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Ques : What is the expected growth rate of India's economy in the fiscal year 2025-26 according to the EY Economy Watch report?

- (a) 6.1%
- (b) 6.2%
- (c) 6.3%
- (d) 6.4%
- (e) 6.5%

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The EY Economy Watch report forecasts India's GDP growth at 6.5% for FY26.
- A well-balanced fiscal strategy is recommended to support human capital development while ensuring fiscal prudence.
- Real GDP growth for FY25 is projected at 6.4%, aligning with NSO's revised estimates.
- India's real GDP growth rates for FY23, FY24, and FY25 are estimated at 7.6%, 9.2%, and 6.5%, respectively.
- The third-quarter growth rate for FY25 is estimated at 6.2%, requiring 7.6% growth in Q4 to meet the annual projection.

Updated GDP List :

- EY Economy Watch report – 6.5% (FY25)
- Fitch Rating – 6.5% (FY26), 6.3% (FY27)
- CRISIL – 6.5% (FY26)
- Moody's Analytics – 6.4% (FY25)
- RBI – 6.6% (FY25), 6.7% (FY26)
- Deloitte – 6.5-6.8 (FY25)
- FICCI – 6.4% (FY25)
- UN – 6.6% (CY25); 6.7% (CY26)
- SBI – 6.3% (FY25)
- NSO – 6.4% (FY25)





Ques : By how much did UPI transaction volumes grow YoY in H2 2024?

- (a) 36%
- (b) 38%
- (c) 42%
- (d) 46%
- (e) 50%

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- UPI transaction volumes in H2 2024 rose by 42% year-on-year, reaching a total of 93.23 billion transactions.
- The total transaction value crossed INR 210 trillion, showing strong growth in digital payments.
- For the first time, P2M (Person-to-Merchant) transactions outpaced P2P (Person-to-Person), indicating increased merchant adoption.
- Additionally, QR code deployments surged by 126%, and PoS terminals crossed the 10 million mark, further boosting digital infrastructure.

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Ques : What is the tenure of the loan provided by SBI Tokyo to IREDA?

- a) 3 years
- b) 4 years
- c) 5 years
- d) 6 years
- e) 10 years

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The State Bank of India's (SBI) Tokyo branch has provided a loan of JPY 26 billion (Rs 1,476 crore) to the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA).
- This includes a green shoe option of JPY 10 billion.
- The loan has a tenure of 5 years and a cost of less than 7%.
- The funding aims to strengthen IREDA's presence in international financial markets and support renewable energy development in India.

About IREDA :

- Established : 1987
- HQ : New Delhi
- CMD : Pradip Kumar Das

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Ques : As per the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), mobile numbers that remain unused for __ days can be reassigned to new customers.

- a) 30 days
- b) 60 days
- c) 90 days
- d) 180 days
- e) 365 days

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- NPCI will introduce updated guidelines for UPI transactions to enhance security, interoperability, and user experience.
- These guidelines apply to all member banks, Payment Service Providers (PSPs), and third-party app providers (TPAPs) like PhonePe, Google Pay, and Paytm.
- The new framework aims to address issues related to unused or reassigned mobile numbers, improving trust and efficiency.
- A key update involves managing UPI IDs linked to reassigned mobile numbers, as per DoT regulations, which allow reassignment of inactive numbers after 90 days.

Effective Key Changes Beginning April 1 :

- Mobile number records are regularly updated on a weekly basis via MNRL/DIP.
- Deactivating UPI IDs linked to inactive or repeated mobile numbers.
- Due to system slowness, PSPs must provide locally settled UPI numbers on a monthly basis.
- Verified merchants can only use the "Collect Payments" feature, and person-to-person payments are limited to Rs.2,000.
- Mandatory opt-in for UPI number seeding; consent cannot be obtained at the time of transaction.





Ques : Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Head of Consumer Banking Group at DBS Bank India?

- a) Prashant Joshi
- b) Ambuj Chandna
- c) Ravi Menon
- d) Deepak Parekh
- e) Sandeep Bakhshi

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Ambuj Chandna has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Head of Consumer Banking Group at DBS Bank India, replacing Prashant Joshi.
- Before this role, Chandna served as the President and Head of Consumer Bank (Products) at Kotak Mahindra Bank.
- Rajat Verma took over as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of DBS Bank India, replacing Surojit Shome on March 1, 2025.

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Sivasubramanian Ramann : Chairman of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
- Sohini Rajola : Executive Director – Growth of NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India)
- Poonam Gupta : Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- Shyam Srinivasan : senior advisor and operating partner of TVS Capital Funds
- Swaminathan S. Iyer : Whole-time Member (Life) of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- Dilma Vana Rousseff : President of the New Development Bank (NDB)
- CS Setty : Chairman of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA)
- S K Majumdar : Executive Director of Canara Bank for a term of three years
- Vikram Sahu : Bank of America's head of global equity research
- Rahul Bhawe : Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of IFCI Ltd
- Deena Mehta : reappointed as Additional Director in the function of Independent Director of Fino Payments Bank
- Mythili Balasubramanian : Interim Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company (EARC)
- Indranil Bhattacharyya : Executive Director (ED) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- Atul Kumar Goel : Chief Executive (CE) of The Indian Banks' Association
- Sumant Kathpalia : reappointment as Managing Director and CEO of Indusind Bank for one year
- Ajit Ratnakar Joshi : Executive Director (ED), in charge of the Department of Statistics and Information Management and the Department of Financial Stability
- Narendra Agrawal : president and head of branch banking and retail liabilities of RBL bank





Ques : What was the total UPI transaction value in March 2025?

- (a) INR 18,06,811.06 crore
- (b) INR 6,70,410.55 crore
- (c) INR 24,77,221.61 crore
- (d) INR 21,10,532.32 crore
- (e) None of the above

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- In March 2025, UPI transactions hit an all-time high since its launch, recording a total transaction value of INR 24,77,221.61 crore.
- The transaction volume stood at 18,301.51 million, with P2P (Person-to-Person) contributing 73% of the total value and P2M (Person-to-Merchant) contributing 27%.
- P2P transaction value was INR 18,06,811.06 crore and P2M transaction value was INR 6,70,410.55 crore.
- The significant surge indicates increased digital payment adoption among individuals and businesses.

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Ques : How much does the Indian government plan to raise through dated securities in the first half (H1) of FY 2025-26?

- a) Rs 7 lakh crore
- b) Rs 8 lakh crore
- c) Rs 9 lakh crore
- d) Rs 10 lakh crore
- e) Rs 11 lakh crore

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Indian government intends to raise Rs 8 lakh crore through dated securities in the first half of the fiscal year 2025-26 to address the fiscal imbalance.
- The finance ministry has anticipated Rs 14.82 lakh crore in gross market borrowing for FY26.

India's Market Borrowing Plan for FY26 :

- Total Market Borrowing : Rs.14.82 lakh crore in FY26.
- First Half Borrowing (H1 FY26) : Rs.8 lakh crore (54% of total borrowing).
- Types of Securities : Issuance of dated securities with maturities ranging from 3 to 50 years.
- Sovereign Green Bonds : Rs.10,000 crore included in the borrowing plan.
- Fiscal Deficit : Estimated at Rs.15.68 lakh crore (4.4% of GDP) for FY26.
- Ways and Means Advances (WMA) Limit : Rs.1.50 lakh crore for H1 FY26.

Revenue & Expenditure :

- Total Receipts (excluding borrowings) : Rs.34.96 lakh crore
- Total Expenditure : Rs.50.65 lakh crore
- Net Tax Receipts : Rs.28.37 lakh crore



Ques : Which state-owned gas utility company has signed a five-year agreement with Qatar Energy Trading for LNG supplies?

- a) ONGC
- b) BPCL
- c) HPCL
- d) GAIL (India) Ltd
- e) IOCL

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- GAIL (India) Ltd will start receiving LNG from Qatar Energy Trading next month under a five-year deal, with 12 cargoes annually.
- The company has also signed a 10-year contract with Vitol Asia for 1 MTPA of LNG from 2026 and another 10-year agreement with ADNOC Gas (UAE) for 0.5 MTPA.
- These agreements align with India's goal to increase the share of natural gas in its energy mix from 6-7% to 15% by 2030, supporting energy security and sustainability.

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Ques : Which edition of Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 37) Published by China Development Institute (CDI) in Shenzhen (China) and Z/Yen Partners in London ?

- (a) 34th
- (b) 35th
- (c) 37th
- (d) 39th
- (e) 40th

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 37) 37th Edition Published by China Development Institute (CDI) in Shenzhen (China) and Z/Yen Partners in London
- Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) in Gujarat has improved its fintech ranking from 45th to 40th.
- It secured the top rank in the 'reputational advantage' category.
- The semi-annual report evaluates 119 financial centers worldwide.
- In the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 37), New York City remains at the top with a rating of 769.
- The Asia-Pacific region performs strongly, with six financial centers in the global top 20.

Ranking of Top 5 Financial Centres in GFCI 37 :

- 1 New York (USA)
- 2 London (UK)
- 3 Hong Kong (China)
- 4 Singapore (Singapore)
- 5 San Francisco (USA)

Ranking of top Indian Centres in GFCI 37 :

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 46 GIFT City-Gujarat (India) | 52 Mumbai (India) |
| 60 New Delhi (India) | |





India's Rankings in Different Indices

- 2025 Hurun Global Rich List Edition 14th Published by Hurun Research Institute : Elon Musk (1st), Mukesh Ambani (17th)
- Annual ranking of 500 high-growth Asia-Pacific companies : Lendbox - India (USD 51.13 million) (1st)
- QS World University Rankings by Subject 15th Edition Published by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) : Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad (20th), Harvard University, USA (Arts & Humanities) (1st)
- World Happiness Report 2025 13th Edition : India (118th), Finland (1st)
- World Air Quality Report 2024 7th Edition Published by Switzerland based air quality technology company IQAir : India (5th), Chad (1st)
- Trends in International Arms Transfers, 2024 Published by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) : Ukraine (top Importer), USA (Exporter)
- Report YouGov India Value Rankings 2025 Published by YouGov India : Amul (3rd), Amazon (1st)
- Report 2025 Glass-Ceiling Index Published by The Economist (London) : Sweden (1st)
- Report IT Services 25 2025 Published by Brand Finance : TCS Limited (4th Consecutive Year), India (2nd), Accenture plc (7th Consecutive year), USA (1st)
- Busiest Airports by Seats according to International Air Transport Association (IATA) : Indira Gandhi International Airport, India (8th), Dubai International Airport, UAE (top)
- World Reputation Rankings 2025 Published by Times Higher Education (THE) : Harvard University, USA (1st)
- Forbes' Women Billionaire List Published by Forbes : Alice Walton \$112.5 billion (top)
- FutureBrand Index 2024 Published by FutureBrand : Samsung (South Korea) (1st), RIL (India) (2nd)
- 2024 Burgundy Private Hurun India 500 ranking : Reliance Industries (1st)
- Asia's 20 richest families Published by Bloomberg : Ambani family (tops)
- Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) for 2024 30th Edition Published by Transparency International : India (96th), Denmark (1st)





Ques : When did Vandana Katariya make her debut for the Indian women's hockey team?

- a) 2007
- b) 2008
- c) 2009
- d) 2010
- e) 2012

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Indian women's hockey veteran Vandana Katariya has retired after a 15-year international career.
- She holds the record for most international appearances (320) and has scored 158 goals.
- The 32-year-old debuted in 2009 and played a crucial role in India's fourth-place finish at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.
- She was the first and only Indian woman to score a hat-trick at the Olympics.
- Vandana received prestigious awards, including the Arjuna Award (2021) and Padma Shri (2022).
- She also won multiple Hockey India awards, including the Balbir Singh Sr. Award and the Dhanraj Pillay Award for Forward of the Year (2021, 2022).

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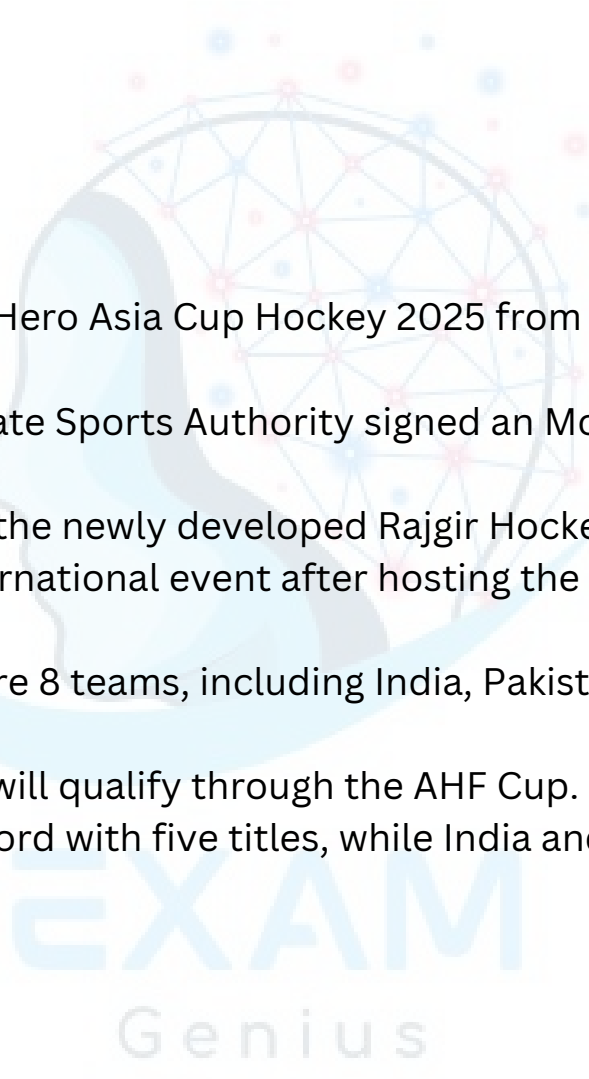
Ques : The Hero Asia Cup Hockey 2025 will be the __ edition of the tournament.

- a) 12th
- b) 13th
- c) 14th
- d) 15th
- e) 16th

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Rajgir, Bihar, will host the Hero Asia Cup Hockey 2025 from August 29 to September 7.
- Hockey India and Bihar State Sports Authority signed an MoU at Patliputra Sports Complex, Patna.
- Matches will be played at the newly developed Rajgir Hockey Stadium.
- This is Rajgir's second international event after hosting the Women's Asian Champions Trophy in 2024.
- The 12th edition will feature 8 teams, including India, Pakistan, Japan, Korea, China, and Malaysia.
- The remaining two teams will qualify through the AHF Cup.
- South Korea holds the record with five titles, while India and Pakistan have each won three times.





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- India's No. 1-ranked women's squash player, Anahat Singh, won the women's singles title at the Indian Open 2025 PSA Copper event in Mumbai. In the men's category, Egypt's Kareem El Torkey clinched the title.
- In Tennis, Novak Djokovic has become the oldest man to reach semi-final of the ATP Masters 1000. The 37-year-old Serbian achieved this feat by defeating American Sebastian Korda with an impressive 6-3 7-6 win in the quarterfinals of the Miami Open
- Aryna Sabalenka won her maiden Miami Open title by defeating Jessica Pegula in the final with a score of 7-5, 6-2
- In table tennis, Manav Thakkar made history by becoming the first Indian to reach the final eight of a WTT Star Contender event
- The Khelo India Para Games 2025 completed at JLN Stadium in New Delhi. Haryana won the most medals with 34 gold, 39 silver, and 31 bronze, followed by Tamil Nadu with 28 gold, 19 silver, and 27 bronze.
- Indian wrestler Sunil Kumar secured a bronze medal in the 87kg Greco-Roman category at the Asian Wrestling Championship held in Amman, Jordan
- In Gymnastics, India's Pranati Nayak has bagged the bronze medal in the Women's Vault final at the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG) World Cup in Antalya, Turkey
- The Indian team earned the bronze medal in the mixed quad category event at the ISTAF Sepak Takraw World Cup 2025, which is now underway in Patna
- Oscar Piastri won his third career race, the Chinese Grand Prix 2025, beating teammate Lando Norris by 6.3 seconds.
- McLaren dominated the race, with Piastri and Norris finishing first and second, respectively, giving the team its first one-two finish since the 2021 Italian Grand Prix
- Archana Jadhav, an Indian long-distance runner, received a four-year ban by World Athletics' Athletes Integrity Unit (AIU) after testing positive for Oxandrolone, a banned substance
- Anahat Singh, an Indian squash prodigy, and Veer Chotani won the women's and men's singles titles at the SRFI Indian Tour PSA Challenger event.
- India has won both the Men's and Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025 titles held in Wolverhampton, England. In the final, the Indian Men's team narrowly defeated England 44-41, while the Women's team secured a dominant victory with a 57-34 win over England at the same venue.





Ques : What prestigious title is included as part of the Ugadi Award given to MyNaa Swamy?

- a) Kala Bhushan
- b) Kalaratna
- c) Padma Shri
- d) Sangeet Natak Award
- e) Rashtrapati Puraskar

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Historian and archaeologist MyNaa Swamy has been chosen for the Ugadi Award by the Andhra Pradesh government for his work in historical research and social service.
- The award includes the Kalaratna title, Hamsa medal, a certificate of appreciation, and a cash prize of Rs 50,000. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will present the award in Vijayawada.
- Swamy's research on the Vijayanagara Empire and the Lepakshi Veerabhadra temple complex has led to the discovery of over 100 previously unknown inscriptions in Telugu, Kannada, and Sanskrit.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- 28th Abel Prize for Mathematics (2025) : Masaki Kashiwara from Japan
- 59th Jnanpith Award in 2024 : Vinod Kumar Shukla
- Knight's Cross of the Order of Dannebrog, a distinguished Danish honour : Vijay Sankar, Chairman of the Chennai-based Sanmar Group
- 2025 Stockholm Water Prize : Austrian hydrologist Gunter Blöschl
- Sangita Kalanidhi award 2025 : Renowned violinist R.K. Shriramkumar
- Maharashtra Bhushan : Veteran sculptor Ram Sutar
- 2025 Holberg Prize : Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak
- iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence) Award : Atima Corporation Private Limited for developing the VEER Electric Tactical All-Terrain Vehicle (E-TATV)
- Air Service Quality (ASQ) award : Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport (KIAB)
- ACM A.M. Turing Award, often referred to as the "Nobel Prize of Computing" : Dr. Andrew Barto from the USA and Richard S. Sutton from Canada
- Ramsar Award for 'Wetland Wise Use' : Dr. Jayshree Vencatesan, co-founder of Care Earth Trust
- 2026 World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) Award : Suman Chakraborty in Engineering and Computer Sciences (CS) for Developing Low-Cost Medical Diagnostic Solutions
- The Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean by Mauritius : Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Lifetime Achievement Award for Hospitality and Education award : Dr. Suborno Bose, Chairman of the International Institute of Hotel Management (IIHM)
- EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2024 : Nithin Kamath, Founder and CEO of Zerodha





Ques : Bharti Airtel has partnered with which company to enhance its 5G and 4G networks?

- (a) Ericsson
- (b) Samsung
- (c) Nokia
- (d) Qualcomm
- (e) Huawei

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Bharti Airtel and Nokia have signed a multi-year agreement to enhance 5G and 4G networks in India.
- The partnership includes the deployment of Nokia's Packet Core and Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) solutions.
- These solutions will integrate 5G and 4G technologies into a unified server system, improving network performance.
- Additionally, GenAI will be used for service orchestration and network assurance, ensuring efficient autonomous network operations.
- This initiative aligns with India's goal of strengthening its digital infrastructure through advanced 5G technology.

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Ques : Which private space company launched the Fram2 mission?

- a) NASA
- b) Blue Origin
- c) ISRO
- d) SpaceX
- e) Roscosmos

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- SpaceX launched Fram2, the first human spaceflight to directly travel over both the North and South Poles on a privately funded mission.
- The mission features groundbreaking experiments, including the first X-ray in space and research on mushroom growth in microgravity.
- Crew members include Chun Wang (China/Malta), Jannicke Mikkelsen (Norway), Rabea Rogge (Germany), and Eric Philips (Australia).
- Named after the 19th-century Norwegian exploration ship Fram, the mission aims to gather new data for long-term space exploration.

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Ques : Where was the 37th edition of the Kathak Mahotsav 2025 held?

- a) Jaipur
- b) Lucknow
- c) New Delhi
- d) Varanasi
- e) Raigarh

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The 37th edition of the Kathak Mahotsav 2025 was held in New Delhi, organized by Kathak Kendra, a constituent unit of the Sangeet Natak Akademi.
- For the first time, the event featured the Kathak Literary Festival, along with seminars, exhibitions, and mesmerizing dance performances.
- The festival showcased the rich traditions of major Kathak gharanas, including Lucknow, Jaipur, Banaras, and Raigarh.

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Ques : What is the enterprise value of UltraTech Cement's acquisition of Wonder WallCare?

- (a) Rs.200 crore
- (b) Rs.235 crore
- (c) Rs.250 crore
- (d) Rs.275 crore
- (e) None of the above

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- UltraTech Cement, a subsidiary of the Aditya Birla Group, has acquired Wonder WallCare for Rs.235 crore.
- The acquisition includes a modern manufacturing plant with an annual production capacity of 6 lakh tonnes, located in Nathdwara, Rajasthan.
- This move strengthens UltraTech Cement's position in the wall putty market and expands its product portfolio in the construction materials sector.
- The acquisition enhances UltraTech's production capacity and market reach, allowing the company to cater to a broader customer base.

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Ques : Steve Waugh replaced which former Australian cricketer in the Centre for Australia-India Relations Advisory Board?

- a) Ricky Ponting
- b) Shane Warne
- c) Glenn McGrath
- d) Adam Gilchrist
- e) Brett Lee

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Former Australian cricketer Steve Waugh has been appointed as a member of the Centre for Australia-India Relations Advisory Board.
- He was appointed by Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Penny Wong.
- Waugh replaces outgoing member Adam Gilchrist.
- The Centre for Australia-India Relations was established by the Australian Government in 2023 to strengthen bilateral ties.
- Waugh is also the author of The Spirit of Cricket: India, a book capturing the essence of Indian cricket culture.

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Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Indian-American scientist Jay Bhattacharya : Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- Ashok Singh Thakur : Chairman of Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)
- Nidhi Tewari : Private Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Sunil Kakkar : full-time director of Maruti Suzuki India Limited's (MSIL)
- Rajiv Gauba : Full-Time Member of NITI Aayog
- Gopal Vittal : Chairman of the Board of the Global System for Mobile Communications Association (GSMA)
- Ajay Kapur : reappointed as the Managing Director of Ambuja Cement Ltd.
- Sanjay Singh : Bureau Member of United World Wrestling (UWW)-Asia
- Parminder Chopra : CMD of Power Finance Corporation given additional charge as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of REC Limited
- Sanjay Kumar Mishra : full-time member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)
- Ashok Singh Thakur : chairman of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)
- Shri Amitabh Kant : Chancellor (Chairperson) of NIIT University (NU) (Replaced Shri K Kasturirangan)
- Justice Harish Tandon : Chief Justice of the Orissa High Court
- Anuj Kumar Singh : Joint Secretary (Director level) in the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Delhi
- Ajay Seth : Finance Secretary of India (succeeds Tuhin K. Pandey)
- Kirsty Coventry : first woman and African President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)
- Rajivnayan Rahul Kumar Bajaj : reappointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Bajaj Auto
- Lip-Bu Tan : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Intel Corporation





Recent News Headlines Related to Festivals & Fairs :

- Yaoshang Festival (the festival of Holi) : Manipur, begins on the full moon day of the Lamta month (February–March)
- Nyokum Yullo Celebration : at Boasimla, Kamle District, Arunachal Pradesh by the Nyishi people in Arunachal Pradesh
- Khajuraho Dance Festival : organized by Madhya Pradesh's Department of Culture and supported by Madhya Pradesh Tourism, has showcased India's classical dances
- Ali Ai Ligang festival : Assam by Mising tribe
- 'Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela' 2025 : in New Delhi, presenting the most recent seed types and agricultural innovations
- Aadi Mahotsav 2025 : India's rich tribal heritage at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi
- 24th Divya Kala Mela : at Gulshan Ground in Jammu
- “Culinary, Crafts & Clicks – Moods & Magic”, a Festival of Street Food & Handicraft : Amrit Udyan, Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi by Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA)
- 51-day Pir Panjal Winter Festival : inaugurated by Indian Army in the border district of Poonch, Jammu and Kashmir
- 38th edition of the Surajkund International Crafts Mela : in Faridabad
- world's largest Jhumur dance, also known as Jhumoir : Assam
- Nagoba Jatara : second biggest festival in Telangana Held at Keslapur village, Indravelli mandal
- 10th Sci-Fi Science Film Festival of India : Panaji in Goa
- seven-day "International Saraswati Mahotsav 2025" : "Adi Badri" in Haryana's Yamunagar district
- New Delhi World Book Fair 2025 : Bharat Mandapam in Pragati Maidan
- Pangsau Pass International Festival (PPIF) 2025 : Nampong, Arunachal Pradesh on 3rd week of January
- 18th edition of the Jaipur Literature Festival : Jaipur





Ques : Where has the Consulate General of India launched a Hindi language course?

- a) University of Colombo
- b) University of Jaffna
- c) University of Peradeniya
- d) University of Vavuniya
- e) University of Kelaniya

Answer : option D

Explanation :

- The Consulate General of India in Jaffna has introduced a Hindi language course at the University of Vavuniya to meet the growing interest in the language.
- Indian Consul General Sai Murali and Vice-Chancellor Prof. Atputharajah jointly inaugurated the program.
- The initiative aims to enhance linguistic and cultural ties between India and Sri Lanka, promoting better communication and cultural exchange.
- With Hindi gaining popularity in the region, the course is expected to provide students with academic and professional growth opportunities.

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Ques : Where was the Tashkent Open Agzamov Memorial 2025 chess tournament held?

- a) India
- b) Russia
- c) Uzbekistan
- d) Kazakhstan
- e) Armenia

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Indian Grandmaster Nihal Sarin clinched the 2025 Tashkent Open Agzamov Memorial title in Uzbekistan.
- The 20-year-old secured the title with an unbeaten score of 8/10, surpassing a competitive field, including eight players rated above 2600.
- With this victory, Nihal gained 7.1 Elo rating points, bringing his live rating to 2694—just shy of the 2700 mark.

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Ques : Which chilli variety from Warangal has received the GI tag?

- (a) Guntur Chilli
- (b) Chapata Chilli
- (c) Bhavnagri Chilli
- (d) Byadgi Chilli
- (e) None of the above

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Warangal's Chapata Chilli, also known as tomato chilli, has been granted a Geographical Indication (GI) tag. This recognition is expected to benefit nearly 20,000 farmers.
- The chilli is mainly grown in Warangal, Hanamkonda, Mulugu, and Bhupalpally districts, with a total production of around 11,000 tonnes.
- It is cultivated over 3,000 hectares, and its harvesting season falls between February and March.
- Known for its bright red color and mild pungency, Chapata Chilli is popular among pickle makers and is used as a natural coloring agent.

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Ques : In which city and country was the 2025 Asian Wrestling Championships held?

- a) Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- b) Doha, Qatar / दोहा, कतर
- c) Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan
- d) Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- e) Amman, Jordan

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Olympian Deepak Punia won silver in the men's freestyle 92kg category at the Asian Wrestling Championships in Amman, Jordan.
- Udit secured silver in the 61kg weight division.
- Dinesh clinched bronze in the 125kg category after defeating Turkmenistan's Zyyamuhammet Saparov.
- India's total medal tally at the event: 10 medals – 1 gold, 3 silver, and 6 bronze.

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Ques : Who did Jakub Mensik defeat in the Miami Open 2025 men's singles final?

- a) Carlos Alcaraz
- b) Daniil Medvedev
- c) Novak Djokovic
- d) Stefanos Tsitsipas
- e) Alexander Zverev

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Czech teenager Jakub Mensik defeated Novak Djokovic in the Miami Open final, denying him his 100th tour-level title.
- The 19-year-old won 7-6, 7-6 against the six-time Miami Open champion in Florida.
- Mensik became the second-youngest champion in tournament history after Carlos Alcaraz, who won in 2022 at age 18.
- He is the first Czech player to win an ATP Masters 1000 event since Tomas Berdych's Paris victory in 2005.
- The 18-year age gap between Mensik and Djokovic set a record for the biggest age difference in an ATP Masters 1000 final.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

President Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated the National Conference on Environment held at the Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi. The National Conference on Environment 2025 has been organised by the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

The amalgamation of Aditya Birla Finance Ltd (ABFL) with its parent Aditya Birla Capital Ltd (ABCL) with effect from April 1, 2025. ABCL will be converted from a Core Investment Company to an operating NBFC (non-banking finance company).

Renault Group will acquire Nissan Motor's 51% stake in Renault Nissan Automotive India (RNAIPL), taking full control of the Chennai-based joint venture.

Punjab & Sind Bank won the Top Improvers title in the EASE 6.0 Reforms Index.

Croma, an electronics retail company owned by the Tata Group, has chosen Shibashish Roy as CEO and Managing Director.

Tata Sons Limited's Chairman, Natarajan Chandrasekaran Appointed as International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Advisory Council on Entrepreneurship and Growth

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