabaddi, Basketball, Volleyball, Football, Hockey, Boxing, and Taekwondo.
- Participants are categorized as junior (class 9-12) and senior (college/university students).
- Cash prizes worth Rs.8 lakhs will be awarded to the winners.



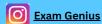


















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Ques: Prabhas and Pawak, the two cheetahs, were recently relocated from which wildlife sanctuary to Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary?

- A) Kuno National Park
- B) Panna Tiger Reserve
- C) Satpura National Park
- D) Bandhavgarh National Park
- E) Kanha National Park

**Answer**: Option A

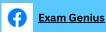
- Two cheetahs Prabhas and Pawak have been relocated from Kuno National Park to Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh.
- The relocation was conducted by Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, marking a key step in India's cheetah reintroduction efforts.
- Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary spans 64 sq. km, covering parts of Mandsaur and Neemuch districts.
- Both cheetahs were originally brought from South Africa in February 2023 as part of the larger Cheetah Project.
- After this move, Madhya Pradesh now hosts 24 cheetahs: 14 in the wild and 10 in enclosures
- Future translocations include 4 cheetahs from Botswana, with 4 more expected in May.
- Purpose: To reintroduce cheetahs in India, enhance biodiversity, and position Madhya Pradesh as the 'Cheetah State'.















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## Ques: How many Indians were included in the World Economic Forum's Young Global Leaders (YGL) 2025 list?

- (a) 7
- (b) 8
- (c) 9
- (d) 10
- (e) 11

**Answer**: Option A

#### Explanation:

- 116 leaders under 40 from almost 50 nations were recognized by the World Economic Forum (WEF) in their 2025 list of Young Global Leaders (YGL).
- There are seven Indians on the list. Prominent figures like Milojko Spajić, Prime Minister (PM) of Montenegro, Paetongtarn Shinawatra, PM of Thailand, and Sana Mir, Sports Analyst and Commentator of Pakistan Television Corporation Limited (Pakistan), are also included in the global list.

## Indian Representation in the 2025 YGL List:

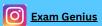
- Ritesh Agarwal: Founder and Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of OYO Hotels and Homes
- K. Ram Mohan Naidu: Union Minister of Civil Aviation, MoCA
- Nipun Malhotra: Founder of New Delhi based Nipman Foundation
- Alok M. Anil: Founder and Managing Director (MD) of Bengaluru based Next Big Innovation Labs
- Natarajan Sankar: MD and Partner at Mumbai based Boston Consulting Group (BCG), India
- Manasi Subramaniam: Editor-in-Chief and Vice-President of New Delhi based Penguin Random House India
- Anurag Maloo: Mountaineer, Entrepreneur, and Keynote Speaker at Jaipur (Rajasthan) based Orophile Ventures Private Limited

















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Ques: On 19 April 2025, India celebrated the 50th anniversary of which satellite, marking the country's entry into space exploration?

- (a) INSAT-1A
- (b) Bhaskara-I
- (c) Aryabhata
- (d) Rohini
- (e) APPLE

**Answer: Option C** 

- Aryabhata was India's first satellite, launched on 19 April 1975, and completed 50 years in 2025.
- It was named after the ancient Indian mathematician and astronomer Aryabhata.
- Launched from Kapustin Yar with the help of the USSR, it weighed 360 kg and had solar panels on 24 of its 26 sides.
- With this launch, India became the 11th country to send a satellite into orbit.
- Its mission areas included Solar Physics, Aeronomy, and X-ray Astronomy.



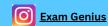


















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Ques: International Conclave on "Buddha Dhamma and the Culture of North-East India" held in which state?

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

**Answer**: Option E

- The International Conclave on the theme of "Buddha Dhamma and the Culture of North-East India" was opened in Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh, by Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein.
- The International Buddhist Confederation and the Union Ministry of Culture, Government of India, are working together to organize the two-day conference.
- The two-day meeting is being attended by Buddhist monks and academics from India as well as a number of other nations, including Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand, and Bhutan.















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Ques: As per the recent MoU, where will Coal India and DVC set up a 1,600 MW power project?

- a) Odisha
- b) West Bengal
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Chhattisgarh
- e) Jharkhand

**Answer**: Option E

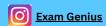
- Coal India and Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) have signed an MoU to set up a 1,600 MW ultra-supercritical coal-fired power project in Jharkhand.
- The total investment for the project is estimated at Rs.16,500 crore, and it will operate as a 50:50 joint venture.
- The aim is to enhance India's power generation capacity through high-efficiency coal technology.

















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Ques: India recently signed its first Defence MoU with which country to co-develop next-generation combat vehicle technologies?

- (a) Poland
- (b) Slovakia
- (c) Israel
- (d) France
- (e) Italy

**Answer**: Option B

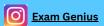
- India and Slovakia signed their first-ever Defence Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
- The MoU involves JCBL Group's Airbornics Defence & Space Pvt. Ltd. (ADSL) and focuses on co-developing light tank systems including turrets, active protection systems, and remote-controlled weapon systems.
- The partnership supports Make-in-India, ensures indigenous manufacturing, and aims to facilitate technology transfer, paving the way for future defence exports.















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## Ques: The Indian Air Force participated in the multinational Exercise Desert Flag-10 held in which country?

- (a) Saudi Arabia
- (b) United Arab Emirates
- (c) Qatar
- (d) Oman
- (e) Bahrain

**Answer**: Option B

- The Indian Air Force contingent took part in Exercise Desert Flag-10, held at Al Dhafra Air Base, UAE.
- The exercise is hosted by the UAE Air Force and includes participation from countries like Australia, France, USA, UK, Germany, South Korea, and others.
- The exercise aims to engage in complex fighter operations and promotes interoperability, tactical skill sharing, and cooperation with some of the world's top air forces.



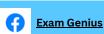
















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Ques: As per ISRO, what is the estimated wheat production from 8 major states of India as on 31 March 2025?

- A) 110.125 million tonnes
- B) 118.430 million tonnes
- C) 122.724 million tonnes
- D) 130.500 million tonnes
- E) 125.320 million tonnes

**Answer**: Option C

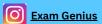
- ISRO used satellite technology under its CROP (Comprehensive Remote Sensing Observation on Crop Progress) project to monitor wheat crop conditions during the Rabi season.
- The initiative covered 8 major wheat-producing states: Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Bihar, Gujarat, and Maharashtra.
- ISRO utilized satellites like EOS-04 (RISAT-1A), EOS-06 (Oceansat-3), and Resourcesat-2A, combining Optical & Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) technologies.
- Based on satellite imagery and crop simulation models (5x5 km resolution), the estimated wheat production as of 31 March 2025 is 122.724 million tonnes.
- Wheat was found to be sown on 330.8 lakh hectares across these states.
- This real-time assessment supports accurate forecasting, aids the government's procurement planning, ensures better policy-making, and promotes data-driven agricultural decisions.

















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## Ques: The 2025 Laureus World Sports Awards, known as the "Oscars of Sports," were held in which city?

- (a) London
- (b) Paris
- (c) Madrid
- (d) Rome
- (e) Berlin

**Answer**: Option C

## **Explanation:**

- At a lavish ceremony in Madrid, the 2025 Laureus World Sports Awards commemorated its 25th anniversary and recognized outstanding athletes and teams for their extraordinary achievements in the previous year.
- Often referred to as the "Oscars of Sports," the Laureus World Sports Awards honored the most outstanding athletes and athletic accomplishments of the previous year.
- The 2025 edition of the event, which took place in the energetic city of Madrid, brought together game-changers, emerging stars, and legends from a variety of fields.

## Full List Of Winners at Laureus Sports Awards 2025:

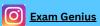
- Laureus World Sportsman of the Year Award- Armand Duplantis
- Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year Award- Simone Biles
- Laureus Sport for Good Award- Kick4Life
- Laureus Sporting Icon Award- Rafael Nadal
- Laureus Lifetime Achievement Award- Kelly Slater
- Laureus World Breakthrough of the Year Award- Lamine Yamal
- Laureus World Comeback of the Year Award- Rebeca Andrade
- Laureus World Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability Award- Jiang Yuyan
- Laureus World Team of the Year Award- Real Madrid
- Laureus World Action Sportsperson of the Year Award- Tom Pidcock

















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#### Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Economic Affairs Secretary of India?

- (a) Ajay Seth
- (b) Anuradha Thakur
- (c) Ramesh Kumar
- (d) Shailendra Kumar
- (e) Arun Sharma

**Answer**: Option B

- Anuradha Thakur has been appointed as the new Economic Affairs Secretary of India.
- She will succeed Ajay Seth, who is set to retire on June 30, 2025.
- This appointment is part of a major bureaucratic reshuffle involving 20 secretarylevel changes across the Finance and Commerce Ministries.
- The reshuffle, approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), aims to ensure policy continuity and administrative stability amid global economic uncertainties.
- Anuradha Thakur is among several IAS officers from the 1994 batch given key positions during this reshuffle.



















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Ques: Which state cabinet recently approved an ordinance to implement the subcategorisation of Scheduled Castes (SCs) into three groups for equitable development?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Andhra Pradesh
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Rajasthan

**Answer**: Option B

## **Explanation:**

The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet, led by CM N. Chandrababu Naidu, approved an ordinance to sub-categorise 59 SC communities into three groups:

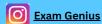
- Group I: 12 castes 1% reservation
- Group II: 18 castes 6.5% reservation
- Group III: 29 castes 7.5% reservation

The move is aimed at equitable access to education and employment opportunities and will be enforced across all 26 districts of the state.















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## Ques: ISRO recently tested a Stellite-based nozzle as an alternative to which imported material for the PSLV's fourth stage?

- (a) Titanium
- (b) Columbium
- (c) Zirconium
- (d) Inconel
- (e) Graphite

**Answer**: Option B

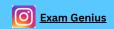
- ISRO has indigenously developed a Stellite-based nozzle divergent to replace imported Columbium in the fourth stage of the PSLV.
- Stellite is a cobalt-based alloy that withstands high temperatures up to 1150°C.
- It was hot-tested for 665 seconds at the ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri on April 8, 2025.
- This move is expected to reduce costs by 90% and supports India's push for Atmanirbharta in space tech.
- Also, the human-rated Vikas Engine for Gaganyaan was successfully tested at the same facility.

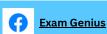
















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## Ques: Who has been appointed as the first-ever Indian brand ambassador of French luxury brand Chanel?

- (a) Alia Bhatt
- (b) Deepika Padukone
- (c) Ananya Panday
- (d) Priyanka Chopra
- (e) Kiara Advani

Answer: Option C

- Ananya Panday has been announced as Chanel's first-ever brand ambassador from India.
- This follows her appearance at Chanel's Spring/Summer 2025 show in Paris.
- She is known for her work in films like Gehraiyaan, Kho Gaye Hum Kahan, CTRL, and Call Me Bae.
- With 25.9 million Instagram followers, she's become a Gen Z fashion icon, aligning with Chanel's evolving global identity.

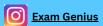


















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Ques: Pope Francis, the first Latin American Cardinal to be elected Pope, passed away at the age of 88. Which country was Pope Francis originally from?

- (a) Brazil
- (b) Argentina
- (c) Chile
- (d) Mexico
- (e) Venezuela

**Answer**: Option B

#### **Explanation:**

- Pope Francis died at the age of 88 after suffering a severe case of pneumonia. He passed away in his home in Casa Santa Marta, which is close to the Vatican's St. Peter's Basilica.
- The first Latin American cardinal to be elected as the head of the Roman Catholic Church was Pope Francis
- Following the retirement of Pope Benedict XVI, the first pope to willingly resign in 600 years, Pope Francis, born Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina, was elected as the first pope from Latin America and the southern hemisphere.
- Pope Francis is an important figure in the history of the Roman Catholic Church since Gregory III, a Syrian-born pope who died in 741 AD, was the last non-European to occupy the office.

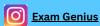
## Who is the Pope?

- The head of the Roman Catholic Church and the Bishop of Rome is called the Pope, which translates to "Father" in Greek.
- Vatican City is an enclave inside Rome, Italy, and is ruled by the Pope.
- The Roman Catholic Church views Saint Peter, one of Jesus Christ's twelve followers, as the first Pope.













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## Ques: At which event did India's Simranpreet Kaur Brar win her maiden senior international medal in shooting?

- (a) Asian Games 2023
- (b) ISSF World Cup, Lima 2024
- (c) World Shooting Championship, Baku
- (d) Paris Olympic Qualifiers
- (e) Commonwealth Shooting Championship

**Answer**: Option B

- Simranpreet Kaur Brar of India won silver in the women's 25-meter pistol event at the International Shooting Sport Federation's ISSF World Cup in Lima, Peru, earning her first senior international medal.
- The Indian shooter finished one hit behind China's Sun Yujie, who won back-to-back World Cup golds in the sport, with a total of 33 hits in the 10-series of five rapid-fire shots final.
- With 29 hits, Yao Qianxun, a second Chinese, took home the bronze. Manu Bhaker, a double medallist from the Paris Olympics, came in fourth.



















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#### **Ques: Which rocket will launch the NISAR satellite?**

- a) PSLV
- b) GSLV
- c) LVM3
- d) Falcon 9
- e) SSLV

**Answer**: Option B

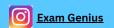
- Mission: NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar)
- Launch Window: June 2025 (exact date yet to be announced)
- Rocket: GSLV
- Purpose: Earth observation mission to monitor minute changes (1 cm) on Earth's surface, like glacier retreat, forest cover, vegetation changes, and natural disasters.
- Assembly Issues: 12-metre antenna required improvement, causing delay.
- Development: Joint mission components from India and the US; final testing in Bengaluru.

















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Ques: Japan-based global digital transformation and IT services company, NTT DATA, cloud platform company Neysa Networks have signed an agreement with which state to set up an Artificial Intelligence data centre cluster?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) Gujarat

**Answer**: Option C

- An deal has been reached by the Telangana government, cloud platform provider Neysa Networks, and Japan-based global digital transformation and IT services business NTT DATA to establish an artificial intelligence data center cluster in Hyderabad with an investment of 10,500 crore rupees.
- The 400 MegaWatt data center cluster in the new Hyderabad facility is intended to house 25,000 GPUs (Graphics Processing Units), the most potent AI supercomputing infrastructure in the nation.
- By providing autonomous, scalable, and sustainable computing capabilities to support public and enterprise AI workloads, the initiative supports Telangana's aim to become India's AI capital.



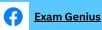
















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## Ques: What is the name of the community radio station launched by the Indian Army in Himachal Pradesh's Kinnaur district?

- A. Radio Himalaya
- B. Voice of Kinnaur
- C. Kinnaur Ki Awaaz
- D. Sadbhavana Radio
- E. None of these

**Answer**: Option C

- The Indian Army has launched a community radio station named 'Voice of Kinnaur' in Pooh, located in Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh, near the China border.
- This initiative is part of Operation Sadbhavana, which aims to build goodwill and foster development in border areas.
- The radio station will serve as a platform to broadcast local news, promote regional culture, and share educational, health-related, and public interest content with residents of the remote region.
- The station is based at Army Tripeak Public School, and was inaugurated by the school's Principal, in the presence of senior officers from the Surya Command of the Indian Army.
- The project strengthens local outreach, improves awareness, and enhances communication in strategically important but remote regions.

















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#### Ques: Civil Services Day in India is observed annually on which day?

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

**Answer**: Option E

- Every year on April 21, India celebrates Civil Services Day to honor and value the efforts made by civil officials to the development of the country.
- Since Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officials and other civil service officers are essential to public administration and governance, the day is very important.
- Because it commemorates the day in 1947 when Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel spoke to the first group of IAS officers at Metcalfe House in Delhi, April 21 is known as Civil Services Day.
- The Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration, which are presented to officials and departments for outstanding work and creative efforts in governance, are one way the government recognizes civil servants on this day.



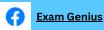














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## Ques: Earth Day is observed every year on which day?

- (a) 21 April
- (b) 22 April
- (c) 23 April
- (d) 24 April
- (e) 25 April

**Answer**: Option B



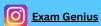


















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Ques: South India's first AC EMU (Electric Multiple Unit) suburban train was recently launched on which railway corridor?

- (a) Bengaluru Mysuru
- (b) Chennai Beach Chengalpattu
- (c) Hyderabad Secunderabad
- (d) Kochi Aluva
- (e) Mangaluru Udupi

**Answer**: Option B

- On the Chennai Beach-Chengalpattu route, South India's first AC EMU (Electric Multiple Unit) train was introduced, providing Metro-like comfort and signaling a significant development in the suburban rail system of the area.
- Manufactured by Integral Coach Factory, the 12-car train includes modern amenities like automatic doors, AC, CCTV, GPS displays, and regenerative braking.
- With charges ranging from Rs. 35 to Rs. 105 depending on distance, the service runs six days a week (except Sundays) and offers six services in total each day: two between Chennai Beach and Tambaram and four between Chennai Beach and Chengalpattu.
- In keeping with the success of Mumbai's AC EMU model, Southern Railway's Chennai division is launching this project to offer a pleasant, secure, and effective travel experience.



