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Ques : Which Regional Rural Bank became the first in India to launch e-Bank Guarantee (e-BG) services?

- a) Kerala Gramin Bank
- b) Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank
- c) Karnataka Vikas Gramin Bank
- d) Jharkhand Rajya Gramin Bank
- e) Baroda UP Bank

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Karnataka Vikas Gramin Bank (KVGB) launched e-Bank Guarantee (e-BG) services in Dharwad, Karnataka.
- KVGB is the first among the 43 Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in India to offer this facility.
- The bank partnered with National E-Governance Services Limited (NESL) to launch the service.
- The e-BG process uses e-signatures and e-stamps, enabling quick and paperless issuance of guarantees.
- Beneficiaries can instantly view the guarantee on the NESL portal, removing the need for manual verification or physical copies.

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Ques : What is the current repo rate after RBI's April 2025 cut?

- a) 6.25%
- b) 6.75%
- c) 6.5%
- d) 6%
- e) 5.75%

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- In April 2025, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cut the repo rate by 25 basis points (0.25%), bringing it down to 6%.
- This move was driven by concerns over Global trade war uncertainties, Tariff-related impacts from U.S. economic policies and Risks to domestic growth momentum
- The GDP growth forecast for the current fiscal was revised downward from 6.7% to 6.5%.
- Policy stance was changed from neutral to accommodative, signaling a focus on supporting economic growth.
- RBI emphasized the need to stimulate demand and revive investment, placing higher priority on growth than inflation.
- The central bank also hinted at the possibility of further rate cuts if needed.

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Ques: What is the tenure of the new 'bob Square Drive Deposit Scheme' launched by Bank of Baroda?

- (a) 400 days
- (b) 500 days
- (c) 444 days
- (d) 333 days
- (e) 365 days

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Bank of Baroda launched a new fixed deposit scheme called 'bob Square Drive Deposit Scheme', effective from April 7, 2025.
- This scheme offers a tenure of 444 days.
- **The interest rates are:**
 - 7.15% per annum for the general public
 - 7.65% for senior citizens
 - 7.75% for super senior citizens (80+ years)
- This scheme replaces the earlier Utsav Deposit Scheme, which has now been withdrawn.

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Ques : Which public awareness campaign has the RBI expanded with the launch of the WhatsApp channel?

- (a) Safer Banking India
- (b) Financial Literacy Campaign
- (c) RBI Kehta Hai
- (d) Digital Banking Awareness
- (e) Consumer Rights Awareness

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- RBI has launched a WhatsApp Channel to enhance its financial literacy campaign, especially targeting remote and underserved areas.
- This is part of its broader initiative 'RBI Kehta Hai', which spreads awareness on safe banking, consumer rights, and fraud prevention.
- The WhatsApp channel will share verified and secure information, helping combat financial myths and ensuring people make informed financial decisions.

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Ques : Who has been appointed as the Executive Director – Technology and Operations of Equitas Small Finance Bank?

- (a) Vasudevan P N
- (b) Balaji Nuthalapadi
- (c) Ramesh Subramanian
- (d) Arvind Krishna
- (e) Sanjay Agarwal

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Balaji Nuthalapadi has been appointed as the Executive Director – Technology and Operations at Equitas Small Finance Bank.
- Equitas Small Finance Bank was established in 2016 and is headquartered in Chennai.
- The current Managing Director and CEO of the bank is Vasudevan P N.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Oman India Joint Investment Fund – Management Company?

- (a) Rajiv Kumar
- (b) Satish Chavva
- (c) Sanjay Joshi
- (d) Nitin Gupta
- (e) Ravi Menon

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Satish Chavva has been appointed as the CEO of Oman India Joint Investment Fund – Management Company (OIJIF-MC), a private equity fund manager backed by the Oman Investment Authority and the State Bank of India (SBI).
- He previously worked with British International Investment, where he led Direct Private Equity for South Asia.
- Chavva has a prior connection with OIJIF, having served as Director of Investments from 2016 to 2022.
- He also worked with Citi Group for over 9 years, including its private equity arm Citi Venture Capital International, in both India and the UK

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Ques: PNB MetLife India Insurance has partnered with which platform to launch the Pension Premier Multicap Fund under its ULIP plan?

- (a) BankBazaar
- (b) IndiaFirst Life
- (c) LIC
- (d) Policybazaar
- (e) Max Life

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- PNB MetLife India Insurance Company Limited has partnered with Policybazaar to launch the Pension Premier Multicap Fund under its Unit-Linked Insurance Plans (ULIPs).
- The fund is offered under the PNB MetLife Smart Invest Pension Plan (UIN – 117L137V02).
- It aims to help build a retirement corpus while offering life insurance protection.
- The fund is open for subscription from April 1 to April 15, 2025, at an initial Net Asset Value (NAV) of Rs.10, after which it will be market-linked.

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Ques : What was the main reason RBI imposed a Rs.36.40 lakh penalty on Aryavart Bank in March 2025?

- A) Failure to report NPAs correctly
- B) Violation of KYC norms
- C) Non-compliance in SLR maintenance
- D) Delay in transferring unclaimed amounts to DEAF
- E) Misreporting of priority sector lending

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- RBI imposed a Rs.36.40 lakh penalty on Aryavart Bank, Lucknow for not complying with regulatory norms.
- The penalty was issued on March 28, 2025, after an inspection conducted by NABARD.
- The bank failed to transfer eligible unclaimed amounts to the Depositor Education and Awareness Fund (DEAF) within the prescribed timeframe.
- This action violates Section 26A read with Section 51(1) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- RBI clarified that the penalty is due to statutory non-compliance and does not affect the validity of any customer-related transactions.

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Ques: Who recently resigned as the Executive Director of Federal Bank?

- (a) Shalini Warriar
- (b) Ramesh Iyer
- (c) Balaji Nuthalapadi
- (d) Rupa Devi Singh
- (e) Usha Ananthasubramanian

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Shalini Warriar has resigned as the Executive Director of Federal Bank.
- She joined the bank in 2015 as the Chief Operating Officer (COO).
- In 2020, she was promoted to Executive Director.
- Her departure marks the end of nearly a decade-long tenure with the bank, during which she played a pivotal role in operational strategy and transformation.

About Federal Bank :

- Established : 1931
- HQ : Kochi, Kerala
- MD & CEO : KVS Manian
- Tagline : Your Perfect Banking Partner

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Ques : What is the revised GDP growth forecast for India for FY26 as per ADB's April 2025 report?

- A) 7.3%
- B) 7.4%
- C) 7.8%
- D) 6.7%
- E) 6.9%

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) revised India's FY26 GDP growth forecast to 6.7%, down from the earlier 7% projection.
- Reasons for the downgrade includes, Global economic uncertainty, Impact of US tariffs on Indian exports and Risks to foreign investment flows
- ADB projects a slight rebound in FY27, forecasting 6.8% GDP growth.
- Inflation projections of FY26 is 4.3% and FY27 is 4.0%
- ADB recommends to Build resilience in the food supply chain and Extend policy support for rural income growth and inflation moderation
- India could gain from trade diversions triggered by evolving global tariff structures according to Moody's view.

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Ques: Under MSP operations, which state recorded the highest procurement of cotton by the government in 2025?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India procured 100 lakh bales of cotton under MSP operations through its nodal agency.
- This equals 38% of total cotton arrivals and 34% of total estimated cotton production.
- Telangana recorded the highest procurement with 40 lakh bales, followed by Maharashtra (30 lakh) and Gujarat (14 lakh).
- Other states with notable procurement include Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and smaller amounts from Haryana, Rajasthan, and Punjab.
- A total of Rs.37,450 crore has been disbursed to around 21 lakh cotton farmers across India.

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Ques: The 7th edition of 'Poshan Pakhwada', launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, is observed during which dates in 2025?

- (a) April 1 to 14
- (b) April 5 to 21
- (c) April 10 to 24
- (d) April 8 to 22
- (e) April 7 to 20

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

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

It focuses on four core themes:

1. Maternal and infant nutrition in the first 1,000 days
 2. Promotion of the Poshan Tracker app
 3. Community-Based Management of Malnutrition (CMAM)
 4. Encouraging a healthy lifestyle to prevent childhood obesity
- The campaign includes WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) efforts in collaboration with Jal Jeevan Mission and Swachh Bharat Mission–Grameen.
 - Social media hashtags like #DDWSJoinsPoshanPakhwada and #PoshanPakhwada are being used to enhance outreach.





Ques : Which UK university is set to open its campus in Gift City, Gujarat, with academic session starting from 2026?

- A) Oxford University
- B) University of Manchester
- C) Coventry University
- D) University of Cambridge
- E) University of Leeds

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Coventry University (UK) has received approval to establish an international campus in Gift City, Gujarat.
- It is among the first few foreign universities to set up a presence in India's financial hub.
- Academic session is set to begin in 2026.
- The initial courses offered include: BSc Honours in International Business Management and BSc Honours in Business and Finance
- This move supports India's efforts to boost global educational collaboration and provide international learning opportunities within the country.

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Ques : As per FY25 data, how many more families availed NREGS compared to pre-Covid FY20?

- a) 65 lakh
- b) 78 lakh
- c) 85 lakh
- d) 1 crore
- e) 45 lakh

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), 5.78 crore families availed benefits in FY25, excluding West Bengal.
- This reflects an increase of 85 lakh families compared to FY20 (pre-Covid), when 4.93 crore families were beneficiaries.
- Maharashtra saw a notable rise 15.37 lakh families (FY20) and 30.07 lakh families (FY25)
- Increase is driven by Emphasis on individual asset creation, Work like digging wells, building goat and buffalo sheds and Provision of top-up wages beyond the standard 100-day guarantee
- Compared to the pandemic peak year (FY21), some states like Maharashtra, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, and Tripura recorded further increases in demand.

States with highest demand in FY25 include:

- Tamil Nadu – 65.32 lakh
- Uttar Pradesh – 65.28 lakh
- Rajasthan – 58.86 lakh
- Bihar – 51.36 lakh
- Andhra Pradesh – 46.93 lakh





Ques: The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) has partnered with which organization to launch Phase 2 of the “Niveshak Didi” initiative for rural women’s financial literacy?

- (a) NABARD
- (b) SIDBI
- (c) India Post Payments Bank
- (d) SEBI
- (e) RBI

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) under the Department of Posts have signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA).
- This is for Phase 2 of the "Niveshak Didi" initiative, which aims to enhance financial literacy for women in rural, semi-urban, and underserved areas.
- Women postal workers and community leaders are trained to act as financial educators.
- In Phase 1, over 55,000 beneficiaries participated, with 60% female, mostly from deep rural areas.

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Ques : What will the M-CADWM sub-scheme use to connect irrigation sources with farmland?

- (a) Canals
- (b) Underground pressurised piped system
- (c) Water trucks
- (d) Rainwater harvesting
- (e) Solar-powered pumps

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The M-CADWM (Modernisation of Command Area Development and Water Management) sub-scheme is aimed at improving micro-irrigation infrastructure under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) for the 2025–26 period.
- The sub-scheme focuses on delivering water directly to farm gates through a pressurised underground piping system in 78 pilot sites across India, benefiting nearly 80,000 farmers.
- The initiative aims to modernise irrigation networks, ensuring efficient water supply to 1-hectare fields in remote areas.

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Ques: What is the name of India's first tri-service all-women global circumnavigation sailing expedition?

- (a) Navika Sagar Parikrama
- (b) Nari Vayu Yatra
- (c) Samudra Pradakshina
- (d) Triveni Shakti Abhiyan
- (e) Tarini Parikrama

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The first tri-service all-women global circumnavigation expedition, "Samudra Pradakshina," was flagged off from Colaba, Mumbai, aboard the Indian Army Sailing Vessel (IASV) Triveni.
- The expedition involves 12 women crew members from the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force.
- It was flagged off by Lieutenant General AK Ramesh from the Indian Naval Watermanship Training Centre.
- The crew underwent intensive training at the Army Adventure Nodal Centre, Marve, Mumbai.
- The voyage includes a 4,000 nautical mile journey to Seychelles and back to Mumbai in 55 days.
- The mission promotes Nari Shakti (women empowerment) in the Indian Armed Forces.
- In comparison, INSV Tarini carried out the second all-women Navika Sagar Parikrama last year, manned by two women Indian Navy officers.





Ques : Who represented the Government of India as the Co-Chair in the 4th JWG Meeting with Japan?

- (a) Arvind Singh
- (b) Rajeev Mehta
- (c) Mugdha Sinha
- (d) Anita Karwal
- (e) G. Kishan Reddy

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The 4th Joint Working Group (JWG) Meeting on Tourism Cooperation between India and Japan was held in New Delhi.
- It was co-chaired by Mugdha Sinha, Director General, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, and Haraikawa Naoya, Commissioner of the Japan Tourism Agency (JTA).
- The meeting focused on data sharing, visitor profiles, and boosting tourism, especially to Buddhist destinations, to appeal to millennial travelers.
- This collaboration aims to enhance bilateral tourism and promote cultural exchange between the two nations.

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Ques : Who became the first Indian cricketer to score 13,000 runs in T20 cricket?

- (a) Rohit Sharma
- (b) Virat Kohli
- (c) Suryakumar Yadav
- (d) KL Rahul
- (e) MS Dhoni

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Virat Kohli became the first Indian and fifth cricketer overall to reach 13,000 runs in T20 cricket.
- He achieved this milestone during the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and Mumbai Indians (MI) match at Wankhede Stadium.
- He reached 13,000 runs with the 17th run of his innings.

Other players with 13,000+ T20 runs:

- Chris Gayle – 14,562
- Alex Hales – 13,610
- Shoaib Malik – 13,557
- Kieron Pollard – 13,537

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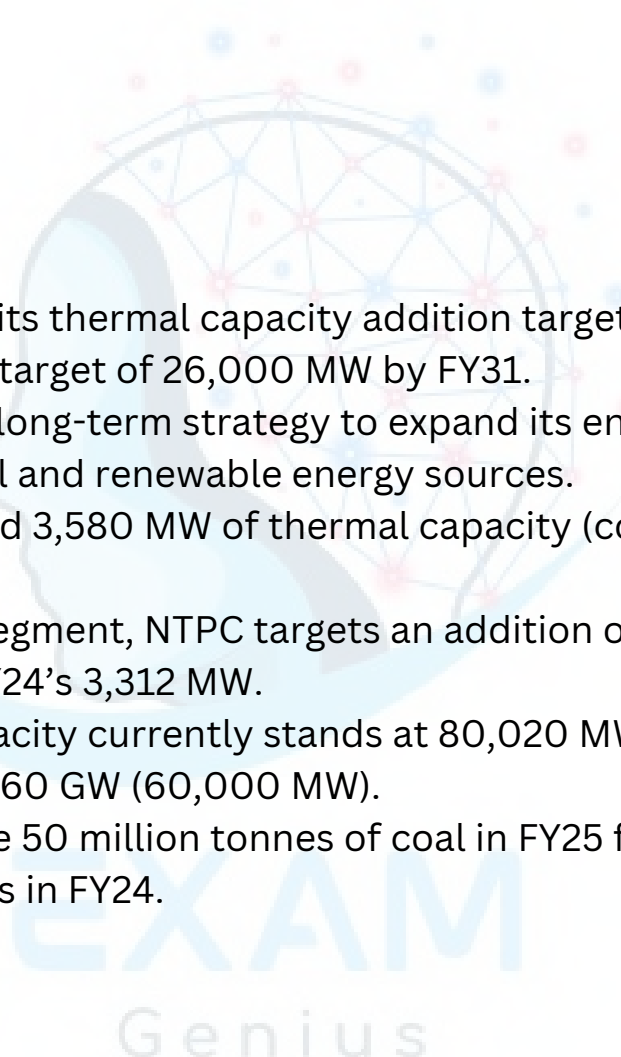
Ques : What is NTPC's revised thermal capacity addition target by 2032?

- a) 26,000 MW
- b) 60 GW
- c) 3,580 MW
- d) 30,000 MW
- e) 80,020 MW

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- NTPC Limited has revised its thermal capacity addition target to 30,000 MW by FY32, up from the previous target of 26,000 MW by FY31.
- This forms part of NTPC's long-term strategy to expand its energy generation portfolio, balancing thermal and renewable energy sources.
- For FY26, NTPC aims to add 3,580 MW of thermal capacity (compared to just 660 MW added in FY24).
- In the renewable energy segment, NTPC targets an addition of 5,000 MW in FY25, which is 26% higher than FY24's 3,312 MW.
- NTPC's total installed capacity currently stands at 80,020 MW, with a 2032 renewable energy target of 60 GW (60,000 MW).
- NTPC also aims to produce 50 million tonnes of coal in FY25 from its captive mines, up from 45.72 million tonnes in FY24.





Ques : Which Indian President was recently honoured with the "Key to the City of Lisbon" during her visit to Portugal?

- (a) Pranab Mukherjee
- (b) Ram Nath Kovind
- (c) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
- (d) Droupadi Murmu
- (e) K.R. Narayanan

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- President Droupadi Murmu was recently presented with the Key to the City of Lisbon, which is the highest civilian honour awarded by the city of Lisbon, Portugal.
- The honour was conferred during a ceremony hosted by the Mayor of Lisbon, Carlos Manuel.
- Her visit to Portugal was on the invitation of President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa.
- This was a historic visit, taking place 27 years after the last Indian state visit to Portugal, which was made by President K. R. Narayanan in 1998.

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Ques : The book Heart Lamp, shortlisted for the International Booker Prize 2024, is a translated collection of stories originally written in which Indian language?

- a) Hindi
- b) Bengali
- c) Kannada
- d) Malayalam
- e) Tamil

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Heart Lamp is a collection of 12 short stories originally written in Kannada between 1990 and 2023 by Banu Mushtaq.
- The stories have now been translated into English by Deepa Bhashti.
- This book has been shortlisted for the International Booker Prize 2024, a major global literary award.
- This is a historic moment for Kannada literature, as it is getting international recognition on a prestigious platform.
- Banu Mushtaq expressed her happiness and pride at seeing Kannada stories reach the global stage.

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Ques: Who launched the dedicated digital portal developed by IWAI to streamline private investment in infrastructure development on National Waterways?

- (a) Nitin Gadkari
- (b) Dharmendra Pradhan
- (c) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- (d) Hardeep Singh Puri
- (e) Sarbananda Sonowal

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched the dedicated digital portal developed by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI).
- The portal aims to facilitate private sector participation in building infrastructure (like jetties and terminals) on National Waterways, promoting Ease of Doing Business (EODB).
- Under the National Waterways Regulations, 2025, private firms can get a digital No Objection Certificate (NoC) from IWAI.
- The first digital NoC was granted to Marina India Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. for a jetty at Malim, Goa on National Waterway-68.
- This is seen as a major step toward digital governance, sustainable infrastructure, and the Viksit Bharat vision, with cargo movement already rising significantly.

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Ques : What is the full form of OBICUS Survey launched by RBI in April 2025?

- A) Order Book and Industry Credit Utilisation Survey
- B) Order Books, Inventories and Capacity Utilisation Survey
- C) Official Balance and Industrial Capacity Utilisation Survey
- D) Orders, Banking and Internal Credit Utilisation Survey
- E) Operational Book of Inventories and CU System

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- OBICUS stands for Order Books, Inventories and Capacity Utilisation Survey.
- It is conducted quarterly by the RBI since 2008.
- The survey covers selected manufacturing companies across India.
- It gathers data on New Orders, Pending Orders, Inventories (Finished Goods, Work-in-Progress, Raw Materials) and Capacity Utilisation (CU)
- This data helps the RBI in monetary policy formulation by providing insights into demand, supply, and production dynamics.
- The 69th round of the survey covers the period January to March 2025 (Q4 of FY 2024-25).

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Ques : From April 1, 2025, around 500 weak Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) under the RBI's Supervisory Action Framework (SAF) will transition to which regulatory mechanism?

- (a) BASEL III Framework
- (b) Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) Framework
- (c) Financial Resolution Mechanism
- (d) Risk Mitigation Scheme
- (e) Capital Monitoring Directive

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- 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.
- PCA focuses on capital adequacy, asset quality, and profitability as the key indicators.
- Earlier, SAF encouraged self-correction by bank management, but PCA demands more active and timely regulatory oversight.
- Under the PCA framework, co-operative banks with more than 6 % net NPA ratio can be placed under restriction.
- UCBs which have been posting net losses for two consecutive years can also be placed under the framework.
- UCBs from all tiers, except tier-I entities with up to Rs 100 crore in deposits which are posting 2.5%-4% lower CAR than the minimum requirement of 9%, can be placed under the PCA norms.





Ques: BharatPe recently received final approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate in which capacity?

- (a) Digital Lending Platform
- (b) Payment Bank
- (c) Online Payment Aggregator
- (d) NBFC
- (e) UPI Provider

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- BharatPe received final authorization from the RBI for its subsidiary Resilient Payments Private Limited to operate as an Online Payment Aggregator.
- The services will be offered under the brand name “BharatPe X.”
- The company plans to grow its footprint, especially in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, and continues to build its merchant base and tech infrastructure.
- Founded in 2018, BharatPe is now present in over 450 cities with a merchant network of 1.3 crore+.

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Ques : According to a recent report by the State Bank of India (SBI), what is the projected range of India's retail inflation for the first half of FY 2025-26?

- (a) 4.5% – 5.0%
- (b) 3.9% – 4.0%
- (c) 3.5% – 3.8%
- (d) 4.0% – 4.5%
- (e) 3.0% – 3.5%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- A report by SBI projects India's retail inflation to remain between 3.9% and 4.0% in the first half (April–September) of FY 2025-26.
- This may be the first time in recent years that inflation stays below 4% for two consecutive quarters.
- The report also estimated that CPI inflation will fall to 3.8% in Q4 of FY25, with average inflation for FY25 expected around 4.6%.

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Ques : Which company became No. 1 in global semiconductor revenues in 2024?

- A) Intel
- B) TSMC
- C) AMD
- D) Nvidia
- E) Samsung

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- As per Gartner's 2024 report, Nvidia emerged as the No. 1 company in global semiconductor revenues.
- Nvidia earned \$76.69 billion in 2024, marking a 120% increase from \$34.84 billion in 2023.
- The surge was driven by skyrocketing demand for GPUs, especially for AI workloads in data centers. Its Market share is 11.7%
- Samsung ranked 2nd with \$65.69 billion in revenue (60.8% growth).
- Intel slipped to 3rd, earning \$49.80 billion with minimal 0.8% growth.
- The global semiconductor market grew by 21%, reaching \$655.88 billion in 2024.

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Ques : During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 2025 visit to Sri Lanka, how many MoUs were signed between India and Sri Lanka across sectors like defence, energy, and health?

- (a) 5
- (b) 6
- (c) 7
- (d) 8
- (e) 10

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

7 MoUs were signed between India and Sri Lanka during PM Modi's fourth visit to Sri Lanka (after 2015, 2017, 2019, and 2025).

Key Agreements Include:

- Defence Cooperation : First-ever framework MoU, 40 years after IPKF deployment.

Energy Projects:

- Sampur Power Project to boost energy security.
- Tripartite MoU (India–Sri Lanka–UAE) for a multiproduct energy pipeline.
- Trincomalee Development as an energy hub.

Solar Rooftop Initiative:

- Solar panels on 5,000 religious institutions.
- \$17 million Indian credit.
- Expected to generate 25 MW green energy.

Other MoUs:





- Cooperation in Health & Medicine.
- Recognition of Indian Pharmacopoeia.
- Rs.2.37 billion grant for socio-economic projects in Eastern Province.
- Power Interconnection for import/export.



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Ques: DRDO recently conducted successful trials of which indigenously developed Long-Range Glide Bomb (LRGB) from a Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft?

- (a) Vibhav
- (b) Vajra
- (c) Gaurav
- (d) Shaurya
- (e) Trinetra

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- DRDO successfully conducted release trials of the Long-Range Glide Bomb (LRGB) 'Gaurav' from a Su-30 MKI aircraft.
- The bomb is a 1,000-kg class glide bomb with a demonstrated range of close to 100 km and pin-point accuracy.
- It was developed by Research Centre Imarat, Armament Research and Development Establishment, and Integrated Test Range, Chandipur.
- Developed in collaboration with Adani Defence, Bharat Forge, and MSMEs.

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Ques: Which company won four gold awards at the IAA Olive Crown Awards 2025, including Corporate Social Crusader of the Year and Green Advertiser of the Year?

- (a) Tata Group
- (b) Reliance Industries
- (c) Infosys
- (d) Adani Group
- (e) Mahindra Group

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Adani Group secured 4 gold awards at the International Advertising Association (IAA) Olive Crown Awards 2025, held in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The IAA Olive Crown Awards recognize creative excellence in green advertising and are the first of their kind in India.
- 2025 marked the 15th edition of these awards.

The Adani Group received:

- Corporate Social Crusader of the Year
- Green Advertiser of the Year
- 2 Golds for “Pankha” film in TV/Cinema (Corporate) and Digital categories.

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Ques: India and Italy recently signed an MoU under which program to focus on joint research in areas like quantum technologies, AI, and biotechnology?

- (a) Indo-Italian Executive Programme of Cooperation (EPOC) 2025–2027
- (b) Indo-Italian Strategic Cooperation Agreement (ISCA) 2025–2027
- (c) Indo-Italian Research Collaboration Program (IRCP)
- (d) India-Italy Joint Science and Technology Cooperation (ISSTC)
- (e) Indo-Italian Innovation Partnership (IIIP) 2025–2027

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India and Italy signed an MoU under the Indo-Italian Executive Programme of Cooperation (EPOC) 2025–2027.
- This MoU focuses on joint research in quantum technologies, AI, and biotechnology.
- It also includes funding for 10 research mobility proposals and 10 collaborative projects.
- Both nations also reaffirmed their commitment to collaborate in green hydrogen, renewable energy, cultural heritage preservation, and the sustainable blue economy.

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Ques : What is the name of the indigenously developed two-seater trainer aircraft launched by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union MoS for Science & Technology?

- (a) TEJAS-LTA
- (b) SARAS-NG
- (c) HANSA-3 (Next Generation)
- (d) GARUDA-X
- (e) VAYU-VIKAS

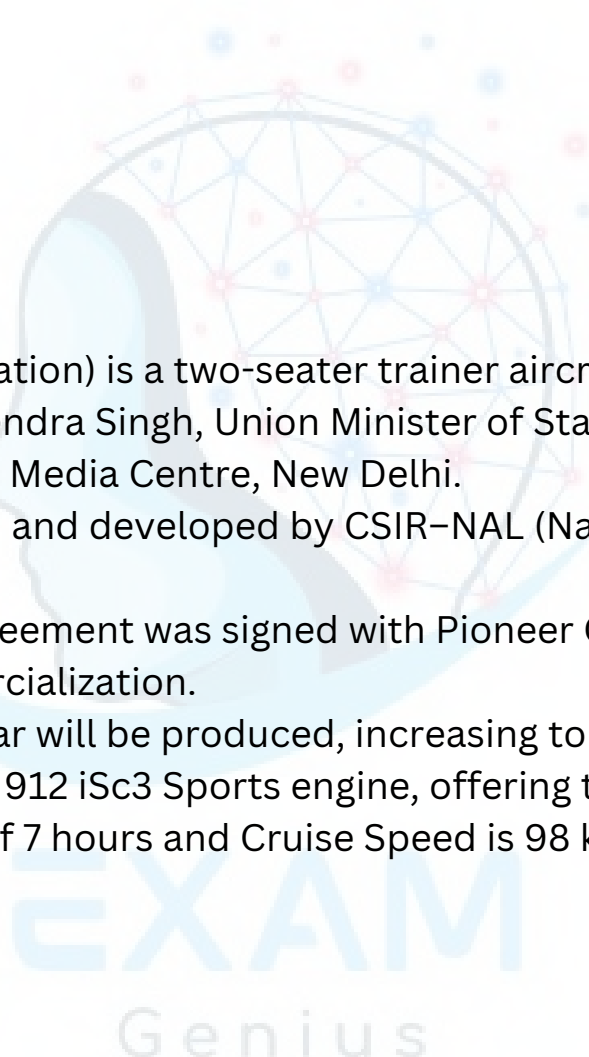
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The HANSA-3 (Next Generation) is a two-seater trainer aircraft.
- It was launched by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science & Technology, at the National Media Centre, New Delhi.
- It is indigenously designed and developed by CSIR-NAL (National Aerospace Laboratories).
- A Technology Transfer agreement was signed with Pioneer Clean Amps Pvt. Ltd. for manufacturing and commercialization.
- Initially, 36 aircraft per year will be produced, increasing to 72 annually.
- It is powered by the Rotax 912 iSc3 Sports engine, offering the Range of 620 nautical miles, Endurance of 7 hours and Cruise Speed is 98 knots

About CSIR-NAL :

- Established : 1959
- HQ : Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Director : Dr. Abhay Anant Pashilkar





Ques : What is the primary benefit of implementing Kavach 5.0 in Mumbai local trains?

- A) Increase speed of trains
- B) Save fuel consumption
- C) Increase train services by 30%
- D) Eliminate ticket checking staff
- E) Introduce bullet trains

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced Kavach 5.0, an advanced Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system, in Mumbai.
- It is designed to increase Mumbai local train services by 30% by reducing the 180-second gap between two trains.
- Kavach 5.0 assists Loco Pilots by automatically applying brakes in emergencies and ensuring safe operations during poor weather conditions.
- The system is expected to be fully developed by December.
- Currently, around 3,500 trains run daily, serving 80 lakh commuters in Mumbai.
- To meet growing demand, Rs.17,000 crore infrastructure projects are underway to improve capacity, safety, and commuter comfort.

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Ques : What is the primary goal of the World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES)?

- (a) To promote India as a hub for content creation and technological innovation
- (b) To focus on improving global trade relations
- (c) To develop new technologies for agriculture
- (d) To enhance India's defense capabilities
- (e) To promote sports and fitness

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Government of India will host the inaugural World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES) in Mumbai, Maharashtra, from May 1–4, 2025.
- WAVES is expected to enhance India's creative capabilities and solidify its standing as a center for technological innovation, intellectual property, and content production.
- Broadcasting, print media, television, radio, movies, animation, visual effects, gaming, comics, sound and music, advertising, digital media, social media platforms, generative artificial intelligence, augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR), and extended reality (XR) are among the industries and sectors that are the subject of this study.

Shortlisted Candidates:

- Iman Sengupta & Soham Ghosh – Havas Worldwide India
- Kartik Sankar & Madhumita Basu – 22feet Tribal
- Tanmay Raul & Mandar Mahadik – DDB Mudra Group
- Akash Mejari & Kajol Jeswani – DDB Mudra Group
- Kajal Tirlotkar – Interactive Avenues





Ques : What is the name of the latest open-source AI model suite released by Meta in its push toward generative AI?

- (a) GPT-5
- (b) Gemini Ultra
- (c) Llama 4
- (d) Falcon-X
- (e) Bard Plus

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Meta released the Llama 4 open-source AI suite to strengthen its presence in generative AI.
- The first two models launched are Llama 4 Scout and Llama 4 Maverick, available on the Llama website and Hugging Face.
- Meta also announced Llama 4 Behemoth, which is described as one of the smartest and most powerful LLMs developed by the company.
- Over the next three years, the business intends to invest Rs 1,200 crore to boost growth in three high-priority categories: designer boards, construction chemicals, and pipes.

Models Introduced :

- Scout : Meta claims it is the best multimodal model available.
- Maverick : Described as Meta's flagship AI assistant, outperforms GPT4o and Gemini 2.0
- Behemoth : The most powerful LLM developed by Meta, intended to act as a teacher model.





Ques: Padma Shri Ram Sahay Pandey, a legendary figure in Rai folk dance, passed away at the age of 92. What recognition did he receive for his contribution to the art form?

- (a) Padma Bhushan
- (b) Padma Vibhushan
- (c) Padma Shri
- (d) Sangeet Natak Akademi Award
- (e) Sahitya Akademi Award

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Ram Sahay Pandey was awarded the Padma Shri in 2022 for his outstanding work in preserving and promoting the Rai folk dance.
- Pandey was a prominent figure in challenging societal stigma, especially as Rai is associated with the marginalized Bedia community, which was once targeted by the Criminal Tribes Act.
- In addition to the Padma Shri, Pandey was honored with the title of 'Nritya Shiromani' and appointed to the Tribal Folk Art Council by the Madhya Pradesh government.

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Ques : World Homoeopathy Day is observed every year on which day ?

- (a) 10 April
- (b) 11 April
- (c) 12 April
- (d) 13 April
- (e) 14 April

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Every year on April 10, we celebrate World Homoeopathy Day, which honors the achievements of alternative medicine and the birth anniversary of Dr. Samuel Hahnemann, the pioneer of homoeopathy from Germany, who was born in 1755.
- Theme 2025 – Adhyayan, Adhyaapan, Anusandhaan” (Education, Practice, and Research)
- The alternative medical practice of homeopathy is founded on the idea that "like cures like." It implies that substances that produce symptoms in healthy people can alleviate similar symptoms in sick people in little amounts.
- Although homoeopathy has ancient Greek medical roots, it wasn't until the 19th century that it became widely accepted in North America and Europe.
- To encourage awareness and research in the area, the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, observes World Homeopathy Day.

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Ques : National Safe Motherhood Day is observed on which day ?

- (a) 10 April
- (b) 11 April
- (c) 12 April
- (d) 13 April
- (e) 14 April

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Every year, April 11th is designated as National Safe Motherhood Day.
- Theme 2025 – Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures
- The purpose of the day is to raise awareness about pregnant women's safety. Despite having the largest population in the world, India still lacks adequate health facilities.
- A non-governmental organization called the White Ribbon Alliance India brought attention to the significance of maternal health in 1991. On the 90th anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi's birth, the national government declared 2003 to be National Safe Motherhood Day.
- Kasturba Gandhi, who had a strong commitment to the welfare of women and children, is honored on this day.

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Ques: Which bank recently launched the "Elite Plus Savings Account" tailored for High Net-worth Individuals (HNIs)?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Bandhan Bank launched the Elite Plus Savings Account, specially designed for High Net-worth Individuals (HNIs).
- The account provides unlimited free cash deposits every month, aiming to deliver a premium banking experience.

About Bandhan Bank :

- Incorporated in 2014 and Started Operations 2015
- HQ : Kolkata
- MD & CEO : Partha Pratim Sengupta
- Tagline : Aapka Bhala, Sabki Bhalai

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Ques : Kotak Mahindra Bank has signed an MoU with which state's startup mission to support and strengthen the startup ecosystem?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL) signed an MoU with Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM), the nodal agency under the Government of Kerala.
- The collaboration aims to support startups with banking solutions, capacity-building programs, and global market linkages.
- The initiative is part of efforts to boost innovation and entrepreneurship in the state.

About Kotak Mahindra Bank :

- Established : 2003
- HQ : Mumbai
- MD & CEO : Ashok Vaswani
- Tagline : Let's make money simple

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Ques: As per the recent announcement by RBI, who will now have the authority to modify UPI transaction limits for in-person merchant payments?

- (a) Reserve Bank of India
- (b) Ministry of Finance
- (c) National Payments Corporation of India
- (d) State Bank of India
- (e) NITI Aayog

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) will have the authority to change the transaction limitations for UPI in-person merchant transactions, according to an announcement made by RBI governor Sanjay Malhotra.
- At the moment, the Rs.1 lakh transaction limit for UPI, which includes both P2P and P2M payments, is specified.
- Higher restrictions, ranging from Rs.2 lakh to Rs.5 lakh, apply to some P2M transfers, nevertheless. The Rs.1 lakh cap on P2P transactions on UPI will remain in place.

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Ques : Which bank recently launched an 'In-App Mobile OTP' feature to enhance security against OTP-related frauds like SIM swap and phishing?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) ICICI Bank
- (c) Axis Bank
- (d) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- (e) Yes Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- 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.
- It replaces traditional SMS OTPs with Time-based One-Time Passwords (TOTP) generated directly within the app.
- The goal is to improve transaction safety and reduce fraud risk.

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Ques: Which company was recently granted a Certificate of Registration (CoR) by RBI to operate as an NBFC-ICC and not accept public deposits?

- (a) L&T Finance
- (b) Tata Capital
- (c) Muthoot Finance
- (d) Bajaj Finserv
- (e) Piramal Finance Limited

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Piramal Finance Limited (PFL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Piramal Enterprises Limited (PEL), received the Certificate of Registration (CoR) from the RBI to operate as a Non-Banking Financial Company – Investment and Credit Company (NBFC-ICC).
- Approval was granted under Section 45-IA of the RBI Act, 1934.
- PEL invested Rs.600 crore in March 2025 via a rights issue to support the operations of PFL.

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Ques : What is the name of the AI companion robot developed by Samsung using Google Cloud's generative AI?

- A) Bixby
- B) Alexa
- C) Ballie
- D) Siri
- E) Aura

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Samsung partnered with Google Cloud to integrate generative AI technology into its home companion robot, Ballie.
- The AI is powered by Google Cloud's Vertex AI platform, enabling natural and interactive conversations.
- Ballie is designed to function as a smart home assistant, capable of managing lighting, greeting visitors, and setting personal reminders.
- The robot aims to enhance everyday convenience and is expected to be available to consumers in Summer 2025.
- With this innovation, Samsung marks a significant step in bringing advanced AI capabilities into consumer robotics.

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Ques: Which fintech company became India's first unicorn of 2025 after raising USD 60 million in a Series D round led by Kedaara Capital?

- (a) PhonePe
- (b) Razorpay
- (c) Juspay
- (d) Paytm
- (e) Pine Labs

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Through a combination of main and secondary investments, Juspay successfully raised USD 60 million in a Series D capital round, making it India's first unicorn of 2025.
- Kedaara Capital led this round, with participation from previous investors Accel Limited and SoftBank Group Corporation.
- For the transaction, Juspay's only financial advisor was Avendus Capital Private Limited.
- Juspay raised USD 60 million in its 2021 Series C round and USD 21.6 million in its 2020 Series B financing, according to data from market intelligence platform Tracxn.

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Ques : How much investment will Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) make for the petrochemical complex in Odisha?

- a) Rs.45,000 crore
- b) Rs.50,000 crore
- c) Rs.61,000 crore
- d) Rs.70,000 crore
- e) Rs.80,000 crore

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has announced an investment of over ₹61,000 crore to establish a mega petrochemical complex in Paradip, Odisha.
- The investment aims to cater to the rising demand for petrochemicals in India's rapidly growing economy.
- The initiative is a part of IOC's strategic plan to enhance its petrochemical capabilities, helping meet domestic demand and contribute to economic growth.
- This investment was confirmed by A. S. Sahney, the chairman of IOC.

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Ques: Which horticultural fruit from South Gujarat recently received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag, becoming the first such product from the region?

- (a) Gir Kesar Mango
- (b) Amalsad Chikoo
- (c) Kutchhi Kharek
- (d) Banganapalli Mango
- (e) Dasherri Mango

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Amalsad Chikoo (sapodilla) became the first South Gujarati agricultural product to be awarded a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- The application was filed by GUJCOST and Navsari Agricultural University, and the GI was awarded to the Valsad Navsari Jilla Fal Ane Shakhbhaji Sahakari Sangh Limited.
- This is the third fruit from Gujarat with a GI tag after Gir Kesar Mango and Kutchhi Kharek.

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Ques : Which country became the 54th nation to sign the Artemis Accords in April 2025?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Bangladesh
- C) Nepal
- D) Bhutan
- E) Maldives

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Bangladesh became the 54th country to sign the Artemis Accords on April 8, 2025.
- The Artemis Accords, led by NASA, are a set of principles focused on promoting safe and sustainable exploration of outer space and encouraging peaceful international cooperation in deep space missions.

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Ques : Which airport has been ranked the World's Best Airport 2025 by Skytrax?

- a) Hamad International Airport
- b) Tokyo Haneda Airport
- c) Incheon International Airport
- d) Singapore Changi Airport
- e) Narita International Airport

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Skytrax, the leading air transport rating organization, named Singapore Changi Airport as the World's Best Airport for 2025.
- This marks the 13th time Changi has received this prestigious title, highlighting its consistent excellence in passenger experience.
- The ranking is based on global passenger surveys covering facilities, cleanliness, staff service, and overall travel experience.

Ranking of top 5 airports :

- 1 Singapore Changi Airport, Singapore
- 2 Doha Hamad International Airport, Qatar
- 3 Tokyo Haneda International Airport, Japan
- 4 Seoul Incheon International Airport, South Korea
- 5 Tokyo Narita International Airport, Japan

Ranking of Top 5 Indian airports :

- 32 Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), or Delhi International Airport (Best Airport in India and South Asia)
- 48 Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), Bengaluru (Best Regional Airport in India and South Asia)
- 56 Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA), Hyderabad ((Best Airport Staff in India & South Asia 2025 4th time)
- 73 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai





80 Manohar International Airport at Mopa, Goa (Best Airport by passenger Numbers with less than 5 million passengers)



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Ques: Kazakhstan's largest-ever rare earth metal reserve was recently discovered at which site?

- (a) Irgiz
- (b) Dos
- (c) Kuirektykol
- (d) Karaganda
- (e) Astana

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Kuirektykol site, located about 300 km southeast of Astana in the Karaganda region, is home to Kazakhstan's largest rare earth metal reserve.
- The site includes promising zones like Irgiz and Dos.
- Preliminary estimates suggest 800,000 tons of rare earth metals in Irgiz alone.
- Elements like cerium, lanthanum, neodymium, and yttrium are present, with an average concentration of 700 grams per ton.

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Ques : Which state became the first in India to implement SC categorisation in 2025?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Telangana
- d) Karnataka
- e) Kerala

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- On April 14, 2025, Telangana became the first state in India to implement the Scheduled Castes (SC) categorisation system in government jobs and education.
- The total reservation for SC communities in jobs and education is 15%.

This categorisation divides SC communities into three groups with different reservation percentages:

- Group I: 15 most disadvantaged SC communities – 1% reservation
- Group II: 18 moderately benefited SC communities – 9% reservation
- Group III: 26 significantly benefited SC communities – 5% reservation

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Ques: Who became the first Indian boxer to win a gold medal at the World Boxing Cup Brazil 2025?

- (a) Shiva Thapa
- (b) Amit Panghal
- (c) Hitesh Gulia
- (d) Odel Kamara
- (e) Vikas Krishan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- 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 after a walkover as his opponent Odel Kamara of England was injured.
- India sent a 10-member all-male contingent, with no women boxers participating.

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Ques : Who is the author of the book "Confessions of Stock Market Wizards"?

- a) Rakesh Jhunjhunwala
- b) Warren Buffett
- c) Nikhil Kamath
- d) Radhakishan Damani
- e) Safir Anand

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- "Confessions of Stock Market Wizards" is written by Safir Anand and published by HarperBusiness.
- The book compiles insights and investment learnings from top Indian investors, offering a detailed look into their personal experiences in the stock market.
- It highlights key lessons and strategies that have shaped the successful careers of prominent stock market figures in India.

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Ques : Which two Harappan sites in Haryana were recently declared protected monuments under the 1964 Act?

- (a) Rakhigarhi and Banawali
- (b) Tighrana and Mitathal
- (c) Kalibangan and Dholavira
- (d) Bhirrana and Farmana
- (e) Siswal and Kunal

Answer : Option B

Explanation:

- The Haryana Heritage and Tourism Department has declared Tighrana and Mitathal villages in Bhiwani district as protected Harappan archaeological sites.
- These sites are estimated to be over 4,400 years old, part of the Sindhu-Saraswati civilization.
- This declaration was made under the Haryana Ancient and Historical Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1964.
- Uttar Pradesh has the highest number of centrally protected monuments in India, with 745.

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Ques: What was the overall unemployment rate in India for individuals aged 15 and above in calendar year 2024?

- (a) 5.2%
- (b) 5.0%
- (c) 4.9%
- (d) 4.8%
- (e) 4.7%

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The calendar year 2024 saw a decrease in the unemployment rate among individuals aged 15 and over, from 5% to 4.9%.
- Overall unemployment in rural areas has somewhat decreased (from 4.3% to 4.2%), with modest decreases for both men and women.
- Urban male unemployment increased from 6.0% to 6.1%, while female unemployment decreased from 8.9% to 8.2%, maintaining the overall urban rate at 6.7%.

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Ques : Where was the 135th birth anniversary celebration of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar held in 2025?

- A) India Gate
- B) Red Fort
- C) Dr. Ambedkar National Memorial
- D) Prerna Sthal, Parliament House
- E) Constitution Club

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The 135th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was celebrated at Prerna Sthal, Parliament House lawns, New Delhi, on April 14, 2025.
- Top dignitaries including President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla attended the ceremony.
- The event was organized by the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, and floral tributes were offered. Public access was allowed until noon, and special buses were arranged to transport visitors to the Dr. Ambedkar National Memorial.

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Ques: Which country has proposed the creation of a new international organization to accelerate global climate action ahead of COP30?

- (a) Germany
- (b) Sweden
- (c) Brazil
- (d) Netherlands
- (e) France

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Brazil has proposed establishing a "Climate Change Council" under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- This initiative comes ahead of the COP30 climate conference, which will be hosted in Belem, Brazil, in November 2025.
- While the idea has sparked interest, nations like Germany, Sweden, and the Netherlands have responded cautiously.

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Ques: What was the original name of Dadi Ratan Mohini, the late chief administrator of the Brahma Kumaris?

- (a) Saraswati
- (b) Radha
- (c) Savitri
- (d) Lakshmi
- (e) Parvati

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Dadi Ratan Mohini was originally named Lakshmi, born on March 25, 1925 in Hyderabad Sindh (now in Pakistan).
- She was the second chief of the Brahma Kumaris to reach the age of 100, after Dadi Janki.
- She became the chief administrator of Brahma Kumaris in 2021.
- In 2006, she undertook a 31,000-km-long journey to spread her spiritual message.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

At an estimated cost of Rs.1,332 crore, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the doubling of the 104-kilometer Tirupati-Pakala-Katpadi railway line in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

Moody's Ratings has upgraded Muthoot Finance Limited's long-term corporate family rating from Ba2 to Ba1, maintaining a stable outlook.

Supreme Courts of India and Nepal sign MOU to develop, promote, and strengthen judicial cooperation between the two nations

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

Viral Davda Appointed as Deputy Chief Information Officer at Bombay Stock Exchange Limited (BSE)

Andrew Holland Appointed as Head of the newly introduced asset class – specialised investment funds (SIF) of Nippon Life India Asset Management (NAM)

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Ques : Who has been appointed as the Acting Governor of Nepal Rastra Bank, replacing Mahaprasad Adhikari?

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- (a) Bam Bahadur Mishra
- (b) Mahaprasad Adhikari
- (c) Shankar Pokharel
- (d) Paudel
- (e) Dr. Neelam Dhungana Timsina

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Dr. Neelam Dhungana Timsina, Deputy Governor of Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB), has been appointed as the Acting Governor.
- She was appointed under Section 27 of the Nepal Rastra Bank Act, 2058. She replaced Mahaprasad Adhikari.
- A three-member Governor Appointment and Recommendation Committee has been formed under Finance Minister Paudel to decide the next full-time governor.
- Both Dr. Timsina and Bam Bahadur Mishra are contenders for the permanent role.
- Nepal Rastra Bank Established in April 26, 1956 (Baisakh 14, 2013 B.S.) and headquarter in Kathmandu, Nepal.

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Ques: What is the objective of the MoU signed between the New Development Bank (NDB) and the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)?

- (a) To promote agricultural development in rural India
- (b) To build a strong infrastructure finance ecosystem
- (c) To merge both institutions into a single financial entity
- (d) To provide direct loans to small businesses
- (e) To conduct joint research in artificial intelligence

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The MoU was signed between New Development Bank (NDB) and National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) to establish a strategic framework for collaboration.
- It aims to build a robust and long-lasting infrastructure finance industry.
- The partnership focuses on clean energy, transportation, renewable energy, and sustainable water and sewage management.
- This agreement strengthens both institutions' efforts toward sustainable development in India.

About NaBFID :

- Established : 2021
- HQ : Mumbai
- Chairman : Kundapur Vaman (K.V.) Kamath

About New Development Bank :

- Established : 2014





- HQ : Shanghai, China
- President : Dilma Rousseff



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Ques : Which financial company recently received SEBI's final nod to launch mutual fund operations under the name Capitalmind Mutual Fund?

- A) Zerodha
- B) Groww
- C) Capitalmind
- D) Paytm Money
- E) Upstox

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Capitalmind Financial Services has received final approval from SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) to launch its mutual fund business, branded as Capitalmind Mutual Fund.
- The company currently manages over Rs.2,000 crore in assets for more than 1,400 PMS (Portfolio Management Services) and AIF (Alternative Investment Fund) clients.
- Initially, Capitalmind will introduce a range of active equity mutual fund schemes and intends to expand its offerings to include debt, hybrid, and multi-asset funds in the future.
- This marks Capitalmind's entry into the mainstream mutual fund market, allowing it to offer diverse investment products to retail investors.

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Ques : How much has Aye Finance been approved to raise through its Initial Public Offering (IPO) by SEBI?

- (a) Rs.885 crore
- (b) Rs.565 crore
- (c) Rs.1,000 crore
- (d) Rs.1,450 crore
- (e) Rs.2,000 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved Aye Finance, a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), to raise Rs.1,450 crore through an Initial Public Offering (IPO).
- The IPO consists of Fresh issue of Rs.885 crore and Offer for Sale (OFS) of Rs.565 crore
- Key shareholders selling their stake include A91 Emerging Fund I LLP, CapitalG LP, and LGT Capital Invest Mauritius PCC.
- The IPO will help Aye Finance expand its lending portfolio and strengthen its capital base.

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Ques : Which edition of Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) baseline report Published by Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) ?

- (a) 1st
- (b) 2nd
- (c) 3rd
- (d) 4th
- (e) 5th

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) baseline report 1st Edition Published by Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) for Financial Year 2022-23 (FY23).
- Out of 2,55,699 GPs, 2,16,285 provided validated data, and 699 (0.3%) Panchayats were identified as Front Runners, according to the PAI data for 2022-2023.
- Due to awaiting certification, data for 11,712 Panchayats from five States/UTs (Meghalaya, Nagaland, Goa, Puducherry, and West Bengal (WB)) were excluded.
- 5,896 (2.7%) GPs were at the Beginner Level, 1,32,392 (61.2%) were Aspirants, and 77,298 (35.8%) were Performers.
- Gujarat led the charge with 346 GPs designated as Front Runners out of the 699 panchayats that were classed as such, followed by Telangana with 270 Front Runners.
- Bihar, Chhattisgarh, and Andhra Pradesh are states with the highest number of Aspirant GPs.

Categories are as follows :

- Achievers (90+) : None
- Front Runners (75 to below 90) : 699 (0.3%)
- Performers (60 to below 75) : 77,298 (35.8%)
- Aspirants (40 to below 60) : 1,32,392 (61.2%)
- Beginners (below 40) : 5,896 (2.7%)

PAI tracks the performance of Panchayats on nine Localized SDGs (LSDGs) themes :

- Poverty-Free and Improved Livelihoods in Panchayat
- Healthy Panchayat
- Child-Friendly Panchayat
- Water-Abundant Panchayat
- Clean and Green Panchayat
- Self-Sufficient Infrastructure Panchayat
- Socially Just and Socially Secured Panchayat
- Good Governance Panchayat and
- Women-Friendly Panchayat

Top 5 States in PAI Baseline Report for FY23 :

- Gujarat : 14, 618 (Total No.of Gram Panchayats)
- Telangana : 12,768
- Tripura : 1,176
- Maharashtra : 27,849
- Uttar Pradesh : 57,702

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Ques : Where was India's first high-altitude climate research station launched?

- a) Manali
- b) Leh
- c) Udhampur
- d) Shimla
- e) Nainital

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- India's first high-altitude climate change research station was launched in Udhampur district, Jammu & Kashmir.
- Inaugurated by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh.
- It supports advanced forecasting and climate research in the Himalayan region.
- The project aligns with India's climate leadership goals and PM Narendra Modi's vision.
- Aims to support adaptation and mitigation in sensitive mountain ecosystems.

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Ques: What is the primary objective of the MoU signed between Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) and IIT Hyderabad?

- (a) Develop underwater drones for surveillance
- (b) Construct India's largest naval ship
- (c) Integrate AI and Digital Twin technologies into the maritime sector
- (d) Launch a marine research institute
- (e) Develop eco-tourism projects

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) signed an MoU with Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad.
- The goal is to integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Digital Twin technologies in India's maritime sector.
- This collaboration marks Asia's first AI-driven maritime security project.
- The initiative aims to streamline decision-making, enhance maritime security, and promote eco-friendly practices.

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Ques: Which country is the only bidder to host the 2031 FIFA Women's World Cup, according to FIFA President Gianni Infantino?

- (a) United Kingdom
- (b) Germany
- (c) United States of America
- (d) France
- (e) Australia

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The United States of America (USA) is the only bidder to host the 2031 FIFA Women's World Cup.
- The announcement was made by FIFA President Gianni Infantino during the 49th UEFA Congress in Belgrade, Serbia.
- The tournament will see an increase in the number of teams from 32 to 48, aligning with the men's format.
- This will be the third time the USA hosts the tournament.
- The UK has been announced as the host for the 2035 edition, marking its first time.

Other games hosted by FIFA :

- 2026 FIFA Men's World Cup (23rd edition) : The USA, along with Canada and Mexico
- 2027 FIFA Women's World Cup (10th edition) : Brazil, the first Women's World Cup in South America
- UEFA European Football Championship 2028 (18th edition) : England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales





Ques: Where was the 8th ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) Joint Committee Meeting held?

- (a) Kuala Lumpur
- (b) Jakarta
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Bangkok
- (e) Singapore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- 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).
- The goal was to modernize and strengthen the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement.
- ASEAN is a significant trade partner, accounting for 11% of India's global trade.
- Bilateral trade reached USD 121 billion in FY 2023-24.
- Next meeting: June 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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Ques : Which Indian state is set to be declared the first to achieve total digital literacy under the 'Digi Kerala' programme?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Kerala is set to become the first state in India to achieve 100% digital literacy, thanks to the Digi Kerala initiative.
- The programme has empowered over 21 lakh people, including senior citizens, by teaching them essential digital skills such as using WhatsApp, making video calls, and accessing platforms like YouTube.
- This initiative represents a significant milestone in grassroots digital empowerment and highlights the state's commitment to digital inclusion.

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Ques: How many total medals did Indian shooters win at the ISSF World Cup Buenos Aires 2025?

- (a) 6
- (b) 7
- (c) 8
- (d) 9
- (e) 10

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

India won a total of 8 medals :

Gold: 4

- Vijayveer Sidhu – Men's 25m Rapid Fire Pistol (first ever for India in this event)
- Sift Kaur Samra – Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions
- Rudranksh Patil – Men's 10m Air Rifle
- Suruchi Singh – Women's 10m Air Pistol

Silver: 2

- Esha Singh – Women's 25m Pistol
- Arya Borse & Rudranksh Patil – Mixed 10m Air Rifle

Bronze: 2

- Saurabh Chaudhary & Suruchi Singh – Mixed 10m Air Pistol
- Chain Singh – Men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions





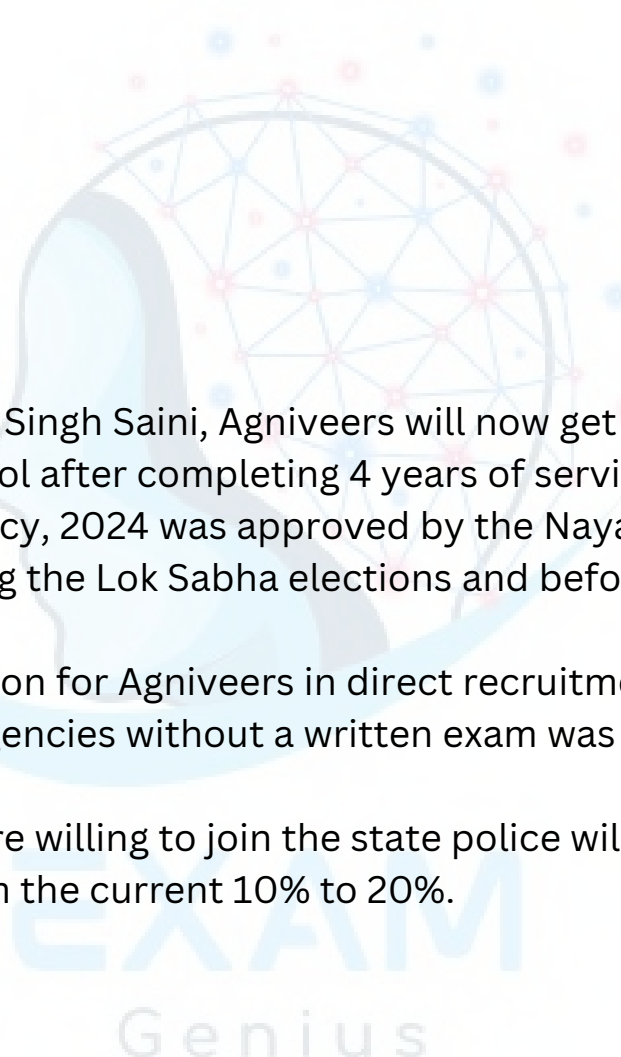
Ques: Under the Haryana Agniveer Policy 2024, what percentage of reservation is now allocated to Agniveers in the state police recruitment pool after completing four years of military service?

- (a) 10%
- (b) 15%
- (c) 18%
- (d) 20%
- (e) 25%

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- As per Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini, Agniveers will now get 20% reservation in the state police recruitment pool after completing 4 years of service
- The Haryana Agniveer Policy, 2024 was approved by the Nayab Singh Saini cabinet in July of last year, following the Lok Sabha elections and before the state assembly elections.
- A 10% horizontal reservation for Agniveers in direct recruitment for the police, prisons, mine, and forest agencies without a written exam was one of the policy's main components.
- Now, the Agniveers who are willing to join the state police will have their reservations increased from the current 10% to 20%.





Ques: Which company successfully built the propulsion system, including the third-stage rocket motor and igniter, for the Vikram-1 Satellite Launch Vehicle?

- (a) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- (b) Skyroot Aerospace Private Limited
- (c) Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited (SDAL)
- (d) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)
- (e) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited (SDAL), a division of Solar Industries India Limited (SIIL), successfully developed the propulsion system (including the third-stage rocket motor and igniter) for the Vikram-1 satellite launch vehicle.
- The Vikram-1 is being developed by Skyroot Aerospace Pvt. Ltd. with support from IN-SPACE and ISRO.

Features of third-stage rocket motor :

- Propellant mass : 2,400 kilograms
- Maximum thrust : 75,000 Newtons (approximately 7.65 tons)
- Payload capacity : Up to 290 kg in a 500 kilogram (km) Sun-Synchronous Polar Orbit (SSPO) or 480 kg in a 500 km Low Earth Orbit (LEO)

Vikram-1 comprises of :

- First stage : Kalam-1200 solid motor
- Second stage : Kalam-250 solid motor
- Third stage : SDAL's motor
- Fourth stage : Liquid-fueled Raman engine for orbital adjustments

About Solar Industries India Limited (SIIL) :



- Established : 1983
- HQ : Nagpur, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : Manish Satyanarayan Nuwal



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Ques : Which indigenous textile from Meghalaya recently received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag?

- A) Muga Silk
- B) Eri Silk
- C) Tangaliya
- D) Pochampally
- E) Ryndia

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Ryndia is a handspun, handwoven, naturally dyed, and organic fabric from Meghalaya.
- It received the GI tag on 20 November 2024.
- Recognized as part of the 'Brand Meghalaya' vision led by CM Conrad Sangma and Minister Paul Lyngdoh.
- Supported by the Department of Textiles, NABARD, and Meghalaya Ryndia Producers Association.
- Builds upon the 2021 recognition of Umden-Diwon as the state's first eri silk village.

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Ques: Which Indian film will become the first to be honored at London's Scenes in the Square movie trail in Leicester Square?

- (a) Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham
- (b) Mughal-e-Azam
- (c) Sholay
- (d) Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge
- (e) Lagaan

Answer : Option D

Explanation:

- 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.
- The iconic on-screen duo Shah Rukh Khan and Kajol will be immortalized in bronze for their roles in the film.
- DDLJ was released in 1995, directed by Aditya Chopra in his debut. It also starred Amrish Puri and Anupam Kher in key roles.
- The film celebrates 30 years of timeless success and cultural impact.

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Ques: What is the purpose of the recently approved Rs.63,887 crore deal between India and France involving Rafale-M fighter jets?

- (a) To enhance the Indian Air Force's fleet for land operations
- (b) For use in aerial refueling operations
- (c) To equip the Indian Navy's aircraft carrier INS Vikrant with naval fighter jets
- (d) For training pilots on new aircraft technology
- (e) To replace existing Scorpene-class submarines

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Rs.63,887 crore (Euro 6.6 billion) deal with France involves the direct purchase of 26 Rafale-Marine (Rafale-M) fighter jets.
- These jets are specially designed for naval operations and will operate from the deck of India's aircraft carrier INS Vikrant.
- The deal includes 22 single-seat and 4 twin-seat aircraft, along with crew training, simulators, weapons, and 5-year logistics support.
- These jets are capable of STOBAR (Short Take-Off but Arrested Recovery) operations.
- Additionally, India approved the procurement of 3 more Scorpene-class submarines from France.

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Ques: What is the theme of the 9th Global Technology Summit held in New Delhi?

- (a) Vikas
- (b) Sambhavna
- (c) Digital India
- (d) Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam
- (e) Tech for All

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The 9th edition of the three-day Global Technology Summit was opened in New Delhi by the External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar.
- The Global Technology Summit is co-organised by the Ministry of External Affairs with New Delhi-based think tank Carnegie India. It began as an annual debate in December of 2016.
- "Sambhavna" is the theme for the 9th Global Technology Summit.

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Ques : Which two companies have recently signed a power purchase agreement for a 200-MW clean energy project in India?

- A) Adani Green & ONGC
- B) Tata Power Renewable & NTPC
- C) Reliance Energy & GAIL
- D) NTPC & Indian Oil
- E) JSW Energy & NTPC

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Tata Power Renewable Energy Ltd. (TPREL) has signed a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with NTPC for the development of a 200-MW clean energy project.
- The project will contribute to India's clean energy transition and help in reducing carbon emissions, aligning with national goals for sustainable development.
- The project is expected to be completed within 24 months.
- This partnership highlights the collaboration between public and private sector entities in the renewable energy sector in India.

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Ques: What is the significance of the Madhavpur Mela festival celebrated in Gujarat?

- (a) It celebrates the harvest season in Gujarat
- (b) It commemorates the birth of Lord Krishna
- (c) It marks the divine union of Lord Krishna and Rukmani
- (d) It celebrates the victory of Lord Rama over Ravana
- (e) It is held to worship the river Narmada

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Madhavpur Mela is held in Madhavpur, Porbandar district, Gujarat.
- It commemorates the divine union of Lord Krishna of Dwarka and Rukmani of Arunachal Pradesh.
- The festival gained national recognition in 2018.
- Chief Minister Bhupendrabhai Patel inaugurated the 2025 edition.
- Government investments included Rs.30 crore in pilgrimage infrastructure at Rukmani Temple and Rs.75 crore in salt control, tidal flood management, and water conservation (e.g., Mokarsagar Lake).

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Ques: What retaliatory measure has China recently taken amid its ongoing trade conflict with the United States?

- (a) Suspended all US imports
- (b) Increased tariffs on US goods up to 84%
- (c) Lifted tariffs on US good
- (d) Announced a free trade agreement with the US
- (e) Allowed unrestricted access to American companies

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- China announced a substantial rise in retaliatory tariffs, further intensifying the trade war between the United States and China.
- The trade battle has significantly intensified as China has increased its tariffs on US goods to as high as 84% in reaction to the Trump administration's 104% levies on Chinese imports.
- Compared to the prior rate of 34%, it is higher.
- firms like American Photonics and Novotech are among the 12 US firms that China put to its export control list, thereby prohibiting them from importing dual-use goods from China

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Executive Director-President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) for the term 2025–2030?

- (a) Rajesh Gopinathan
- (b) N Chandrasekaran
- (c) Aarthi Subramanian
- (d) Roshni Nadar Malhotra
- (e) Rekha Menon

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Aarthi Subramanian has been appointed as the Executive Director-President and COO of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) for a five-year term (May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2030).
- She is also a board member of TCS.
- The COO position at TCS was last held before 2009 by N Chandrasekaran, now Chairman of Tata Sons.

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Ques : The International Day of Human Space Flight is observed every year on which day ?

- (a) 10 April
- (b) 11 April
- (c) 12 April
- (d) 13 April
- (e) 14 April

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- In honor of Yuri Gagarin's momentous accomplishment as the first human to travel into space, the International Day of Human Space Flight is celebrated annually on April 12.
- Gagarin launched the Soviet spacecraft Vostok 1 into orbit around the Earth on this day in 1961, ushering in a new age of space travel.
- In 2011, the United Nations General Assembly designated April 12 as the International Day of Human Space Flight in recognition of the significance of this milestone.

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Government of India and the Government of Israel Forge Strategic Partnership to enhance bilateral cooperation in agriculture, aiming to boost agricultural productivity, innovation, and sustainability

Junta chief Brice Oligui Nguema Appointed as President of Gabon. Libreville is the capital of Gabon and Currency is Central African CFA franc

Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Limited & Swan Defence and Heavy Industries Limited (SDHI) signed MoU to enhance collaboration in commercial shipbuilding and offshore infrastructure, reinforcing India's maritime self-reliance under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiative.

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.

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Ques: As per SEBI's new framework effective from April 1, 2025, what is the minimum PAN-level investment required across all SIF strategies under one AMC?

- (a) Rs.1 lakh
- (b) Rs.5 lakh
- (c) Rs.10 lakh
- (d) Rs.15 lakh
- (e) Rs.20 lakh

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has introduced a regulatory framework for Specialized Investment Funds (SIFs), effective from April 1, 2025

Key Features of the Revised SIF Framework :

- Investors must maintain a minimum total investment of Rs. 10 lakh across all SIF strategies under one AMC, calculated at the Permanent Account Number (PAN) level
- Requires immediate redemption if market fluctuations cause investments to drop below Rs. 10 lakh

Eligibility Criteria for AMCs to Launch SIFs :

- Minimum of 3 years of operational history
- Must maintain an Average Assets Under Management (AUM) of Rs 10,000 crore or more over the last 3 years
- Each AMC is permitted to launch only one Specialized Investment Fund (SIF) strategy per category – equity, debt, or hybrid

SEBI allows SIFs to offer three categories of investment strategies :

- The first is Equity-Oriented Strategies such as Equity Long-Short Funds and Sector Rotation Funds.



- The second is Debt-Oriented Strategies like Debt Long-Short Funds and Sectoral Debt Funds.
- The third category is hybrid Strategies including Active Asset Allocator Funds and Hybrid Long-Short Funds



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Ques : What is the primary role of 'Grahak Mitras' deployed by SBI?

- A) To approve loans for rural customers
- B) To guide customers to use self-service banking channels
- C) To audit bank branches
- D) To train SBI employees
- E) To manage SBI's mobile app

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The State Bank of India (SBI) will deploy 'Grahak Mitras' at 4,500 branches (which is 20% of its total 22,740 branches) to promote alternative banking channels.
- This initiative will be executed by State Bank Operations Support Services (SBOSS), a wholly-owned subsidiary of SBI.
- The primary role of these 'Grahak Mitras' is to guide and assist customers in using self-service banking options and provide first-level support at branches.
- Self-service options include ATMs/ADWMs, barcode-based SWAYAM passbook printing kiosks, cheque deposit kiosks, and digital channels like YONO, Internet Banking, and WhatsApp Banking.
- As of March 2024, 20,135 SWAYAM kiosks were installed at 17,663 branches, and 65,000 ATMs/ADWMs were operational as of December 2024.
- SBI plans to upgrade 40,000 ATMs/ADWMs and install 5,500 new SWAYAM kiosks in FY26.
- Notably, alternate channel transaction ratio improved from 88.1% in March 2019 to 98.1% in December 2024, and 3.4 crore monthly passbook transactions have shifted from counters to kiosks.





Ques: Which bank has Piramal Finance Limited partnered with for co-lending to improve credit access in rural and semi-urban areas?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) Axis Bank
- (c) ICICI Bank
- (d) State Bank of India
- (e) Yes Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Piramal Finance Limited and ICICI Bank, both based in Mumbai, have formed a co-lending partnership.
- The collaboration focuses on providing Home Loans and Loan Against Property.
- Target beneficiaries include middle and low-income borrowers, especially in rural and semi-urban areas.

About ICICI Bank :

- Established : 1994
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- CEO & MD : Sandeep Bakhshi
- Tagline : Khayal Apka

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Ques : What is the title of the new BHIM campaign launched to promote it as ‘Bharat Ka Apna Payments App’?

- A) Digital Bharat Abhiyan
- B) Paisa Ki Kadar
- C) BHIM Bharat Pay
- D) Apna Pay Desh Ka
- E) India's Digital Drive

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- NPCI BHIM Services Ltd. (NBSL), a subsidiary of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), launched the campaign ‘Paisa Ki Kadar’ to position BHIM as ‘Bharat Ka Apna Payments App’.
- The purpose of the campaign is to celebrate India's emotional and trusted relationship with money and promote BHIM as a modern, inclusive, and user-friendly payment app.
- The campaign aims to reinforce trust and familiarity with money, making BHIM a preferred and reliable choice for digital payments across India.
- BHIM 3.0 introduces features like Split Expenses, Family Mode, and Spends Analytics, supporting 15+ Indian languages and working effectively in areas with low internet connectivity.

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Ques: Razorpay recently became the first payment gateway to integrate which new in-app UPI solution to enhance payment success rates?

- (a) BHIM Pulse
- (b) BHIM Link
- (c) BHIM Vega
- (d) BHIM Nova
- (e) BHIM Pay

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Razorpay Turbo Unified Payments Interface (UPI) plugin Launched by Razorpay Software Private Limited & NPCI BHIM Services Limited (NBSL)
- It is Sponsored by Axis Bank and Launched on Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) Vega platform
- Its aim is to address friction in online payments by minimizing drop-offs and increasing transaction success rates
- with this Razorpay has become the first payment gateway to integrate the new in-app UPI solution.
- By enabling users to pay directly within the app, BHIM Vega, a native in-app payment system, removes the need to use third-party platforms, speeding the payment process and guaranteeing a more secure and seamless transaction experience.

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Ques: On April 17, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will conduct an OMO auction to purchase government securities worth how much?

- (a) Rs.20,000 crore
- (b) Rs.40,000 crore
- (c) Rs.80,000 crore
- (d) Rs.1.5 trillion
- (e) Rs.2.9 trillion

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- 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.
- The previously announced Rs 80,000 crore OMO project, which is being carried out in four tranches of Rs 20,000 crore each on April 3, April 8, April 22, and April 29, is being supplemented by this auction.
- In order to inject Rs 1.5 trillion into the banking sector, the central bank would also hold a long-term 43-day variable rate repo auction on the same day.
- To date, the RBI has invested Rs 2.9 trillion through OMO auctions. Additionally, through long-term variable rate repo (VRR) auctions, it has contributed Rs 2 trillion.

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Ques: Which Indian cricketer became the first player in IPL history to score over 8000 runs and hit 1000 boundaries?

- (a) Rohit Sharma
- (b) David Warner
- (c) Shikhar Dhawan
- (d) Virat Kohli
- (e) KL Rahul

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Virat Kohli is the highest run-scorer in Indian Premier League (IPL) history and the only player to cross the 8000-run mark.
- He also became the first player to hit 1000 boundaries in IPL history during a 2025 match between RCB and Delhi Capitals at M Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru.
- He leads the tally ahead of Shikhar Dhawan (920), David Warner (899), and Rohit Sharma (885).

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Ques : Which Indian state became the first to implement online filing and hearing for Permanent Lok Adalats?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- 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).
- The goal of this initiative is to simplify legal processes and make justice more accessible, especially to people living in remote and underserved areas.
- This move introduces a technology-driven justice delivery system, enabling citizens to participate in legal proceedings digitally, which is expected to reduce the burden on physical courts and improve efficiency.

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:Ques: Which Indian state has signed an MoU with European companies to launch a pilot electric rapid transit (e-RT) project between Hubballi and Dharwad?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- To begin a trial electric rapid transit (e-RT) project between Hubballi and Dharwad, the Karnataka government has inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with European businesses.
- This system is entirely electric and will function on city elevated roadways as well as on the ground in other locations. 250 people can travel at once in this.
- Many European nations have successfully adopted this metro-style transportation system.

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Ques: What is the name of the seventh-generation AI chip unveiled by Google, aimed at enhancing AI application performance?

- (a) Coral
- (b) Ironwood
- (c) Sapphire
- (d) Firestorm
- (e) Titan

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- A major milestone in the company's ten-year, multi-billion-dollar investment in AI hardware, Google has unveiled its seventh-generation AI chip, called "Ironwood,"
- It is intended to speed up the performance of AI applications, particularly in inference computing like creating chatbot responses.
- These Tensor Processing Units (TPUs) are specifically available to Google engineers or through Google Cloud, giving the company a competitive edge in internal AI development and cloud-based AI services.

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Ques : Where is the 15th BRICS Agriculture Ministers' Meeting scheduled to be held in April 2025?

- A) Shanghai, China
- B) New Delhi, India
- C) Sao Paulo, Brazil
- D) Brasilia, Brazil
- E) Johannesburg, South Africa

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- 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.
- Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will represent India, with key bilateral discussions planned with Brazilian ministers.
- Collaboration will center around agriculture, agri-tech, food security, and rural development.
- Additional activities include a tree plantation under the “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” campaign and engagement with the Indian diaspora.

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Ques : Which state government launched 'Rajiv Yuva Vikasam' Scheme ?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) Telangana

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- To encourage economic independence and entrepreneurship among young people from SC, ST, BC, minority, and EBC/EWS communities, the Telangana government introduced the "Rajiv Yuva Vikasam Scheme 2025."
- Through targeted assistance, the program, which is run by the appropriate community welfare corporations, seeks to increase financial independence.
- Concessional subsidized loans up to Rs.4 lakh are available to eligible recipients so they can launch their own companies and engage in entrepreneurial endeavors

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Ques: President Droupadi Murmu was recently conferred with an Honorary Doctorate by which Slovakian university for her contributions to public service and social justice?

- (a) Comenius University
- (b) University of Žilina
- (c) Pavol Jozef Šafárik University
- (d) Constantine the Philosopher University
- (e) Technical University of Košice

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- President Droupadi Murmu was honored by Constantine the Philosopher University, Nitra, Slovakia.
- She received the Honorary Doctorate (Honoris Causa) for her distinguished contributions to public service, social justice, women's empowerment, and cultural diversity.
- The university is named after Saint Constantine–Cyril and recognizes individuals promoting education, humanism, and global understanding.

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:Ques: What is the key objective of the unified health insurance scheme launched in Odisha by Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda?

- (a) To increase the budget allocation for private hospitals
- (b) To replace Ayushman Bharat scheme with a state-only program
- (c) To integrate state and central health insurance schemes for broader coverage
- (d) To provide health insurance to government employees only
- (e) To reduce the number of hospitals under government schemes

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The scheme launched in Cuttack, Odisha integrates:

- Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)
 - Gopabandhu Jan Arogya Yojana (formerly Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana)
 - Ayushman Vayo-Vandana Yojana (for senior citizens aged 70+)
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- Coverage : 5 lakh rupees per family annually + additional 5 lakh for women members.
 - It will benefit 352 lakh people from 1.08 crore families across 29,000+ hospitals in India.
 - Odisha became the 34th state/UT to join AB-PMJAY, with Delhi as the 35th.
 - The previous BJD government had refused to join AB-PMJAY; the BJP government in 2024 reversed that decision.





Ques : Where did India successfully demonstrate its 30-kilowatt laser-based Directed Energy Weapon (DEW) system capable of targeting drones and aircraft?

- (a) Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Balasore, Odisha
- (c) Pokhran, Rajasthan
- (d) Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- (e) Chandipur, Odisha

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- At Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, India successfully demonstrated a 30-kilowatt laser-based weapon system that could fire down missiles, swarm drones, and fixed-wing aircraft.
- A fixed-wing UAV was damaged and swarm drone sensors were disabled by the Vehicle-mounted Laser Directed Energy Weapon (DEW) MK-II(A), which was created by DRDO's CHESS in Hyderabad.
- India is now one of the few countries with demonstrated high-power laser DEW capabilities, including the US, China, and Russia.

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:Ques: Which former England cricketer has been awarded a knighthood in Rishi Sunak's resignation honours list?

- (a) Joe Root
- (b) Ben Stokes
- (c) Stuart Broad
- (d) Alastair Cook
- (e) James Anderson

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- James Anderson, former England fast bowler, received a knighthood for his services to cricket.
- He is the only sportsperson on Rishi Sunak's resignation honours list.
- Anderson is England's all-time leading wicket-taker in Test cricket, with 704 wickets.
- Though retired from Tests, he still plays county cricket for Lancashire but missed the 2025 County Championship opener due to a calf injury.

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Ques : Where was the Symposium on Film Forensics organized by National Forensic Sciences University- NFSU held?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Bengaluru
- c) Chennai
- d) Hyderabad /
- e) New Delhi

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- In New Delhi, the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) hosted a Symposium on Film Forensics.
- The symposium's goal is to bridge the gap between science and cinematic storytelling by providing a forum for discussion and cooperation among students, filmmakers, and forensic specialists.
- In order to increase public interest in crime-solving and scientific methodologies, it also examines and honors the nexus between forensic science and film.

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Ques: Which African country became the first to sign a Country Partnership Framework (CPF) with the International Solar Alliance (ISA)?

- (a) Nigeria
- (b) South Africa
- (c) Mauritius
- (d) Kenya
- (e) Egypt

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Mauritius is the first African country to sign the Country Partnership Framework (CPF) with the International Solar Alliance (ISA).
- It is the fourth globally, following Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Cuba.
- The CPF ensures structured collaboration on solar energy initiatives, aligned with national priorities.
- ISA, launched in 2015 by India and France, is a treaty-based intergovernmental organization aiming to mobilize USD 1 trillion in solar investments by 2030.
- ISA Director General: Ashish Khanna

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Ques: Who has been re-appointed as the Chairperson of the ICC Men's Cricket Committee in 2025?

- (a) Anil Kumble
- (b) Rahul Dravid
- (c) VVS Laxman
- (d) Sourav Ganguly
- (e) Sunil Gavaskar

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- In addition to his longtime national teammate VVS Laxman being selected once more as a panel member, former India captain Sourav Ganguly has been reappointed as the chairperson of the ICC men's cricket committee.
- Ganguly was initially named chair of the committee in 2021 and led the Indian team with excellence for five years, from 2000 to 2005.
- Ganguly, 52, took over for fellow countryman Anil Kumble, who resigned after serving up to three three-year mandates.

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Ques : As per recent government announcement, what is the new ethanol blending target by 2030 in India?

- A) 20%
- B) 25%
- C) 30%
- D) 35%
- E) 40%

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- India achieved 20% ethanol blending in petrol in March 2025, ahead of the earlier target of 2030.
- Now, the government has set a new goal of 30% blending by 2030, further advancing its biofuel strategy.
- The ethanol is mainly produced from sugarcane and grains (like maize), and blending helps in reducing crude oil imports, cutting emissions, and supporting farmer incomes.

Over the last 10 years, this ethanol push has led to :

- Rs.1.2 trillion in forex savings
- Rs.1.04 trillion paid to farmers
- CO₂ emission reduction of 62.6 million metric tonnes





Ques: What is the primary objective of the recent NITI Aayog report on India's automotive sector?

- (a) To increase taxes on imported vehicles
- (b) To position India as a global player in the automotive value chain
- (c) To reduce car prices in domestic markets
- (d) To promote electric vehicle use in rural India
- (e) To ban the production of conventional vehicles

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The NITI Aayog report aims to position India as a global leader in the automotive value chain, focusing on targeted interventions across various types of auto components.
- The report was launched by Vice Chairman Suman Bery and CEO BVR Subrahmanyam.
- India ranks 4th in global vehicle production, with a strong presence in small cars and utility vehicles, supported by the Make in India initiative and a cost-competitive workforce.
- The global auto component market is worth USD 2 trillion, with India's share at USD 70 billion.

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Ques: Which of the following festivals marks the arrival of the spring harvest season and is celebrated as a traditional harvest festival in India?

- (a) Yaoshang
- (b) Vaisakh
- (c) Dussehra
- (d) Pongal
- (e) Sarhul

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Vaisakhi in Punjab, Vishu in Kerala, Poila Boishakh in West Bengal, Bohag Bihu in Assam, and Puthandu in Tamil Nadu are all celebrated during mid-April to mark the spring harvest and the beginning of a new year in various regional calendars.
- These festivals reflect India's agrarian roots, cultural diversity, and spirit of renewal and gratitude.
- They emphasize unity, prosperity, and the vibrant traditions of different Indian states.

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Ques: Padma Shri awardee D. Ramaiah, who recently passed away, was popularly known for his contributions in which of the following fields?

- (a) Literature
- (b) Social Service
- (c) Environmental Protection
- (d) Agriculture
- (e) Education

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Tree Man of Telangana, Padma Shri D. Ramaiah, died in his hometown of Reddy Palli in the Khammam district of Telangana.
- In 2017, Ramaiah received the Padma Shri in recognition of his outstanding work in environmental conservation. Throughout his life, he planted more than one crore seedlings and was devoted to spreading the word about the value of trees.
- In an effort to motivate young students, the Telangana government has incorporated his life story into the curriculum for Class 6.

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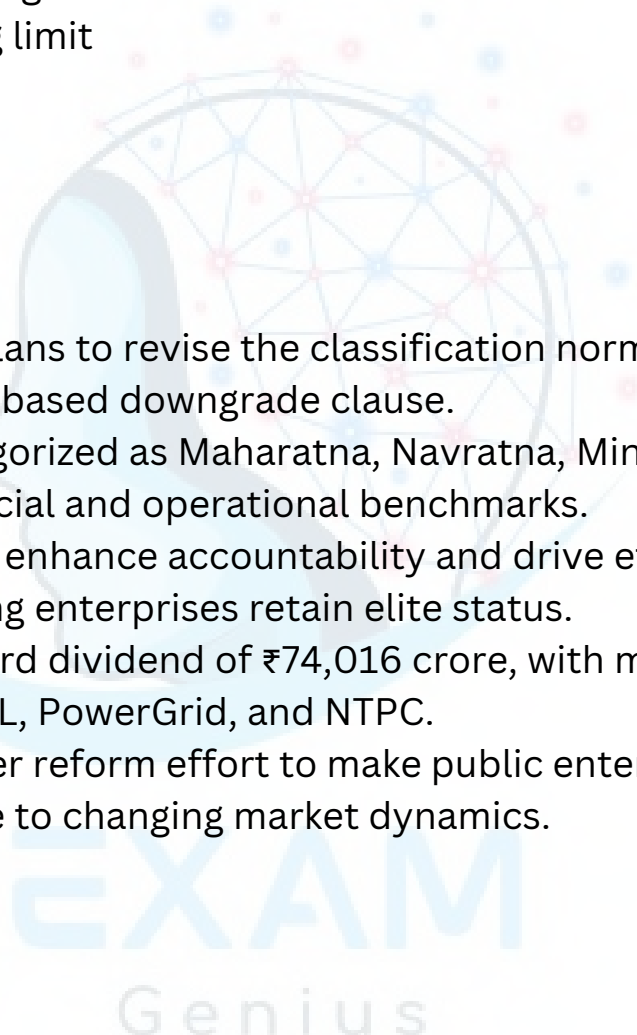
Ques : As per the new proposal, what significant change is expected in CPSE classification norms?

- A) CPSEs to be privatized
- B) Increase in public shareholding requirement
- C) New loan scheme for CPSEs
- D) Performance-based downgrade clause
- E) Mandatory CSR spending limit

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The central government plans to revise the classification norms of CPSEs by introducing a performance-based downgrade clause.
- Currently, CPSEs are categorized as Maharatna, Navratna, Miniratna I, and Miniratna II, based on financial and operational benchmarks.
- The new provision aims to enhance accountability and drive efficiency, ensuring only consistently performing enterprises retain elite status.
- In FY25, CPSEs paid a record dividend of ₹74,016 crore, with major contributions from Coal India, ONGC, IOCL, PowerGrid, and NTPC.
- This move is part of a larger reform effort to make public enterprises more competitive and responsive to changing market dynamics.





Ques : What is the projected GDP growth rate for India in fiscal year 2026 according to Crisil?

- (a) 5.5%
- (b) 5.8%
- (c) 6.2%
- (d) 6.5%
- (e) 6.8%

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- India's GDP is expected to increase by 6.5% in fiscal 2026, according to global credit rating agency Crisil, although the agency warned that US tariff hikes continue to pose a serious danger to the prediction.
- According to the agency, the second half of FY25 saw better economic indicators, including as increased output in the capital goods, infrastructure, and construction sectors, as well as encouraging results from RBI surveys that showed growing demand and consumer confidence in both urban and rural areas.

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Ques : Which two entities have partnered to launch India's first 'Passion Cards'?

- A) SBI and Visa
- B) HDFC Bank and Rupay
- C) Mastercard and City Union Bank
- D) ICICI Bank and American Express
- E) Axis Bank and Discover

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Mastercard and City Union Bank (CUB) have jointly launched India's first "Passion Cards", which are available in both credit and debit card formats.
- These cards offer personalized designs based on individual customer passions—such as travel, music, fitness, art, and more—catering especially to young, tech-savvy consumers who value personalization.
- Along with Mastercard's global acceptance and security features, the cards offer rewards and loyalty benefits tailored to the cardholder's chosen passion category.
- This is a strategic move by Mastercard to tap into the niche segment of emotionally engaging banking products, aiming to increase customer retention and brand connection by aligning with user identity.

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Ques : Argentina seals how much from International Monetary Fund deal ?

- (a) \$8 billion
- (b) \$10 billion
- (c) \$14 billion
- (d) \$18 billion
- (e) \$20 billion

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Argentina and the International Monetary Fund inked a \$20 billion, 48-month Extended Fund Facility agreement.
- By April 8, 2025, \$12 billion will be distributed, and an additional \$2 billion by June.
- The central bank of Argentina intends to abandon the fixed currency peg and permit the peso to fluctuate between 1,000 and 1,400 to the dollar.
- The "cepo" capital controls, which have been in effect since 2019, will be mainly abolished.
- The agreement, which is Argentina's 23rd with the IMF, highlights the country's historical reliance on foreign assistance.

About International Monetary Fund :

- Established : 27 December 1945
- HQ : Washington, D.C., U.S.
- Member : 190 countries (189 UN countries and Kosovo)
- Managing Director : Kristalina Georgieva





Ques : What is the name of the women-specific term insurance plan launched by Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance?

- A) Nari Suraksha Plan
- B) Mahila Raksha Yojana
- C) Superwoman Term Plan
- D) Sakhi Suraksha Policy
- E) Women Secure Shield

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance has launched the Superwoman Term (SWT) Plan, a women-exclusive term insurance policy.
- It combines standard term insurance with add-on benefits focused on women's health and childcare.
- A Critical Illness Rider is included that covers 60 illnesses, notably breast, cervix, and ovarian cancers.
- The plan offers financial assistance during treatment, helping ensure both security and support for women and their families.

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Ques : NPST Collaborates with which Bank to Boost Offline UPI Payment Solutions ?

- (a) Karnataka Bank
- (b) Central Bank of India
- (c) Indian Overseas Bank
- (d) Union Bank of India
- (e) Punjab & Sind Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Central Bank of India and NPST, a well-known fintech company, have inked a multi-year agreement to improve offline digital payment systems throughout India.
- To support the growth of offline payment acceptance in India, the partnership will implement NPST's Qynx platform, a Payment Platform-as-a-Service (PPaaS).

About Central Bank of India :

- Established : 21 December 1911
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- CEO & MD : Matam Venkata Rao
- Tagline : Central to You Since 1911

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Ques : As per S&P Global Market Intelligence 2024, which two Indian banks are among the world's top 100 banks by assets?

- A) ICICI Bank and Axis Bank
- B) HDFC Bank and Axis Bank
- C) SBI and ICICI Bank
- D) SBI and HDFC Bank
- E) SBI and PNB

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- As per the S&P Global Market Intelligence 2024 report, State Bank of India (SBI) and HDFC Bank are the only two Indian banks featured in the World's Top 100 Banks by Assets list.
- SBI secured the 43rd rank, moving up by 4 places, while HDFC Bank climbed 1 spot to 73rd position.
- The rise in rankings is attributed to factors such as mergers and acquisitions (M&A), which have boosted asset size.
- The top four global ranks are dominated by Chinese banks, led by the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd.

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Ques: Which international cricket body has formed a dedicated task force to support displaced Afghan women cricketers?

- (a) BCC
- (b) ECB
- (c) ICC
- (d) CA
- (e) MCC

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has formed a dedicated task force to support displaced Afghan women cricketers.
- This initiative is in collaboration with BCCI (India), ECB (England and Wales), and Cricket Australia (CA) to assist in cricket and personal development.
- It reflects ICC's commitment to inclusivity and the development of women's cricket worldwide.
- Catherine Campbell was re-appointed to the ICC Women's Cricket Committee, while Sourav Ganguly continues as Chair of the Men's Cricket Committee, with new appointees like Hamid Hassan, Temba Bavuma, and VVS Laxman (re-appointed).

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Ques: What will be the new name of the historic town Khultabad, where Mughal emperor Aurangzeb's tomb is located, as per the Maharashtra government's recent announcement?

- (a) Shivnagari
- (b) Sambhajinagar
- (c) Aurangnagar
- (d) Ratnapur
- (e) Jambhulpada

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Maharashtra government has decided to rename Khultabad to Ratnapur, as announced by Social Justice Minister Sanjay Shirsat.
- Khultabad was originally known as Ratnapur.
- The town is significant for housing the tomb of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb, and also the graves of his son Azam Shah and Asaf Jah I, founder of the Hyderabad Nizam dynasty.
- It is located around 25 km from Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar (formerly Aurangabad).

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Ques: Where was the 2nd edition of the STREE Summit (She Triumphs Through Respect, Equality and Empowerment) held?

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Bengaluru
- (d) Mumbai
- (e) Chennai

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 2nd edition of the STREE Summit was held in Hyderabad.
- It was organized by the Hyderabad City Security Council (HCSC).
- The summit was chaired by Hyderabad Police Commissioner C.V. Anand.
- STREE stands for "She Triumphs Through Respect, Equality and Empowerment", aiming to empower women and promote gender equality.

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Ques: Which state is set to host the 7th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2025?

- (a) Bihar /
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Bihar will host the 7th Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2025 from 4th to 15th May 2025.
- The games will be held across Patna, Gaya, Rajgir, Begusarai, and Bhagalpur.
- Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Union Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya unveiled the mascot and logo of Khelo India Youth Games 2025.
- The mascot is Gajsimha, symbolizing elephant's strength and lion's heart, inspired by the Pala dynasty's art and heritage.
- The logo reflects Bihar's rich cultural heritage and uses orange color to represent enthusiasm and nature.
- Over 8500 participants and 10,000 delegates are anticipated to participate in the games. 18 distinct athletics and Sepak Takraw events will take place during the games in addition to standard volleyball, football, basketball, boxing, and kabaddi matches.
- The KIYG games will also feature about 27 other sports and indigenous games like Malkhamb.





Ques: What is the name of the world's first unique quantum cybersecurity platform launched by QNu Labs to protect critical infrastructure?

- (a) QVerse
- (b) QShield
- (c) QSecure
- (d) QDefense
- (e) QCrypt

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Startup QNu Labs introduces Q-Shield, the first platform of its kind in the world that enables businesses to safeguard vital infrastructure.
- The first unique platform in the world, Q-Shield, was introduced by QNu Labs, one of the companies chosen by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) as part of the National Quantum Mission.
- It gives businesses the ability to safeguard their vital infrastructure. On the occasion of World Quantum Day, it also makes it possible to handle cryptography in any environment—cloud, on-premises, or hybrid—with ease.
- Numerous services, such as Qosmos for key generation, QConnect for secure communication, and QVerse for secure collaboration, are made possible by Q-Shield.
- Incubated at IIT Madras and chosen under the National Quantum Mission, QNu Labs is enhancing India's standing in the world of quantum cybersecurity innovation.

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Ques : Which drone startup, backed by MS Dhoni, raised Rs.100 crore in Series B funding recently?

- A) IdeaForge
- B) Garuda Aerospace
- C) Skylark Drones
- D) Aero360
- E) Drona Aviation

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Garuda Aerospace, a Chennai-based drone startup, raised Rs.100 crore in a Series B funding round led by Venture Catalysts (VCAT).
- The company's valuation now stands at \$250 million.
- MS Dhoni is associated as both brand ambassador and investor, bringing strong brand credibility.
- The funding will be used to scale up drone production facilities, reflecting the growing demand for drones in agriculture, mapping, surveillance, etc.
- Garuda Aerospace has also worked with government departments and private organizations across India.

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Ques: What is the name of the mission launched by the Government of India in 2025 to boost self-reliance in the critical mineral sector?

- (a) Atmanirbhar Mineral Abhiyan
- (b) National Mineral Security Mission
- (c) National Critical Mineral Mission
- (d) Bharat Mineral Development Scheme
- (e) Strategic Mineral Resources Mission

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM) was launched in 2025 to develop a robust and self-reliant framework in the critical mineral sector.
- Under this mission, the Geological Survey of India (GSI) will carry out 1,200 exploration projects between 2024–25 and 2030–31.
- A committee formed by the Ministry of Mines in 2022 identified 30 critical minerals, 24 of which have been added to Part D of Schedule I of the MMDR Act, 1957.
- A Centre of Excellence on Critical Minerals (CECM) will also be established to update the list and guide policy strategy.

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Ques : Which state government announces new wildlife sanctuary named after Dr BR Ambedkar ?

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- A 258.64 square kilometer tract in the Sagar district of Madhya Pradesh has been designated as a wildlife sanctuary in honor of Dr. B R Ambedkar by the state government.
- The statement was made in advance of April 14, Ambedkar's 134th birth anniversary.
- This has resulted in 25 wildlife sanctuaries for the state, which is well-known for its tiger reserves.

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Ques : What was the theme of the 3rd edition of Indian Navy's symposium 'Meghayan 25'?

- A) Enhancing Maritime Cyber Security
- B) Marine Biodiversity and Climate Action
- C) Closing the Early Warning Gap Together
- D) Integrated Naval Forecasting Network
- E) Ocean Surveillance Strategy

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- 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 event was organized to commemorate WMO Day 2025 and the founding of the World Meteorological Organization.
- The theme was "Closing the Early Warning Gap Together", reflecting global efforts to strengthen early warning systems, especially for maritime security.
- It featured technical sessions on marine meteorology, forecasting methods, and a panel discussion with top experts from Navy, IMD, ISRO, IITs, and others.

Highlights included :

- Felicitation of 94-year-old veteran Cmde PI Oommen
- Launch of MOSDAC-IN web service for satellite data
- Revival of 'SagarManthan' journal after 10 years





LQues: Which state police won the national-level SKOCH Award in the category of Police & Safety for its in-house developed “Investigation, Prosecution and Conviction Portal”?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The SKOCH Award at the national level in the Police & Safety category was awarded to the Uttar Pradesh Police.
- The award was given for their “Investigation, Prosecution and Conviction Portal”, which was developed in-house by the Technical Services Unit.
- The award was received by UP Director General of Police (DGP) Prashant Kumar, recognizing the state’s innovation in improving transparency and efficiency in criminal justice delivery.

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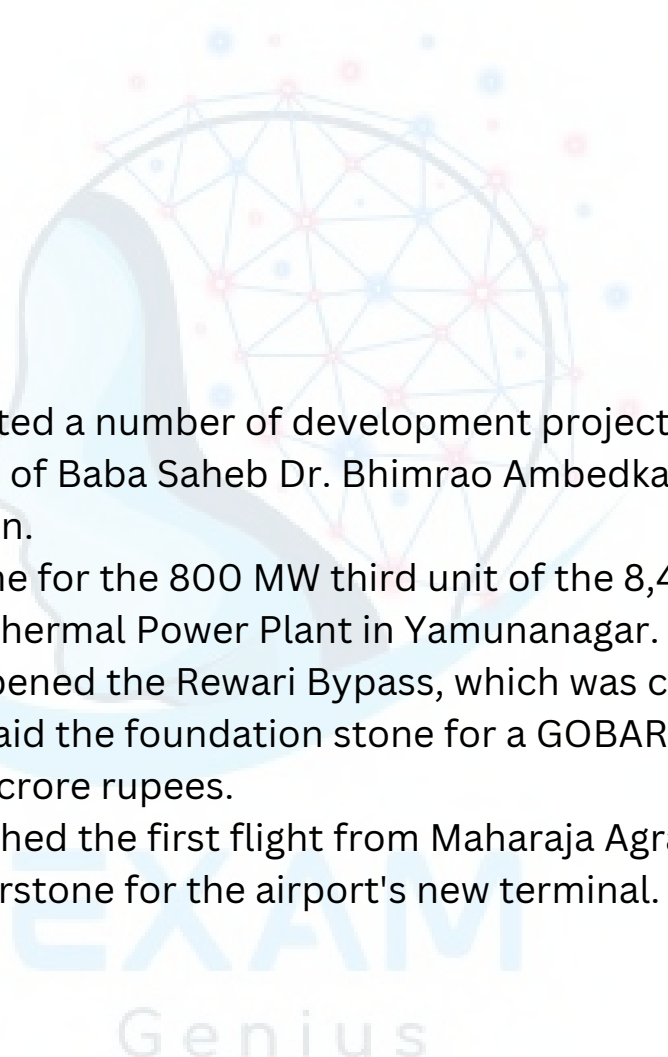
Ques: On the birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, which state did PM Narendra Modi dedicate several development projects to, including a new terminal at Maharaja Agrasen Airport and a GOBAR-DHAN plant?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Madhya Pradesh
- (e) Rajasthan

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- PM Narendra Modi dedicated a number of development projects to the people of Haryana on the anniversary of Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar's birth, the man who drafted the constitution.
- He lay the foundation stone for the 800 MW third unit of the 8,469 crore rupee Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram Thermal Power Plant in Yamunanagar.
- In addition, he officially opened the Rewari Bypass, which was constructed at a cost of 1069 crore rupees, and laid the foundation stone for a GOBAR DHAN Plant in Yamunanagar valued at 90 crore rupees.
- Additionally, the PM launched the first flight from Maharaja Agrasen Airport to Ayodhya and laid the cornerstone for the airport's new terminal.





Ques : Where is the 6th edition of India-Uzbekistan Joint Military Exercise DUSTLIK-VI being held?

- A) Termez, Uzbekistan
- B) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- C) Foreign Training Node, Pune
- D) Bikaner, Rajasthan
- E) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The 6th edition of the India-Uzbekistan joint military exercise DUSTLIK-VI is being held at the Foreign Training Node in Aundh, Pune, from 16 April to 28 April 2025.
- The bilateral exercise is an annual event, conducted alternately in India and Uzbekistan—the previous edition was held in Termez, Uzbekistan in 2024.
- Around 60 personnel from the Indian JAT Regiment and IAF, along with troops from the Uzbekistan Army, are participating in this year's edition.
- The focus is on joint sub-conventional operations in a semi-urban environment, tackling scenarios like anti-terrorist actions, population control, raids, and drone warfare.
- The exercise enhances interoperability, facilitates the exchange of tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs), and strengthens defence cooperation and mutual trust between the two nations.

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Ques: Cricket is set to make a historic return to the Olympic Games in which upcoming edition?

- (a) Paris 2024
- (b) Brisbane 2032
- (c) Los Angeles 2028
- (d) Tokyo 2020
- (e) London 2036

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has officially confirmed that cricket will return to the Olympic Games in Los Angeles 2028.
- The format will feature T20 tournaments with six teams each for men and women, and an athlete quota of 90 per gender.
- Teams will be allowed to field up to 15 players per squad.
- Cricket last appeared in the Olympics in Paris 1900, where Great Britain defeated France in the only match.
- The qualification process for LA 2028 is yet to be announced by the IOC.
- Cricket is one of five new sports which will feature at the next Olympic Games.
- The International Olympic Committee approved cricket's inclusion for LA28 in 2023, along with baseball/softball, flag football, lacrosse and squash.

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Ques: Who won the Freestyle Chess Grand Slam 2025 held in Paris, France?

- (a) Hikaru Nakamura
- (b) Fabiano Caruana
- (c) Arjun Erigaisi
- (d) Vincent Keymer
- (e) Magnus Carlsen

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- 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.
- Carlsen took home two lakh US dollars for this, while Nakamura took home one lakh forty thousand US dollars. In addition, Italian-American Fabiano Caruana won \$1 lakh USD and a berth in the Las Vegas Grand Slam after defeating German Grandmaster Vincent Keymer in the battle for third place.
- Maxime Vacxhier-Lagrave of France lost to Indian Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi by a score of 1.5-0.5 points, earning him fifth place and \$50,000 in prize money.

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Ques: What is the significance of Blue Origin's 11th human flight, NS-31?

- (a) It carried the first crew to Mars
- (b) It was the first commercial flight to the Moon
- (c) It was the first all-women tourist spaceflight since 1963
- (d) It was the first flight to cross the Atlantic using a reusable rocket
- (e) It set a record for the longest spaceflight duration

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- NS-31 was the 11th human flight by Blue Origin, using the New Shepard rocket.
- It featured an all-women crew including Katy Perry, Gayle King, and Lauren Sánchez.
- It was the first all-women space tourism mission since Valentina Tereshkova's solo flight in 1963.
- The flight was fully automated, sub-orbital, and lasted 10 minutes, safely landing back in Texas.
- The rocket, New Shepard, is fully reusable and named after Alan Shepard, the first American in space.

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Ques: Who is chairing the AICTE expert committee formed to integrate Artificial Intelligence into academic programs across disciplines?

- (a) Sundar Pichai
- (b) Anand Deshpande
- (c) N. Chandrasekaran
- (d) Arvind Krishna
- (e) Raj Reddy

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- 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 year 2025 has been declared the 'Year of Artificial Intelligence' by AICTE.
- The initiative aims to bring AI education to over 14,000 colleges and 40 million students through curriculum updates, faculty training, and partnerships.
- AICTE will also revise curricula biennially to align with rapid tech changes and address challenges like AI-generated assignments.

EXAM
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Ques : Where has the Central Railway installed an ATM on a trial basis?

- A) Rajdhani Express
- B) Duronto Express
- C) Deccan Queen
- D) Tejas Express
- E) Mumbai-Manmad Panchavati Express

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Central Railway (CR) has installed an ATM on board the Mumbai–Manmad Panchavati Express as a pilot project to offer cash withdrawal services during the journey.
- The ATM is located in an air-conditioned chair car coach, specifically at the rear end, where a pantry used to be.
- A shutter door ensures both security and ease of access, and the ATM has been installed by a private bank.
- The coach was modified for this purpose at the Manmad Railway Workshop.
- This is the first such attempt in India and, if successful, could be implemented in other long-distance trains, improving financial convenience for passengers.

EXAM
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Ques: Which renowned Kathak dancer and choreographer, a Padma Vibhushan awardee, passed away at the age of 95 in 2025?

- (a) Sitara Devi
- (b) Birju Maharaj
- (c) Kumudini Lakhia
- (d) Shovana Naraya
- (e) Saswati Sen

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- At the age of 95, renowned Kathak dancer and choreographer Kumudini Lakhia passed away.
- In honor of her lifetime commitment to Kathak, Lakhia received India's second-highest civilian honor, the Padma Vibhushan, on Republic Day this year.
- The Madhya Pradesh government recognized her contributions to Kathak with the Padma Vibhushan in 2025, the Padma Bhushan in 2010, the Padma Shri in 1987, the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1982, and the Kalidasa Samman (2022–203).

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Ques: Madhur Bajaj, who recently passed away at the age of 73, was associated with which Indian business group?

- (a) Tata Group
- (b) Birla Group
- (c) Reliance Group
- (d) Bajaj Group
- (e) Mahindra Group

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Madhur Bajaj, the former vice chairman of Bajaj Auto, died at the age of 73.
- He was born on August 19, 1952, and held the positions of Director of Bajaj Electricals, Director of Bajaj Finance, and Chairman of Maharashtra Scooters, among other enterprises in the Bajaj Group.
- Madhur Bajaj was a cousin of the late Rahul Bajaj and the grandson of Jamnalal Bajaj, the founder of the Bajaj Group.

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Ques : Which country builds world's first 3D-printed railway station in just 6 hours ?

- a) USA
- b) Japan
- c) Germany
- d) China
- e) Russia

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- 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.
- In less than six hours on-site, the new Hatsushima Station was put together to replace an aging wooden building that had been there since 1948.
- The completed construction is 100 square feet in size, 2.6 meters tall, and composed of reinforced concrete.
- According to Serendix, the Japanese housing company that collaborated with West Japan Railway on the project, the new building is earthquake-resistant and has four components, including walls and a roof, much like reinforced concrete homes.

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Ques : World Chagas Disease Day is observed every year on which day ?

- (a) 13 April
- (b) 14 April
- (c) 15 April
- (d) 16 April
- (e) 17 April

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- In an effort to increase awareness of Chagas disease, a potentially fatal condition brought on by the parasite *Trypanosoma cruzi*, World Chagas Disease Day is celebrated annually on April 14.
- Although cases have been observed in other parts of the world as a result of global migration, the disease is primarily seen in Latin America.
- Theme 2025 – Prevent, Control, Care: Everyone's role in Chagas disease
- In 2020, the first World Chagas Disease Day was observed, honoring the date of April 14, 1909, when Brazilian physician Carlos Chagas, who bears the disease's name, made the first human diagnosis of the illness.

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Ques : World Quantum Day is celebrated every year on which day ?

- (a) 13 April
- (b) 14 April
- (c) 15 April
- (d) 16 April
- (e) 17 April

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- In order to increase public understanding of quantum physics and its social implications, April 14 is designated as World Quantum Day each year.
- It encourages the general public to learn about quantum technologies such as sensing, cryptography, and computing.
- Theme 2025 – Every Day in 2025
- Originally conceived as a decentralized endeavor by scientists worldwide, World Quantum Day was first observed in 2021.

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Ques : World Art Day is celebrated every year on which day ?

- (a) 13 April
- (b) 14 April
- (c) 15 April
- (d) 16 April
- (e) 17 April

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- In order to raise awareness of artistic expression and to emphasize the value of art and artists in society, World Art Day is observed annually on April 15.
- Theme 2025 – Art for Unity and Transformation
- Leonardo da Vinci, who was born in 1452 and is regarded as a symbol of creativity, freedom of speech, and innovation, was born on April 15.
- First observed in 2012, the day was declared by the International Association of Art (IAA). Since then, it has developed into an international event that brings together artists, art organizations, museums, and schools from all over the world.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

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.

National Maritime Varuna Award, India's highest individual recognition in the maritime sector won by Rajesh Unni, the founder of Synergy Marine Group For his outstanding contributions to historical research and social service. Awarded by Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) at 62nd National Maritime Day celebrations 5th April in Mumbai

Justice Arun Palli (Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court) Appointed as Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. He Replaced Chief Justice Tashi Rabistan

BlackRock-managed funds have emerged as the biggest investors in the Adani Group's \$750 million private bond offering. About one-third of the whole issuance was taken on by the asset management located in the United States, which oversees assets worth about \$12 trillion. The duration of the bonds is three to five years.

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