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Ques: Which company recently received in-principle approval from RBI to operate as an online payment aggregator (PA)?

- (a) Razorpay
- (b) PB Pay Pvt Ltd
- (c) CCAvenue
- (d) Pine Labs
- (e) PhonePe

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- PB Pay Private Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of PB Fintech Limited (the parent company of Policybazaar), based in Gurugram, Haryana, has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- This approval is under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, allowing it to function as an online payment aggregator (PA).
- Payment aggregators facilitate e-commerce sites and merchants to accept payment instruments from customers without the need for merchants to create a separate payment integration system.

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Ques: Poonawalla Fincorp has partnered with which fintech platform to offer instant personal loans via ZIP EMI service?

- (a) Paytm
- (b) PhonePe
- (c) MobiKwik
- (d) Google Pay
- (e) BharatPe

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Poonawalla Fincorp, an NBFC backed by the Cyrus Poonawalla Group, has collaborated with MobiKwik.
- The partnership introduces instant personal loans via MobiKwik's ZIP EMI service.
- Loan amounts range from Rs.50,000 to Rs.15 lakh, a major increase from earlier limits (Rs.2 lakh).
- Borrowers can choose flexible repayment tenures from 6 to 36 months.
- This initiative ensures fast digital disbursal, especially catering to users in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities.
- It also aims to help users improve their credit score through timely repayments.

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Ques: As per the latest RBI guidelines, from what minimum age can minors independently open and operate their own savings/term deposit accounts?

- (a) 10 years
- (b) 11 years
- (c) 12 years
- (d) 15 years
- (e) 18 years

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed minors aged 10 years and above to independently open and operate savings and term deposit accounts.
- Minors of any age can still open such accounts through their natural/legal guardians, including their mother.
- Banks may set specific terms and limits based on their risk management policy and must communicate these terms clearly.
- Banks can offer facilities like internet banking, debit cards, and cheque books, based on product suitability and customer appropriateness.
- Overdrafts are not allowed in minor accounts – these accounts must always remain in credit balance.
- Banks must complete due diligence and update policies by July 1, 2025, to comply with these revised norms.

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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- 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
- FACE, a self-regulatory organization recognized by the RBI, said that the RBI conducted 79 enforcement proceedings against banks and NBFCs in FY25
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) declared that it will buy Rs 40,000 crore worth of government securities through an open market operation (OMO) auction on April 17
- About 500 weak UCBs under RBI's SAF will shift to the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework from April 1, 2025. PCA enables timely supervisory intervention requiring banks to take prompt remedial measures
- RBI has launched a WhatsApp Channel to enhance its financial literacy campaign, especially targeting remote and underserved areas
- In April 2025, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cut the repo rate by 25 basis points (0.25%), bringing it down to 6%.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) plans to allow the securitisation of stressed assets using a market-based system, in addition to the existing Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC) route
- The Reserve Bank of India has given a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) license to Securis Finance Private Limited, a subsidiary of FirstPay Technologies situated in Bengaluru, Karnataka
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will issue new Rs.10 and Rs.500 banknotes. The signatory on these new notes will be Sanjay Malhotra, the current RBI Governor
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced that the Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) investment limits in debt instruments will remain unchanged for the fiscal year 2025-26
- The Government of India, in coordination with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), will re-issue two Government Securities (G-Secs) through a price-based auction on April 4, 2025
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) celebrated its 90th anniversary with a grand event. President Droupadi Murmu was the Chief Guest at the celebration





Ques: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman recently released a commemorative coin of what denomination to mark the 150th anniversary of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)?

- (a) Rs.100
- (b) Rs.125
- (c) Rs.150
- (d) Rs.200
- (e) Rs.250

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled a Rs.150 commemorative coin at the Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai to celebrate 150 years of BSE, Asia's oldest stock exchange.
- Along with the coin, she also launched the BSE@150 Logo and the BSE 150 Index, a benchmark index that tracks the performance of the top 150 listed companies based on market cap and liquidity.
- This is the eighth commemorative coin issued by the India Government Mint, Mumbai in the year 2025.
- Metal Composition of Rs.150 Denomination coin is Quaternary alloy comprising 50% silver, 40% copper, 5% nickel, and 5% zinc
- It weighs 35 grams, has a diameter of 44 mm, and features 200 serrations on the edge.
- Obverse (Front) Design Features the Lion Capital of Ashoka with the inscription "सत्यमेव जयते," below, flanked by "भारत" and "INDIA" on the left and right periphery, respectively. Below the Ashoka Lion Capital, the rupee symbol "Rs." and the denomination "150" are inscribed in international numerals.
- Reverse (back) Design Depicts the BSE@150 logo along with inscriptions in Hindi and English: "1875 से निवेशकों को सशक्त बनाते हुए" and "Empowering Investors Since 1875."

About Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) :



- Established : 1875
- HQ : Mumbai
- Chairman & MD : Sundararaman Ramamurthy



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Ques: Which U.S. city recently declared April 14 as “Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Day”?

- (a) Chicago
- (b) New York City
- (c) Washington D.C.
- (d) San Francisco
- (e) Houston

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- New York City's 8.5 million citizens celebrate Dr. B R Ambedkar Day, which was declared by Mayor Eric Adams on April 14 of this year.
- The 134th anniversary of Ambedkar's birth was celebrated with a special event at the UN headquarters, where Dr. Ramdas Atwale, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, gave the keynote presentation.
- Ambedkar earned an honorary degree in 1952 after earning a doctorate in economics from Columbia University in 1927.

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Ques: What was the name of the Indian Army's 28-day high-altitude expedition conducted to showcase resilience and operational readiness?

- (a) Snow Warrior 2025
- (b) ARMEX-24
- (c) OP Saksham
- (d) Mountain Yodha
- (e) Everest March

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- ARMEX-24 was a 28-day high-altitude adventure expedition organized by the Indian Army.
- Held from March 22 to April 14, 2025, the expedition aimed to showcase resilience, leadership, and operational preparedness in extreme conditions.
- The route covered 146 kilometers, ranging from the snow-clad mountains of Sikkim to the forests of Northern West Bengal.
- Twenty personnel were selected based on mental toughness, teamwork, and physical endurance.
- The expedition highlighted the Indian Army's ability to operate in harsh and remote terrains.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Defence Exercise :

- The Indian Air Force contingent took part in Exercise Desert Flag-10, held at Al Dhafra Air Base, UAE
- The 1st edition of Africa India Key Maritime Engagement (AIKEYME 2025) was conducted in Tanzania
- Exercise Prachand Prahaa Held at High-altitude terrain of Arunachal Pradesh between Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force. It is Conducted by Indian Army's Kolkata, West Bengal-based Eastern Command
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to participate in the multinational air exercise INIOCHOS-25 in Greece. This 12-day exercise, hosted by Greece's Hellenic Air Force, will be held at Andravida Air Base and will continue until April 11, 2025
- The 14th edition of Exercise INDRA was conducted between the Indian Navy and the Russian Navy. The exercise was divided into two phases: the Harbour Phase, which took place off the coast of Chennai, and the Sea Phase, which was held in the Bay of Bengal
- The India-U.S. tri-service exercise 'Tiger Triumph' is a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise. The Harbour Phase of the exercise will take place in Visakhapatnam from April 1 to 7, 2025.
- The 14th edition of the India-Russia naval exercise Indra will take place off Chennai from March 28 to April 2, 2025, bolstering the two nations' strategic naval cooperation
- The Indian and French navies are preparing to deepen their maritime partnership with the 23rd edition of Varuna 2025, which will take place from March 19 to 22, 2025
- Exercise BONGOSAGAR 4th Edition and 'Coordinated Patrol' (CORPAT) 6th Edition Held at Designated maritime areas of the Bay of Bengal between India-Bangladesh (Navy) at Designated maritime areas of the Bay of Bengal





Ques : What is the name of the new feature launched by the Income Tax Department to ease online tax payments?

- a) Easy Tax Pay
- b) e-Tax Portal
- c) e-Pay Tax
- d) Quick Pay Tax
- e) None of these

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Income Tax Department launched the 'e-Pay Tax' feature on its official online portal.
- The goal is to provide a user-friendly and efficient online tax payment system.
- This system allows individuals and businesses to pay their taxes with ease, improving compliance and reducing delays.
- It supports the government's move toward digital governance and taxpayer convenience.

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Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals

- To make land record management easier, more transparent, and more publically available, the Telangana government launched the Bhu Bharati portal
- Startup QNu Labs introduces Q-Shield, the first platform of its kind in the world that enables businesses to safeguard vital infrastructure
- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched the dedicated digital portal developed by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) to facilitate private sector participation in building infrastructure (like jetties and terminals) on National Waterways, promoting Ease of Doing Business (EODB)
- A new website for the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GR) was unveiled in New Delhi by Union Minister of Jal Shakti C.R. Patil
- Northeast Frontier Railway, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) has now officially integrated with the CEIR (Central Equipment Identity Register) portal across India
- Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil unveiled the Web-based Reservoir Storage Monitoring System (RSMS) Portal in New Delhi, which automates the compilation of weekly water storage bulletins and replaces the previous manual system
- The Bhagirath mobile app was launched by Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami. The app is based on the Jal Sanrakshan Abhiyan 2025 theme : “Dhara Mera, Naula Mera, Gaon Mera, Prayas Mera”
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the ‘NITI NCAER States Economic Forum’ portal in New Delhi. It serves as a comprehensive repository of data related to social, economic, and fiscal parameters, along with research reports, papers, and expert commentaries
- The Delhi Legislative Assembly, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, and the Delhi government have signed MoU to execute the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA). With this decision, Delhi becomes India's 28th legislature to adopt a digital system



Ques: Who won the 68th World Press Photo of the Year award for capturing the image of a Gazan boy who lost both arms in an airstrike?

- (a) John Moore
- (b) Musuk Nolte
- (c) Samar Abu Elou
- (d) Anne Frank
- (e) Greta Thunberg

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The 68th World Press Photo of the Year was awarded to Samar Abu Elouf, a Qatar-based Palestinian photographer, for The New York Times.
- The awarded photograph featured nine-year-old Mahmoud Ajjour, a Gazan boy who lost both his arms in an Israeli airstrike in Gaza City (Palestine).
- The award ceremony was held during the World Press Photo Exhibition in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
- The winner received a cash prize of €10,000.
- Other Finalists are : 1. "Night Crossing" by John Moore (USA) for Washington (USA) based Getty Images 2. "Droughts in the Amazon" by Musuk Nolte (Peru) for London

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Ques: Which of the following cricketers were newly added to the BCCI Grade C central contract list for 2024–25?

- (a) Rinku Singh, Arshdeep Singh, Sanju Samson
- (b) Ishan Kishan, Ravi Bishnoi, Prasidh Krishna
- (c) Shivam Dube, Jitesh Sharma, Avesh Khan
- (d) Nitish Kumar Reddy, Dhruv Jurel, Abhishek Sharma
- (e) Kuldeep Yadav, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Axar Patel

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) revealed the yearly player retainership for the men's team for the 2024–25 season, and Indian team mainstays Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli have kept their A+ category contracts despite retiring from the T20I format.
- Nitish Kumar Reddy, Dhruv Jurel, Abhishek Sharma, Sarfaraz Khan, Akash Deep, Varun Chakravarthy, and Harshit Rana are among the new hires to the central contracts list; they are all ranked in Grade C.
- The contract list no longer includes Shivam Dube, Jitesh Sharma, KS Bharat, and Avesh Khan, who were in the C category the previous season.
- For the 2024–25 season, which runs from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025, 34 players have been given annual retainer contracts.
- Grade A+: Ravindra Jadeja, Jasprit Bumrah, Virat Kohli, and Rohit Sharma
- Grade A: Hardik Pandya, Mohammed Shami, Rishabh Pant, Shubman Gill, KL Rahul, and Mohammed Siraj
- Grade B: Shreyas Iyer, Axar Patel, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Kuldeep Yadav, and Suryakumar Yadav
- Grade C : Rinku Singh, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Tilak Varma, Shivam Dube, Ravi Bishnoi, Washington Sundar, Mukesh Kumar, Sanju Samson, Arshdeep Singh, Prasidh Krishna, Rajat Patidar, Dhruv Jurel, Sarfaraz Khan, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Ishan Kishan, Abhishek Sharma, Akash Deep, Varun Chakravarthy, and Harshit Rana
- Grade A players receive Rs. 5 crore annually from the BCCI, while Grade A+ players receive Rs. 7 crore. Cricket players in Grade B receive 3 crore, while those in Grade C receive 1 cr each.





Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and world :

- 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
- Amaravati, the proposed capital city of Andhra Pradesh, is set to become the world's first city powered entirely by renewable energy
- 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
- The construction of a 3D-printed train station in Arida City by the West Japan Railway Company is a first for the globe and represents a major advancement in rail infrastructure innovation
- Mauritius is the first African country to sign the Country Partnership Framework (CPF) with the International Solar Alliance (ISA)
- Kerala has become the first state in India to implement online filing and hearing for Permanent Lok Adalats (PLAs), initiated by the Kerala State Legal Services Authority (KELSA)
- Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge (DDLJ) will be the first Indian film to be honored at London's Scenes in the Square movie trail, Leicester Square
- Kerala is set to become the first state in India to achieve 100% digital literacy, thanks to the Digi Kerala initiative
- India's first high-altitude climate change research station was launched in Udhampur district, Jammu & Kashmir

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- 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
- 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
- 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



Ques : Where was the world's first 10G broadband network launched?

- A. Shanghai, China
- B. Beijing, China
- C. Sunan County, Hebei Province
- D. Shenzhen, China
- E. None of these

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- China achieved a major technological milestone with the launch of the world's first 10G broadband network in Sunan County, Hebei Province on April 20, 2025.
- Developed by Huawei in collaboration with China Unicom, the network offers lightning-fast speeds of up to 9,834 Mbps download and 1,008 Mbps upload, along with ultra-low latency of just 3 ms.
- This development is a significant leap in global internet infrastructure, ushering in the era of ultra-high-speed broadband connectivity.

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Ques: The Indian Air Force's Surya Kiran team recently performed an air show over which river in Bihar?

- (a) Kosi
- (b) Gandak
- (c) Sone
- (d) Ganga
- (e) Punpun

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Indian flying Force's Surya Kiran team in Bihar starts their aerobatic flying display at Patna.
- Between 10 and 11 a.m., the IAF Surya Kiran aircraft will perform a spectacular show and maneuver over the Ganga River in Patna as part of the two-day program.
- The event is being held in honor of Babu Kunwar Singh, the freedom fighter who led the 1857 movement in Bhojpur, Bihar, and his Vijayotsav.

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Ques: From which date will the new regulations for radar equipment used to measure vehicle speed come into effect in India?

- (a) April 1, 2025
- (b) June 1, 2025
- (c) July 1, 2025
- (d) August 1, 2025
- (e) September 1, 2025

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Department of Consumer Affairs has issued new regulations for “Radar equipment for the measurement of the speed of vehicles” under the Legal Metrology (General) Rules, 2011.
- These regulations are aimed at enhancing road safety and ensuring fair traffic enforcement.
- They will come into effect from July 1, 2025, allowing sufficient time for industries and law enforcement bodies to comply.
- A technical committee framed the regulations based on the international standard OIML R 91.
- All such radar speed measuring devices will need validation and stamping by Legal Metrology authorities.

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Ques : What is the total financial outlay approved for the development of buffer zones in Madhya Pradesh's tiger reserves?

- a) Rs.100 crore
- b) Rs.145 crore
- c) Rs.200 crore
- d) Rs.175 crore
- e) Rs.250 crore

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Madhya Pradesh government has approved a Rs.145 crore plan for the development of buffer zones around its 9 tiger reserves for the financial years 2025–26 to 2027–28.
- The objective is to protect tigers by developing ecologically sensitive zones that include :
 - Chain-link fencing
 - Grasslands and water resource development
 - Wildlife protection and fire safety measures
 - Health monitoring of wild animals
 - Skill development programs for local communities
- Madhav National Park was declared the 9th tiger reserve on March 10, 2023.
- The tiger population in the state has increased from 526 to 785 in 4 years, reflecting the success of conservation efforts.



Ques: Which Indian state's electricity board is working with IIT Bombay to pilot Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G) technology integration?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Kerala
- (e) Karnataka

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) is initiating a Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G) pilot project in collaboration with IIT Bombay.
- The initiative supports Kerala's goal of enhancing renewable energy integration, especially solar power.
- V2G technology allows Electric Vehicles (EVs) to act as both energy consumers and providers, enabling them to supply power back to the grid during peak demand.
- This will help build a decentralized energy storage network, contributing to grid stability and sustainable power management.

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Ques: What percentage safeguard duty has the Indian government recently imposed on certain non-alloy and alloy steel flat product imports?

- (a) 10%
- (b) 12%
- (c) 15%
- (d) 18%
- (e) 20%

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Central Government has imposed a 12% safeguard duty on the import of certain non-alloy and alloy steel flat products.
- This step is aimed at protecting the Indian steel industry, especially small and medium enterprises (SMEs), from surging steel imports.
- The move will ensure fair competition, restore market balance, and boost confidence among domestic steel manufacturers.
- Safeguard duties are temporary measures under WTO rules to protect domestic industries from injury caused by sudden import increases.

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Ques: Who authored the book 'Bravest of the Brave: The Extraordinary Story of Indian VCs of World War I', recently launched by CDS General Anil Chauhan?

- (a) Lt Gen Satish Dua (Retd)
- (b) Major General G.D. Bakshi
- (c) General Anil Chauhan
- (d) General Bipin Rawat
- (e) Lt Gen R.P. Kalita

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- At the United Service Institution of India (USI), in New Delhi, General Anil Chauhan, the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of India, presented the "MacGregor Memorial Medal" to five Indian Armed Forces soldiers.
- The book "Bravest of the Brave: The Extraordinary Story of Indian VCs of World War I," written by retired Lieutenant General Satish Dua, a former Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (CISC), was also introduced by General Anil Chauhan during the event.

MacGregor Memorial Medal Recipients 2023 :

- Wing Commander D. Panda (Indian Air Force)
- Electrical Artificer (Radio) Rahul Kumar Pandey (Indian Navy)

MacGregor Memorial Medal Recipients 2024 :

- Chief Electrical Aircraft Artificer (Radio) Ram Ratan Jat (Indian Navy)
- Sergeant Jhumar Ram Poonia (Indian Air Force)
- Colonel Ranvir Singh Jamwal – Director, National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS), Arunachal Pradesh
(Currently on an expedition to Mt. Kangchenjunga)

About the MacGregor Memorial Medal :



- Started on : July 3, 1888, Named after Major General Sir Charles Metcalfe MacGregor, founder of USI (established in 1870)
- Objective : To honour exceptional military reconnaissance and exploratory journeys
- Expanded Scope (Post-1986) : Includes military expeditions, adventure activities
- Eligible Personnel : All ranks (serving/retired) of the Armed Forces, Territorial Army, Reserve Forces, Rashtriya Rifles, and Assam Rifles
- Total Medals Awarded : 127 so far (103 before Independence)



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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- "Legends of Endoscopy" award : Dr. D. Nageshwar Reddy, Chairman of AIG Hospitals
- Master Humor Award : Aamir Khan at Macau International Comedy Festival 2025 in china
- Verchol Dalit Literary Award : Retired IAS officer, writer, and politician P. Sivakami
- National Maritime Varuna Award : Rajesh Unni, the founder of Synergy Marine Group
- Constantine the Philosopher University, Nitra, Slovakia : President Droupadi Murmu
- 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
- Fred Darrington Sand Master Award : artist Sudarsan Pattnaik became the first Indian
- SKOCH 2025 Award in the Gold category for Infrastructure : Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Limited (MSRDC)
- Sri Lanka's highest civilian award "Sri Lanka Mitra Vibhushana" : Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Gold Mercury Award for Peace and Visionary Governance 2025 : Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama
- Ugadi Award by the Andhra Pradesh government : Historian and archaeologist MyNaa Swamy
- 28th Abel Prize for Mathematics (2025) : Masaki Kashiwara from Japan





Ques : What is the name of the initiative launched by Amit Shah to combat liver diseases?

- A. HEALTH
- B. HEALD
- C. LIVSAFE
- D. LIVWELL
- E. HEAL

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the HEALD initiative – Healthy Liver, Healthy India – to address the growing challenge of liver diseases in the country.
- Supported by ILBS, this campaign aims to create nationwide awareness and embed liver health education into public health policy.
- The guiding principle emphasizes early detection and prevention, turning potential missed opportunities into proactive health actions.

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Ques: What was the total value of India's pharmaceutical exports in Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25)?

- (a) \$27.85 billion
- (b) \$28.50 billion
- (c) \$29.75 billion
- (d) \$30.47 billion
- (e) \$31.00 billion

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- In FY25, India's pharmaceutical exports hit an all-time high of \$30.47 billion, showing strong global demand.
- March 2025 alone saw a 31.21% year-on-year increase, with exports rising to \$3,681.51 million compared to \$2,805.71 million in March 2024.
- In comparison, FY24 exports stood at \$27.85 billion, indicating a growth of over 9% in FY25.
- The United States remained India's top pharma export destination, receiving \$8.95 billion worth of shipments — a 14.29% increase over the previous year.

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Ques: Which Indian state recently became the state with the highest number of Geographical Indication (GI) tags, surpassing Tamil Nadu?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) West Bengal
- (e) Kerala

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Uttar Pradesh (UP) has now become the state with the highest number of GI-certified products in India, holding a total of 77 GI tags.
- This achievement was marked by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who awarded GI certificates to 21 traditional UP items.
- With this, Uttar Pradesh surpassed Tamil Nadu, which currently has 69 GI-tagged products.
- Of these, 9 products are from Varanasi, and Kashi region alone holds 32 GI tags, emphasizing its rich artisanal and cultural legacy.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

UK fintech giant Revolut has received full approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to issue Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) such as digital wallets and prepaid cards integrated with India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

Arjun Babuta won a silver medal in the 10m Air Rifle final at the ISSF World Cup 2025 in Lima, Peru, finishing just 0.1 points behind Olympic champion Lihao Sheng of China in a thrilling match.

In the 10m Air Pistol events, Suruchi Inder Singh claimed two gold medals – one in the women's individual category and another in the mixed team event with Saurabh Chaudhary, while Manu Bhaker secured silver in the women's final.

Djuro Macut Appointed as Prime Minister (PM) of Serbia. He Replaced Milos Vucevic.

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