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Ques : How many years has Equitas Small Finance Bank partnered with Chennai Super Kings (CSK)?

- a) 2 years
- b) 3 years
- c) 4 years
- d) 5 years
- e) 6 years

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Equitas Small Finance Bank, a leading bank in India, has renewed its association with Chennai Super Kings (CSK) and Gujarat Titans (GT), the most successful teams in the Indian T20 League.
- Equitas' six-year cooperation with CSK and three-year partnership with GT demonstrate the company's dedication to excellence and community engagement through its 'Bank Behind Champions' initiative.

About Equitas Small Finance Bank :

- Established : 2007
- HQ : Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- MD & CEO : Vasudevan P N
- Tagline : It's Fun Banking

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Ques : What was the penalty amount imposed by the RBI on Punjab & Sind Bank?

- a) Rs.75 lakh
- b) Rs.68.2 lakh
- c) Rs.50 lakh
- d) Rs.90 lakh
- e) Rs.100 lakh

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed monetary penalties on Punjab & Sind Bank for not complying with regulatory guidelines.
- Punjab & Sind Bank faced a Rs.68.2 lakh penalty for lapses related to reporting large exposures and failure to maintain basic savings bank accounts as per RBI norms.
- **Reason : Non-compliance with RBI directions related to:**
 - Creation of a Central Repository of Large Common Exposures – Across Banks.
 - Financial Inclusion – Access to Banking Services – Basic Savings Bank Deposit Account (BSBDA).
- The penalty was imposed under Section 47A(1)(c), read with relevant provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- RBI conducted a statutory inspection based on the bank's financial position as of March 31, 2023.





Ques : The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (INSPACe) has appointed which institution to manage a Rs.1,000 crore venture capital fund ?

- (a) NABARD
- (b) IRDAI
- (c) PFRDA
- (d) SEBI
- (e) SIDBI

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (INSPACe) has chosen Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) Venture Capital Limited (SVCL) to oversee a Rs.1,000 crore fund for space technology entrepreneurs in India.
- The fund has a total amount of Rs.1,000 crore, spread over five years. Rs.150 crore is allotted for 2025-26, Rs.250 crore yearly for the next three years, and Rs.100 crore for 2029-30.
- Growth-stage firms can obtain capital ranging from Rs.10 crore to Rs.30 crore, while late-stage startups can receive Rs.30 crore to Rs.60 crore.
- The fund aims to help approximately 40 businesses in the space supply chain, encompassing upstream, midstream, and downstream industries.
- The plan aims to increase India's space economy by fivefold during the next decade, reaching a \$44 billion sector by 2033.

About Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) :

- Established : April 2, 1990
- HQ : Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- CMD : Shri Manoj Mittal





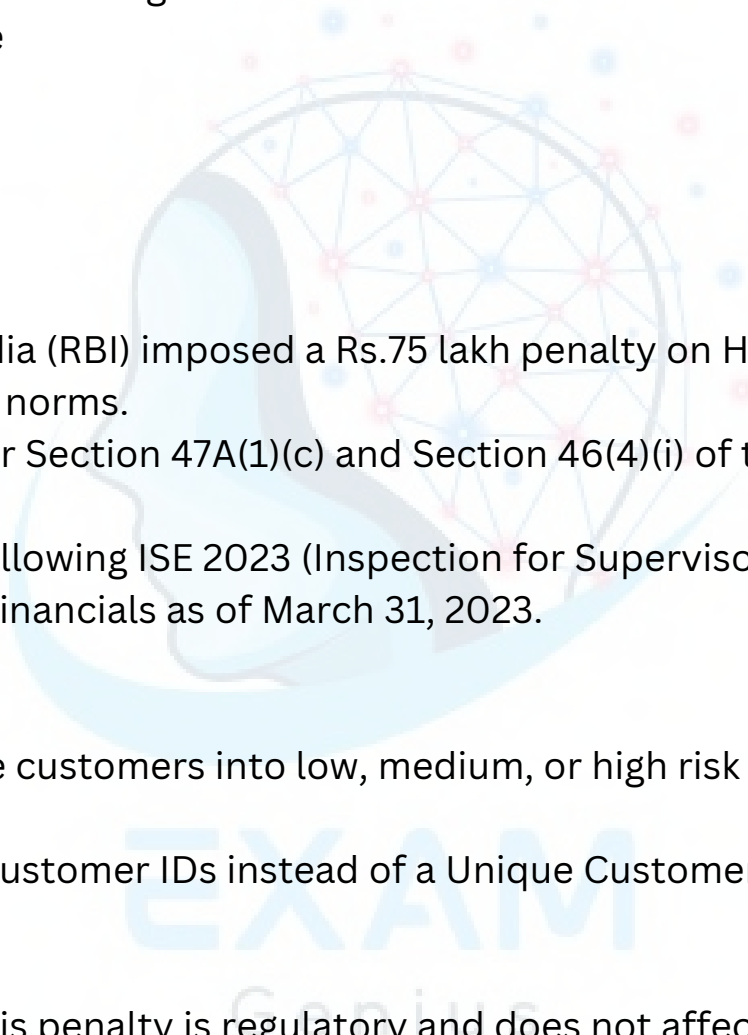
Ques : Why has the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a Rs.75 lakh penalty on HDFC Bank?

- (a) For not maintaining minimum CRR
- (b) For financial frauds
- (c) For non-compliance with KYC norms
- (d) For violating RBI's forex regulations
- (e) None of the above

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a Rs.75 lakh penalty on HDFC Bank for non-compliance with KYC norms.
- The penalty is under Section 47A(1)(c) and Section 46(4)(i) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- Action was taken following ISE 2023 (Inspection for Supervisory Evaluation), which reviewed the bank's financials as of March 31, 2023.
- Key violations:
 - Failure to categorize customers into low, medium, or high risk based on risk perception.
 - Assigning multiple customer IDs instead of a Unique Customer Identification Code (UCIC) per customer.
- RBI clarified that this penalty is regulatory and does not affect the validity of customer transactions.





Ques : Which organizations have signed a pact to digitally transform rural areas using BharatNet broadband?

- (a) TRAI and NABARD
- (b) DoT and NABARD
- (c) NITI Aayog and NABARD
- (d) DoT and SEBI
- (e) None of the above

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and NABARD have signed a pact to digitally transform rural areas using the BharatNet broadband network.
- This collaboration aims to boost rural digital inclusion by enhancing access to high-speed internet and digital services.
- Key areas of focus include reference data and digital content sharing, integration of digital services, awareness programs, and capacity building.
- The initiative will also support the expansion of ICT infrastructure to strengthen digital connectivity across rural India.
- The goal is to promote the digital economy and bridge the rural-urban digital divide.

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Ques : What is the maximum time limit set by IRDAI for approving cashless authorization requests?

- a) 30 minutes
- b) 1 hour
- c) 2 hours
- d) 3 hours
- e) 4 hours

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has introduced new guidelines to make health insurance claims faster and more policyholder-friendly.
- Insurers must approve cashless authorization requests within 1 hour and process discharge authorizations within 3 hours to ensure prompt support during medical emergencies.
- IRDAI is pushing for 100% cashless claim settlements, requiring digital pre-authorization and hospital help desks, with a compliance deadline of July 31, 2024.
- Claim rejections must be approved by a senior committee (PMC or CRC) and include written explanations based on policy terms.
- Policyholders can choose how to settle claims when holding multiple policies, and insurers/TPAs must collect documents themselves. Premium refunds are allowed for mid-term cancellations.
- These reforms aim to build transparency, trust, and faster service in India's health insurance sector.





Ques : Previously, SPDs were not allowed to participate in which of the following operations?

- a) Overnight liquidity operations
- b) Marginal Standing Facility (MSF)
- c) Long-term Variable Rate Repos (VRRs)
- d) Term repos
- e) Call money operation

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed standalone primary dealers (SPDs) to participate in all repo operations, regardless of the tenor.
- Earlier, SPDs were permitted only in overnight liquidity management operations, excluding the Marginal Standing Facility.
- Their participation in long-term variable rate repo (VRR) operations and daily VRRs was limited and allowed on a case-by-case basis.
- This change comes at a time of liquidity crunch, particularly at the financial year-end.
- The move aims to ease liquidity access for SPDs and support the banking system through broader participation in repo operations.

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Ques : What is the maximum number of nominees a bank account holder can now have under the Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024?

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4
- (e) None of the above

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024 has been passed by Parliament to allow multiple nominations for bank accounts.
- Earlier, account holders could nominate only one person, but now they can nominate up to four individuals.
- This provision applies to deposits, locker contents, and items in safe custody.
- The bill also updates the definition of "substantial interest" by increasing the threshold from Rs.5 lakh to Rs.2 crore.
- The amendment aims to reduce the volume of unclaimed deposits, which currently exceed Rs.45,000 crore.
- It reflects the government's focus on improving customer rights and transparency in banking.

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Ques : The SANSAD BHASHINI initiative promotes which of the following aspects within Parliament?

- a) Security and surveillance
- b) Infrastructure modernization
- c) Linguistic inclusivity and digital workflows
- d) Data protection laws
- e) Voting system reforms

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Lok Sabha Secretariat and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- The objective of this agreement is to launch the SANSAD BHASHINI initiative.
- This initiative aims to provide in-house AI-powered multilingual solutions to support and streamline various parliamentary operations.
- It is designed to enhance linguistic inclusivity and ensure efficient digital workflows within Parliament.

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Ques : What is the prize pool for the Biometric SDK Benchmarking Challenge?

- a) Rs. 5.5 lakhs
- b) Rs. 10 lakhs
- c) Rs. 7.7 lakhs (USD 9,000)
- d) Rs. 15 lakhs
- e) Rs. 3.3 lakhs

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- UIDAI, in collaboration with IIIT-Hyderabad, has launched a biometric SDK benchmarking competition to test the age invariance of biometric algorithms.
- The first phase focuses on fingerprint authentication for children aged 5–10 years, evaluating 1:1 matching algorithms over a span of 5–10 years.
- Participant submissions are securely evaluated using anonymized datasets, ensuring no data sharing.
- Prizes worth Rs.7.7 lakhs are being offered, along with the opportunity to work with UIDAI on advancing biometric tech.
- Upcoming phases will include benchmarking for iris and facial recognition.
- Aadhaar continues to be a major tool for governance and digital inclusion, enabling around 90 million authentication transactions daily.

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Ques : Which artillery system has the Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a Rs.6,900 crore contract for?

- (a) ATAGS
- (b) K9 Vajra
- (c) Dhanush
- (d) M777
- (e) None of the above

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a Rs.6,900 crore contract with Bharat Forge Ltd and Tata Advanced Systems Ltd.
- The deal involves procurement of 307 Advanced Towed Artillery Gun Systems (ATAGS) and 327 towing vehicles.
- The artillery guns will equip 15 Artillery Regiments of the Indian Army.
- ATAGS is a 155-mm artillery gun developed by DRDO's Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE). Features include over 40 km range, automated loading, precision targeting, and advanced fire control system.
- Contract signed in the presence of Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh in New Delhi.
- The ATAGS project was initiated in 2013 by DRDO to replace older artillery systems.
- This marks the Indian Army's first major towed gun procurement from the private sector.
- With this deal, MoD's total capital procurement for FY 2024-25 has reached Rs.1.4 lakh crore.





Ques : Which two institutions recently signed an MoU to collaborate on the development of advanced medical devices?

- a) CSIR and ICMR
- b) DRDO and AIIMS
- c) ISRO and AIIMS
- d) BARC and PGIMER
- e) SAMEER and AIIMS

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering & Research (SAMEER) and AIIMS have signed an MoU to collaborate on the development of advanced medical devices.
- The focus areas include high-field and low-field MRI, Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) systems, and research in Radio Frequency (RF) and microwave technologies.
- The partnership is aimed at promoting innovation in the healthcare sector through technology.
- The MoU was signed during the 32nd Foundation Day of the Department of NMR at AIIMS, New Delhi.

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Ques : By how much have the investment limits been increased in the new MSME classification?

- a) Doubled
- b) Tripled
- c) Increased by 2.5 times
- d) Increased by 1.5 times
- e) Reduced by 50%

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Effective April 1, 2025, the Government of India amended the classification requirements for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), increasing investment and turnover limits.
- This initiative intends to boost business growth, extend MSME benefits, and improve lending and incentives.
- Investment and turnover restrictions have risen by 2.5 times each.
- The Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act 2006, which came into effect on 2 October 2006, defines the MSME sector in India.
- The investment limit for Micro Enterprises has been increased from Rs.1 crore to Rs.2.5 crore, and the turnover limit has been raised from Rs.5 crore to Rs.10 crore.
- For Small Enterprises, the investment limit has been revised from Rs.10 crore to Rs.25 crore, and the turnover limit has been increased from Rs.50 crore to Rs.100 crore.
- For Medium Enterprises, the investment ceiling has been raised from Rs.50 crore to Rs.125 crore, and the turnover threshold has been increased from Rs.250 cr.





Ques : What is the value of WWE's exclusive streaming deal with Netflix?

- (a) \$1 billion
- (b) \$3 billion
- (c) \$5 billion
- (d) \$7 billion
- (e) None of the above

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- WWE has entered into a \$5 billion exclusive streaming agreement with Netflix.
- Under this deal, Netflix will have the global streaming rights to major WWE content, including popular shows.
- This move is seen as a major step toward expanding WWE's international viewership and digital reach.
- WWE is also exploring opportunities to bring its flagship programs like Raw and SmackDown to India.
- The company is actively seeking international talent to strengthen its global brand and audience connection.
- This partnership is expected to reshape how WWE content is consumed across the world.

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Ques : Which country's wrestler did Sunil Kumar defeat in the bronze medal match?

- a) Iran
- b) Japan
- c) Tajikistan
- d) China
- e) Kazakhstan

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Indian wrestler Sunil Kumar secured a bronze medal in the 87kg Greco-Roman category at the Asian Wrestling Championship held in Amman, Jordan.
- He defeated China's Jiaxin Huang in the bronze medal match after losing the semifinal to Iran's Yasin Yazdi with a score of 3-1.
- In the quarterfinals, Sunil showcased a strong comeback by defeating Tajikistan's Sukhrob Abdulkhaev 10-1, scoring all his points in the second period.
- A former silver medallist in 2019, Sunil is striving to return to top form, and this bronze marks a significant step forward in his campaign.

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Ques : Parminder Chopra has been given additional charge as CMD of which public sector company?

- a) NTPC Limited /
- b) Power Grid Corporation
- c) REC Limited
- d) NHPC Limited
- e) BHEL

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Parminder Chopra, currently serving as the CMD of Power Finance Corporation, has been given additional charge as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of REC Limited.
- Her tenure is for three months or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- She replaces Vivek Kumar Dewangan.
- In 2023, she was honoured with the 'Icon of the Year' award by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India.

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Ques : Who is the first Indian woman to enter the global top 10 richest women list?

- (a) Roshni Nadar
- (b) Falguni Nayar
- (c) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
- (d) Savitri Jindal
- (e) None of the above

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Roshni Nadar, the chairperson of HCL, has become the first Indian woman to feature in the global list of top 10 richest women.
- She is ranked fifth among the world's richest women, with a total net worth of ₹3.5 trillion.
- In India, she is the third richest individual after Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani.
- Mukesh Ambani remains India's richest person with ₹8.6 trillion, though he is no longer in the global top 10.
- Gautam Adani follows with ₹8.4 trillion, registering a 13% growth in his wealth.
- India added 13 new billionaires in 2024, bringing the total to 284, and now ranks third globally after the USA and China.

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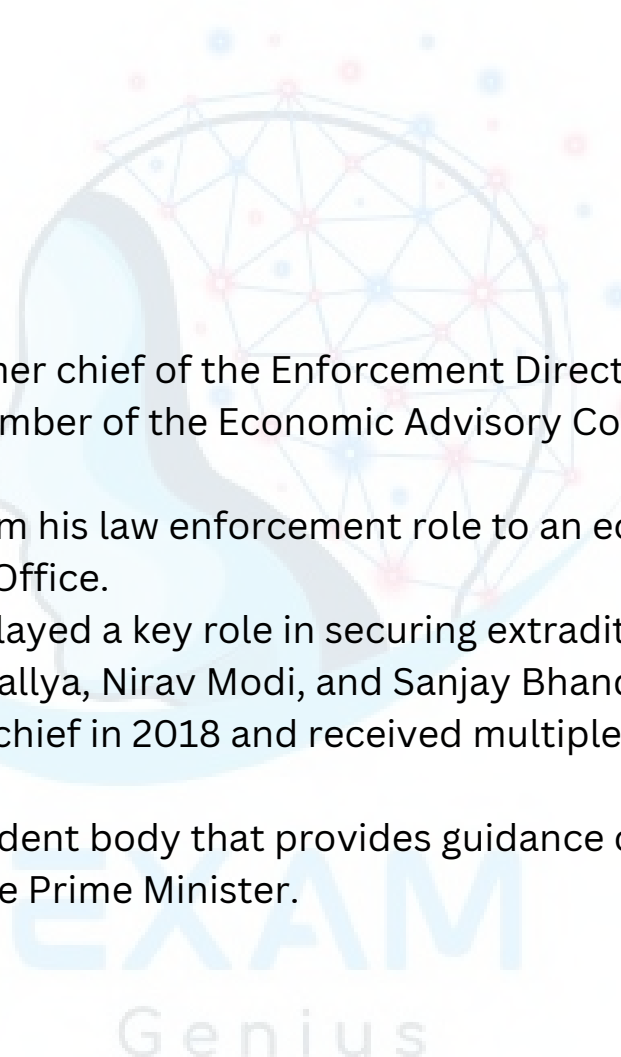
Ques : Sanjay Kumar Mishra, who was recently appointed as a full-time member of the EAC-PM, previously served as the chief of which agency?

- a) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)
- b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- c) Enforcement Directorate (ED)
- d) Income Tax Department
- e) Intelligence Bureau (IB)

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Sanjay Kumar Mishra, former chief of the Enforcement Directorate (ED), has been appointed as a full-time member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM).
- This marks a transition from his law enforcement role to an economic advisory role under the Prime Minister's Office.
- During his ED tenure, he played a key role in securing extradition approvals for high-profile fugitives like Vijay Mallya, Nirav Modi, and Sanjay Bhandari.
- Mishra was appointed ED chief in 2018 and received multiple extensions from the central government.
- The EAC-PM is an independent body that provides guidance on economic and related issues directly to the Prime Minister.





Ques : What is the name of the newly inaugurated Centre of Excellence at IIT-Madras?

- a) Abdul Kalam Research Centre
- b) Vikram Sarabhai Institute
- c) Rakesh Sharma Aerospace Lab
- d) S Ramakrishnan Centre of Excellence
- e) Aryabhata Space Innovation Hub

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Chairman of ISRO and Secretary of the Department of Space inaugurated the Centre of Excellence for Research in Fluid and Thermal Sciences at IIT-Madras.
- The centre is named S Ramakrishnan Centre of Excellence, in memory of Dr. S Ramakrishnan, a distinguished space scientist and former Director of LPSC and VSSC, ISRO.
- He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2003 for his contributions to science and engineering.

About ISRO :

- Established : 15 August 1969
- HQ : Antariksh Bhavan in Bangalore
- Chairman : V. Narayanan

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Ques : When is World Purple Day observed annually?

- (a) 23 March
- (b) 24 March
- (c) 25 March
- (d) 26 March
- (e) 27 March

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- World Purple Day is commemorated yearly on March 26 to promote awareness about epilepsy, a neurological illness that affects millions of people worldwide.
- Cassidy Megan, a Canadian teenager, established this global campaign in 2008 with the goal of educating people about epilepsy and reducing stigma.
- Epilepsy is a neurological illness characterized by recurring seizures, which are brief and unexpected disruptions in brain function. During a seizure, brain cells fire improperly, causing alterations in behavior, sensation, and consciousness. The three main kinds of epilepsy are idiopathic, symptomatic, and cryptogenic.

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Ques : World Theatre Day is celebrated annually on which day ?

- (a) 23 March
- (b) 24 March
- (c) 25 March
- (d) 26 March
- (e) 27 March

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- World Theatre Day is observed yearly on March 27 to commemorate the significance of theatre arts and their impact on society.
- Theme 2025: Theatre and a Culture of Peace
- The International Theatre Institute (ITI) established this day in 1961 to celebrate theatre's ability to stimulate creativity, cultural interchange, and social awareness.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Sanjay Singh, president of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), has been elected as a Bureau Member of United World Wrestling (UWW)-Asia. The election occurred during the UWW-Asia General Assembly in Amman.

Sarra Zaafrani Zenzri (2nd Women) Appointed as Prime Minister (PM) of Tunisia by Tunisian President Kais Saied. She Replaced Kamel Madouri.

Vicky Kaushal Appointed as Brand Ambassador of Tata Motors for its Passenger and Electric Vehicle segment. Under the “Take the Curvv” campaign.

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), in partnership with the IIM Ahmedabad, hosted a workshop on "Emerging Trends in Public Data and Technology for Research and Policy" on the IIM Ahmedabad campus to improve the national data ecosystem and drive evidence-based policymaking.

Sanjay Kumar Singh, President of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) Appointed as Bureau member of United World Wrestling (UWW)-Asia during Elections held during UWW general assembly in Amman, Jordan (22 Votes)

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Ques : How many branches did Karur Vysya Bank inaugurate in FY 2024-25?

- a) 46
- b) 50
- c) 40
- d) 60
- e) 38

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Karur Vysya Bank (KVB) has opened 46 new branches in the financial year 2024-25, expanding its total branch network to 888.
- The newly inaugurated branches include locations in Kumbakonam, Visakhapatnam, Coimbatore, and Alapakkam (Chennai).
- The bank aims to enhance its footprint in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, strengthening its banking presence in these regions.

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Ques : Which bank earned the highest fee from ATM withdrawals in FY24?

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- State Bank of India (SBI), which holds a 30% share in India's ATM network with over 65,000 ATMs, earned Rs.331 crore in fees from ATM withdrawals in FY24.
- Unlike SBI, other Public Sector Banks (PSBs) suffered losses on ATM cash withdrawals, with Bank of Baroda (BoB) incurring the highest loss of Rs.212 crore.
- The disparity arises due to SBI's extensive ATM network, which allows it to charge fees from customers of other banks, while smaller PSBs face higher outflow costs.
- The trend highlights the financial impact of ATM usage fees and operational costs on different banks within the public sector.

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Ques : Who has been elected as the new Chairman of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA)?

- a) Atul Kumar Goel
- b) A Manimekhalai
- c) Swarup Kumar Saha
- d) CS Setty
- e) B Ramesh Babu

Answer : option D

Explanation :

- The Indian Banks' Association (IBA) has elected CS Setty, the Chairman of the State Bank of India (SBI), as its new Chairman.
- Union Bank MD A Manimekhalai, Punjab & Sind Bank MD Swarup Kumar Saha, and Madhav Nair from Bank of Bahrain & Kuwait BSC have been elected as Deputy Chairmen.
- Karur Vysya Bank MD B Ramesh Babu has been elected as the honorary secretary.
- Former PNB MD Atul Kumar Goel was recently appointed as the CEO of IBA.

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Ques : Which bank has launched the PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme to support meritorious students financially?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) Karnataka Bank
- (c) Bank of baroda
- (d) Canara Bank
- (e) Bank of Maharashtra

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has launched the PM-Vidyalaxmi Scheme to provide financial assistance to meritorious students pursuing higher education.
- The scheme is part of a Government of India initiative to ensure financial constraints do not hinder students' access to quality education.
- The program aims to support talented youth by offering easy access to education loans through the Vidyalaxmi Portal.
- The scheme aligns with the government's vision of promoting financial inclusion in education and helping students achieve their academic goals.

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Ques : What is the starting price of own damage cover on PhonePe for 2-wheeler insurance?

- a) Rs.10
- b) Rs.5
- c) Rs.1
- d) Rs.50
- e) Rs.100

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- PhonePe has introduced insurance coverage for both two-wheelers and four-wheelers, enabling users to compare policies from multiple insurers and purchase them online.
- The platform offers significant savings, allowing users to save up to Rs.4,000 on two-wheeler insurance and up to Rs.40,000 on four-wheeler insurance compared to dealership rates.
- It provides the most affordable pricing for two-wheeler insurance, with own damage cover starting at just Rs.1.
- The entire insurance purchase process is 100% digital, eliminating the need for any paperwork.

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Ques : What is the interest rate on Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana for the April-June 2025 quarter?

- a) 7.1%
- b) 7.7%
- c) 8.0%
- d) 8.2%
- e) 7.5%

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Government of India has kept interest rates unchanged on small savings schemes for the April-June 2025 quarter, making it the fifth consecutive quarter without revision.
- Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY) will continue to offer an interest rate of 8.2%, ensuring stable returns for investors.
- The Public Provident Fund (PPF) and a three-year term deposit retain their rates at 7.1%, while post office savings deposits remain at 4%.
- Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP) will continue to offer 7.5% interest, with a maturity period of 115 months.
- The National Savings Certificate (NSC) interest rate remains at 7.7%, and the Monthly Income Scheme (MIS) continues to provide a 7.4% interest rate.

Rate of interest from April to June 2025 :

- Post Office Savings Deposit : 4%
- 1 Year Time Deposit : 6.9%
- 2 Year Time Deposit : 7%
- 3 Year Time Deposit : 7.1%
- 5 Year Time Deposit : 7.5%
- 5 Year Recurring Deposit : 6.7%
- Senior Citizen Savings Scheme : 8.2%
- Monthly Income Account Scheme : 7.4%
- National Savings Certificate : 7.7%





- Public Provident Fund : 7.1%
- Kisan Vikas Patra : 7.5%
- Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana : 8.2%



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Ques : Where was the 8th State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) Meeting held by RBI?

- (a) Guwahati
- (b) Shimla
- (c) Dehradun
- (d) Srinagar
- (e) Gangtok

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The 8th State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) Meeting was held in Gangtok to discuss financial regulations and fraud prevention measures.
- It was chaired by Ravindra Telang, Chief Secretary of Sikkim, and convened by Thotngam Jamang, Regional Director of RBI.
- Key discussions included the implementation of BUDS Rules under the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Act, 2019.
- The meeting addressed the rise in digital and financial frauds, with Sikkim Police reporting recovery efforts.
- RBI and SEBI highlighted investor awareness programs, the Sachet portal for reporting unregulated entities, and initiatives to curb fraudulent activities.
- The meeting was attended by dignitaries from RBI, SEBI, and Sikkim government departments, emphasizing financial literacy outreach by RBI Gangtok.

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Ques : Which company is LIC acquiring a 40-49% stake in?

- a) Star Health Insurance
- b) ICICI Lombard
- c) Care Health Insurance
- d) Max Bupa Health Insurance
- e) ManipalCigna Health Insurance

Answer : Option E

- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) is set to acquire a 40-49% stake in ManipalCigna Health Insurance, marking its entry into the standalone health insurance segment.
- The deal, valued at Rs.3,500 crore, includes both fresh capital infusion and the sale of existing shares.
- With LIC's strong distribution network and financial backing, the standalone health insurance market is expected to undergo significant changes.
- This acquisition aligns with LIC's strategy to diversify beyond life insurance and expand its presence in the health insurance sector.
- ManipalCigna is a joint venture between Manipal Group and US-based Cigna Corporation, specializing in innovative health insurance solutions.

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Ques: Which organization has partnered with Bank of India to offer general insurance products?

- (a) LIC
- (b) SBI General Insurance
- (c) HDFC ERGO / एचडीएफसी एर्गो
- (d) New India Assurance
- (e) ICICI Lombard

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

• This partnership between Bank of India (BOI) and New India Assurance (NIACL) is a strategic move to enhance financial security for BOI's customers.

Key Benefits of the Tie-up :

- **Comprehensive Coverage:** Customers can access a wide range of general insurance products, including health, motor, travel, and property insurance.
- **Seamless Access:** BOI's customers can now conveniently purchase New India Assurance policies directly through the bank's network.
- **Enhanced Financial Protection:** The collaboration aims to strengthen financial inclusion by providing affordable and accessible insurance solutions.

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Ques : What percentage cap is India's central bank planning to allow for individual foreign investors in listed companies?

- a) 5%
- b) 7.5%
- c) 10%
- d) 15%
- e) 12%

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- India's central bank plans to double the cap on individual foreign investor holdings in listed companies from 5% to 10% to attract more capital inflows.
- Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) have withdrawn over \$28 billion from Indian stocks since September due to weak earnings, high valuations, and US tariff concerns.
- The move extends investment benefits previously available only to overseas Indian citizens under FEMA to all foreign investors.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) also plans to increase the total holding limit for all foreign individual investors in an Indian listed company from 10% to 24%.
- The proposal is in its final discussion stage between the government, RBI, and SEBI to encourage foreign investment and strengthen market liquidity.

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Ques : Where has Jana Small Finance Bank opened its first branch in Andhra Pradesh?

- a) Vijayawada
- b) Visakhapatnam
- c) Tirupati
- d) Guntur
- e) Nellore

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Jana Small Finance Bank has expanded its operations to Andhra Pradesh by opening its first branch in Guntur.
- The branch will provide a range of banking services, including deposits, housing loans, gold loans, MSME loans, and agricultural loans.
- This expansion aligns with the bank's strategy to strengthen its presence in South India and enhance financial inclusion.
- Jana Small Finance Bank aims to support small businesses and individuals by offering secured and unsecured business loans, along with supply chain finance solutions.

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Ques : Which Indian bank has partnered with JPMorgan to enable 24x7 US dollar payments?

- a) ICICI Bank
- b) HDFC Bank
- c) Axis Bank
- d) State Bank of India
- e) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

This collaboration between Axis Bank and JPMorgan represents a major step in modernizing cross-border transactions, particularly for businesses operating in India.

- **Real-Time Transactions:** The service allows Indian commercial clients to make and receive USD payments 24x7, eliminating delays caused by banking hours or holidays.
- **Blockchain Integration:** The system is powered by Kinexys, JPMorgan's blockchain and digital asset unit, enhancing transaction speed and security.
- **GIFT City Operations:** The service will be available from GIFT City, Gujarat, India's premier international financial hub.
- **First-of-its-Kind in India:** This marks a significant shift in the Indian banking sector, as no other Indian company has previously had such flexibility for USD transactions.

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Ques : Which organization recently launched BHIM 3.0 to enhance digital payment accessibility?

- (a) RBI
- (b) SEBI
- (c) NPCI
- (d) NITI Aayog
- (e) SIDBI

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched BHIM 3.0, a revamped version of its digital payment platform aimed at improving user experience and promoting financial inclusivity.
- BHIM 3.0 now supports over 15 Indian languages and is designed to work efficiently in areas with low internet connectivity, making it more accessible for users in remote locations.
- This update aligns with NPCI's vision of promoting a cashless economy and expanding digital payment solutions to underserved regions.
- The launch of BHIM 3.0 is an important step in making digital payments more accessible and inclusive across India.

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Ques : Which regulatory authority granted approval for MobiKwik Securities Broking?

- a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- c) Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)
- d) National Stock Exchange (NSE)
- e) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- MobiKwik, a fintech company, has entered the stock broking industry by launching its wholly owned subsidiary, MobiKwik Securities Broking.
- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has approved the establishment of this new entity.
- MobiKwik will compete with established players like Zerodha, Groww, and AngelOne in the stock broking sector.
- The subsidiary aims to join various stock and commodity exchanges in India and globally, allowing trading in shares, securities, debt instruments, commodities, currencies, and derivatives.
- MobiKwik Securities Broking starts with an initial capital of Rs 1 lakh, with plans to invest an additional Rs 2 crore in phases for expansion.

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Ques : What is the primary objective of the ₹22,919 crore PLI scheme approved by the Union Cabinet?

- a) Boost semiconductor manufacturing
- b) Increase exports of pharmaceuticals
- c) Promote domestic production of electronic components
- d) Support renewable energy projects
- e) Expand automobile manufacturing capacity

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Rs.22,919 crore Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme aims to boost domestic manufacturing of critical electronic components.
- The scheme is expected to attract Rs.59,350 crore in investments and generate electronic products worth Rs.4.6 lakh crore over six years.
- It will create approximately 91,600 jobs and support key components such as printed circuit boards (PCBs), lithium-ion battery cells, and enclosures for electronics hardware.
- The scheme provides employment-linked benefits, capital expenditure support, and turnover-based incentives.

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Ques : Where has Waaree Energies inaugurated India's largest solar cell factory?

- a) Surat
- b) Chikhli
- c) Noida
- d) Nandigram
- e) Vadodara

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Waaree Energies has inaugurated India's largest solar cell manufacturing facility in Chikhli, South Gujarat, with a production capacity of 5.4 GW.
- The factory uses advanced TOPCon (Tunnel Oxide Passivated Contact) technology, enabling the production of 20 solar cells per second.
- The facility has achieved 25% efficiency in its solar cells, improving energy conversion rates and maximizing power output from the same surface area.
- Spread across 150 acres with a built-up area of 101 acres, this plant is one of Waaree Energies' four manufacturing units in India.
- The company has invested Rs.3,000 crore in the Chikhli plant, with its other three facilities located in Surat, Nandigram, and Noida.

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Ques : Who is heading the task force formed to address student suicides in India?

- a) Justice U.U. Lalit /
- b) Dr. K. Kasturirangan
- c) Justice S. Ravindra Bhat
- d) Justice Ranjan Gogoi
- e) Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- A task force, led by former Supreme Court judge Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, has been formed to investigate the primary causes of student suicides and suggest measures to foster a more inclusive academic environment.
- The task force consists of 10 members and will submit an interim report in 4 months, followed by a final report in 8 months.
- As per the NCRB 2022 report, student suicides made up 7.6% of total suicides in India.
- The number of student suicides has nearly doubled in a decade, rising from 6,654 in 2012 to 13,044 in 2022.
- Maharashtra recorded the highest student suicides, followed by Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Odisha.

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Ques : How much total amount has been released by the Union Government as the second installment of the XV Finance Commission (XV FC) Grants for rural local bodies in Karnataka and Tripura for FY 2024–25?

- a) Rs.350 crores
- b) Rs.402 crores
- c) Rs.600 crores
- d) Rs.500 crores
- e) Rs.436 crores

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Union Government has disbursed over Rs.436 crores as the second installment of the Fifteenth Finance Commission (XV FC) Grants for rural local bodies in Karnataka and Tripura for the financial year 2024–25.
- Karnataka received Rs.404.97 crores in Untied Grants for 5,375 eligible Gram Panchayats, while Tripura was allocated Rs.31.13 crores for 589 Gram Panchayats, Block Panchayats, District Panchayats, and Traditional Local Bodies.
- The grants enable Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) to address local developmental needs as per the 29 subjects listed in the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution.
- These funds are meant for developmental projects and cannot be used for salaries or administrative expenses.
- XV Finance Commission Grants are categorized into Untied Grants, which provide flexibility for local development, and Tied Grants, which focus on essential services like sanitation and drinking water.
- This initiative aims to decentralize resources and strengthen local governance for rural development.





Ques : Which state CM launches AI chatbot 'Sarathi' for enhanced citizen engagement ?

- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Haryana
- (e) Maharashtra

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has inaugurated the AI-powered chatbot 'Sarathi' on the Chief Secretary's office website.
- This chatbot aims to improve citizen involvement by offering quick access to government directives, notices, and circulars from previous years.
- According to the statement, HARTRON (Haryana State Electronics Development Corporation Limited) built the chatbot.

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Ques : Who has been reappointed as the Managing Director of Ambuja Cement Ltd?

- a) Vinod Bahety
- b) Rakesh Tiwary
- c) Ajay Kapur
- d) Gautam Adani
- e) Sanjay Gupta

Answer : option C

Explanation:

- Ajay Kapur has been reappointed as the Managing Director of Ambuja Cement Ltd for a tenure of two years, starting from April 1.
- The board has also appointed Vinod Bahety as the Additional Director, Whole-time Director, and CEO for a period of three years.
- Rakesh Tiwary has been appointed as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the company.

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Ques : What does 'P4' stand for in the 'Zero Poverty - P4' initiative?

- a) Public-Private-Panchayat Partnership
- b) Public-Private-People Partnership
- c) Poverty Prevention Partnership
- d) People's Prosperity Partnership
- e) Public-Private-Poor Partnership

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu launched the 'Zero Poverty - P4' initiative to eradicate poverty in the state by 2029.
- P4 stands for Public-Private-People Partnership, emphasizing collaboration between these sectors to reduce the socio-economic gap.
- The initiative encourages the wealthiest 10% of the population to extend support to the bottom 20% poorest families.
- The government will play a facilitative role by using real-time digital dashboards to monitor the progress of the initiative.

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Ques : Where is the Yuge Yugeen Bharat National Museum being developed?

- a) Rashtrapati Bhavan
- b) India Gate
- c) North and South Blocks, New Delhi
- d) Red Fort
- e) Raj Ghat

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Yuge Yugeen Bharat National Museum is a major upcoming museum in New Delhi, being developed under the Central Vista Redevelopment Project.
- It will be located in the North and South Blocks and aims to showcase India's rich civilizational and cultural heritage.
- A technical cooperation agreement has been signed between the National Museum of India and France Museums Development for the museum's development.
- The project seeks to transform iconic government buildings into world-class cultural spaces.

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Ques : Which of the following pilot projects are included in this initiative?

- a) Didi ki Dukan
- b) Computer Didi Centers
- c) Digital Didi Program
- d) Both (a) and (b)
- e) All of the above

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) and UNICEF YuWaah have signed a three-year partnership to promote rural employment, entrepreneurship, and skill development for women from Self-Help Groups (SHGs).
- Pilot projects such as “Computer Didi Centers” and “Didi ki Dukan” will be launched in five states—Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and Rajasthan—to enhance digital infrastructure and economic opportunities.
- If successful, the initiative could expand to impact 35 lakh women across 7,000+ blocks in India, aligning with the 2025-26 Union Budget’s vision for rural development.
- The partnership will introduce a “Youth Hub” for jobs, skilling, and volunteering, and will also promote the “Lakhpatti Didis” model, which aims to empower women entrepreneurs in rural India.

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Ques : Which state has become the first state in India to pass a law creating a commission for senior citizens ?

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

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Kerala has become the first state in India to establish a dedicated commission for senior citizens through legislation.
- According to the United Nations Population Fund, Kerala's elderly population (60 and above) is projected to reach 22.8% by 2036, up from 16.5% in 2021.
- The Kerala State Senior Citizens Commission will have a chairperson and up to three members, including one woman and one representative from Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes.
- The commission will be supported by an Additional Secretary as the secretary and a Joint Secretary from the law department as the registrar.
- Members will serve a fixed tenure of three years.
- The Kerala government provides a rs.1,600 monthly pension under the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme for individuals aged 60 and above with an annual income of Rs.1,00,000 or less.

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Ques : Which state topped the medal tally at the Khelo India Para Games 2025?

- a) Haryana
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Uttar Pradesh
- e) Punjab

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Khelo India Para Games 2025 completed at JLN Stadium in New Delhi, providing as a major platform for para-athletes, with 18 national records broken and over 550 medals given in six sports.
- Haryana won the most medals with 34 gold, 39 silver, and 31 bronze, followed by Tamil Nadu with 28 gold, 19 silver, and 27 bronze, and Uttar Pradesh in third with 23 gold, 21 silver, and 20 bronze.
- Over 1,300 para-athletes from all over India competed in Para Archery, Para Athletics, Para Badminton, Para Powerlifting, Para Shooting, and Para Table Tennis over the course of eight days.
- Union Minister Raksha Nikhil Khadse unveiled the Handbook on Accessibility of Sports Facilities, underlining the government's commitment to promoting inclusivity and parasports in India.

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Ques : Who did Gopal Vittal replace as the Chairman of GSMA?

- a) Mukesh Ambani
- b) Sunil Bharti Mittal
- c) Jose Maria Alvares-Pallete
- d) Pekka Lundmark
- e) Nick Read

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Gopal Vittal, Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Bharti Airtel, has been appointed as the Chairman of the Board of the Global System for Mobile Communications Association (GSMA).
- His tenure will continue until the end of 2026.
- He replaces José Maria Álvares-Pallete, CEO of Telefónica, in this role.
- Vittal is the second Indian to hold this prestigious position, following Sunil Mittal.
- Before his formal appointment, he had been serving as the acting chair since February 2025.

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Ques : Bandhan Bank has signed an MoU with which branch of the Indian Armed Forces to introduce the Shaurya Salary Account?

- a) Indian Army
- b) Indian Navy
- c) Indian Air Force (IAF)
- d) Indian Coast Guard
- e) Paramilitary Forces

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Bandhan Bank has signed an MoU with the Indian Air Force (IAF) to launch the Bandhan Bank Shaurya Salary Account for IAF personnel, veterans, and their families.
- It is a zero-balance corporate salary account designed to provide financial benefits to defense personnel.
- Key benefits include personalized insurance coverage, competitive interest rates, and access to over 1,700 branches across India.

About Bandhan Bank :

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





Ques : Priority Sector Lending (PSL) guidelines are issued by RBI to ensure the flow of credit to which of the following sectors?

- a) Agriculture and MSMEs
- b) Renewable Energy and Housing
- c) Education and Export Credit
- d) All of the above
- e) Only MSMEs and Housing

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank amended its Priority Sector Lending (PSL) criteria to better focus bank credit to priority areas of the economy.
- The RBI said that the new standards will take effect on April 1, 2025.
- The revised guidelines increase loan ceilings, notably for housing loans, to improve PSL coverage.
- Additionally, the RBI has expanded the 'Weaker Sections' category by removing the cap on loans by UCBs to individual women beneficiaries.

Changes in Loan Limits :

- The maximum limit for education loans, including vocational courses, has been increased to Rs.25 lakh per individual.
- In social infrastructure, borrowers can avail up to Rs.8 crore for setting up schools, drinking water facilities, and healthcare facilities in Tier 2 to Tier 6 cities.
- Loan limits for artisans, village, and cottage industries have been raised from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.2 lakh.
- Individual women beneficiaries can now avail loans up to Rs.2 lakh per borrower, up from Rs.1 lakh.
- Individual farmers can take loans against Negotiable Warehouse Receipts up to Rs.90 lakh, increased from Rs.75 lakh, while for other Warehouse Receipts, the limit is Rs.60 lakh.





- Corporate farmers can avail loans up to Rs.4 crore against Negotiable Warehouse Receipts and Rs.2.5 crore against other Warehouse Receipts. Entities undertaking farming with assured product marketing can avail loans up to Rs.10 crore.
- Loans to registered NBFCs for co-lending to MSMEs have been set at Rs.20 lakh per borrower.
- For export credit, Indian banks can lend up to 2% of Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC) or a maximum of Rs.50 crore. Foreign banks with 20 or more branches have a limit of 2% of ANBC, while those with fewer than 20 branches can lend up to 32% of ANBC.

Renewable Energy interest rates :

- Renewable energy-based power generators and public utilities can avail loans up to ₹35 crore.
- The loan limit for individual households for renewable energy purposes has been set at ₹10 lakh per borrower.

Housing Loans (classification based on population size) :

- In centers with a population of 50 lakh and above, the loan limit is Rs.50 lakh.

Revised PSL Targets for Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) :

- The total Priority Sector Lending (PSL) target is set at 60% of Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC) or Credit Equivalent of Off-Balance Sheet Exposures (CEOBSE).
- Banks are required to allocate 7.5% of ANBC towards micro enterprises.
- Advances to weaker sections should constitute 12% of ANBC.

It now includes Transgenders along with earlier categories of :

- Small and Marginal Farmers, Artisans, Individual members of SHGs or Joint Liability Groups,
- Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes, Persons with disabilities, Minority communities notified by Government of India
- Individual women beneficiaries up to ₹2 lakh (This limit is not applicable to UC)
- Transgender



Ques : Dilma Rousseff has been reappointed as the President of which financial institution?

- a) World Bank
- b) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- c) New Development Bank (NDB)
- d) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- e) Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Dilma Vana Rousseff, the former President of Brazil, has been reappointed as the President of the New Development Bank (NDB), formerly known as the BRICS Development Bank, with her tenure now extended until 2030.
- She initially became the Chair of the NDB in March 2023, succeeding Marcos Troyjo, and her tenure was originally set to end in July 2025.
- The extension of her term was proposed by Russia during the 2024 BRICS Summit held in Kazan, Russia.
- Rousseff previously served as the 36th President of Brazil from 2011 until her impeachment and removal from office on August 31, 2016.

About New Development Bank (NDB) :

- Established : July 2015
- HQ : Shanghai, China
- Members : Algeria, Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Russia, South Africa, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay





Ques : The Rupee Term Loan (RTL) agreement between IRFC and NTPC REL will support which sector?

- a) Thermal Power Generation
- b) Nuclear Energy
- c) Renewable Energy
- d) Coal Mining
- e) Hydrocarbon Exploration

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) has signed a Rupee Term Loan (RTL) agreement worth Rs.5,000 crore with NTPC Renewable Energy Limited (NTPC REL), a subsidiary of NTPC Green Energy Limited (NTPC GEL).
- The loan will be utilized for financing NTPC REL's ongoing and new renewable energy capacity expansion projects.
- This aligns with Indian Railways' goal of achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030, as it is one of the largest electricity consumers in the country.

About Indian Railway Finance Corporation :

- Established : 12 December 1986
- HQ : New Delhi
- CMD : Manoj Kumar Dubey





Ques : How much does the Centre plan to raise through dated securities in the first half (April-September) of 2025-26?

- (a) Rs.4 lakh Crore
- (b) Rs.5 lakh Crore
- (c) Rs.6 lakh Crore
- (d) Rs.7 lakh Crore
- (e) Rs.8 lakh Crore

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Centre plans to raise Rs 8 lakh crore through dated securities in the first half of the 2025-26 fiscal year to address the revenue gap.
- This is part of the total estimated gross market borrowing of Rs 14.82 lakh crore for 2025-26, with 54% of the borrowing (Rs 8 lakh crore) to be raised in the first half through the issuance of dated securities, including Rs 10,000 crore of Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrBs).
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in the Budget, proposed this borrowing strategy to meet the revenue shortfall in the upcoming fiscal year.
- The fiscal deficit, which is the gap between the government's total revenue and total expenditure, is estimated at 4.4% of GDP for FY26, compared to 4.8% of GDP in the current year. In absolute terms, the fiscal deficit is projected to be Rs 15,68,936 crore for 2025-26.
- The total financing for the fiscal deficit will come from a combination of net market borrowings from dated securities (Rs 11.54 lakh crore) and other sources such as small savings.





Ques : Recently, what is the percentage increase in Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief over the existing rate, as approved by the Union Cabinet?

- (a) 2%
- (b) 4%
- (c) 6%
- (d) 3%
- (e) 2.5%

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Union Cabinet has approved an additional instalment of Dearness Allowance (DA) for Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) for pensioners, effective from January 1, 2025.
- A 2% increase will be provided over the existing rate of 53% of the basic pay or pension, benefiting 48.66 lakh Central Government employees and 66.55 lakh pensioners.
- The increase in DA and DR will cost the government Rs.6,614.04 crore annually.

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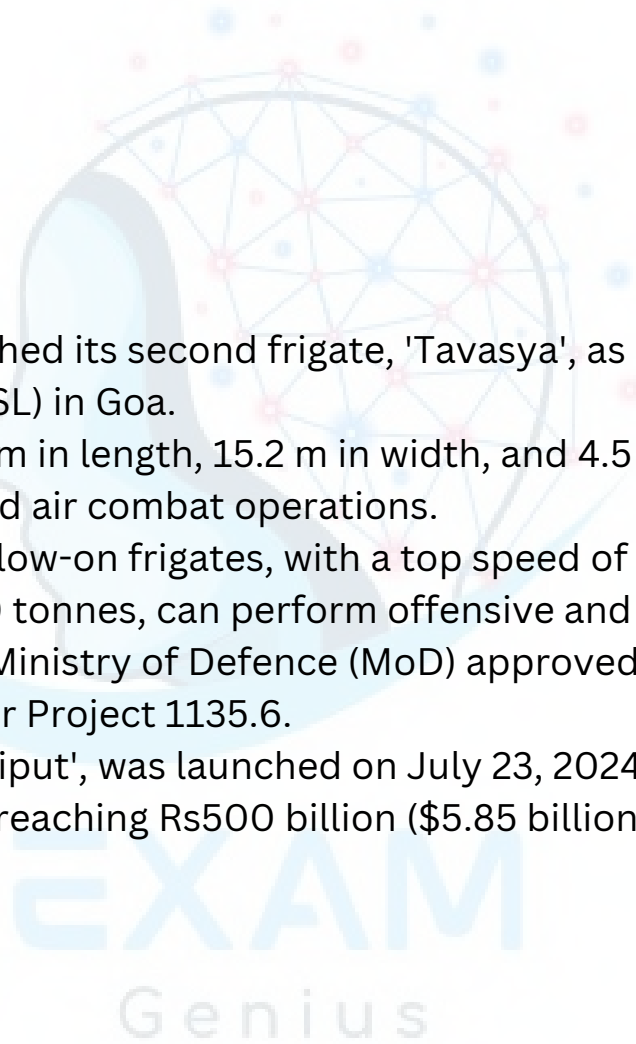
Ques : The Indian Navy's second frigate of Project 1135.6 additional follow-on frigates, named Tavasya, was launched at which shipyard?

- (a) Cochin Shipyard Limited
- (b) Hindustan Shipyard
- (c) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
- (d) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
- (e) Goa Shipyard Limited

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Indian Navy has launched its second frigate, 'Tavasya', as part of Project 1135.6 at Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) in Goa.
- Tavasya, measuring 124.8 m in length, 15.2 m in width, and 4.5 m in draft, is designed for surface, sub-surface, and air combat operations.
- The two Project 1135.6 follow-on frigates, with a top speed of 28 knots and a displacement of over 3,800 tonnes, can perform offensive and defensive tasks.
- On January 25, 2019, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) approved the contract to build two follow-on frigates under Project 1135.6.
- The first vessel, named 'Triput', was launched on July 23, 2024.
- It helps the MoD's goal of reaching Rs500 billion (\$5.85 billion) in defense exports by 2029.





Ques : Which country is the largest exporter of tea in 2024?

- (a) India
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Kenya
- (d) China
- (e) Bangladesh

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- India has become the second-largest tea exporter in the world by exporting 254 million kg (Mkg) of tea in 2024.
- Kenya remains the largest tea exporter, with over 500 Mkg of tea exported in 2024.
- India surpassed Sri Lanka, which was previously the second-largest tea exporter.
- The data was shared by the Tea Board of India, highlighting India's rise in the global tea export rankings.

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Ques : How much has the Punjab government allocated for the Nangal project in its 2025-26 budget?

- a) Rs 5 crore
- b) Rs 10 crore
- c) Rs 15 crore
- d) Rs 20 crore
- e) Rs 25 crore

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Punjab government plans to develop the Jhajjar-Bachauli Wildlife Sanctuary as a leopard safari destination to promote eco-tourism in the state.
- This will be the first wildlife sanctuary in Punjab where tourists can view wildlife in its natural habitat.
- The sanctuary, located in Sri Anandpur Sahib, was declared a protected sanctuary in 1998 under the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972.
- To support the development of tourist infrastructure, the Punjab government has allocated Rs 10 crore for the Nangal project in the 2025-26 budget.

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Ques : India has become the world's largest milk producer with a production of how many metric tons?

- a) 200 million metric tons
- b) 239 million metric tons
- c) 250 million metric tons
- d) 275 million metric tons
- e) 300 million metric tons

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- India has become the world's largest milk producer, achieving a production of 239 million metric tons (MMT).
- Union Minister of Animal Husbandry and Dairying Rajiv Ranjan Singh announced that India targets 300 MMT of milk production in the next five years.
- The Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM), launched in 2014, has played a crucial role in driving this growth.
- India contributes over 24% of global milk production, with per capita milk consumption at 471 grams per day, exceeding the global average.

About India's Dairy Sector :

- India's current milk production stands at 239 million metric tons (MMT), with a global share of over 24%.
- The target for 2030 is to reach 300 MMT.
- Since 2014, milk production has grown by 63.5%.
- The dairy sector contributes 4.5% to India's GDP.
- It provides employment to 10 crore people, with 75% of the workforce being women.





Ques : Gold Monetisation Scheme launched in which year ?

- (a) 2012
- (b) 2013
- (c) 2014
- (d) 2015
- (e) 2016

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Effective March 26, 2025, the Government of India will cease the Medium Term and Long Term Government Deposit (MLTGD) components of the Gold Monetization Scheme (GMS).
- In 2025, the federal government stopped the Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) plan.

About Gold Monetisation Scheme :

- The scheme was launched on 15th September 2015 and replaced the existing Gold Deposit Scheme, 1999.
- It is available to all Scheduled Commercial Banks, excluding Regional Rural Banks.
- The scheme allows a wide range of eligible depositors, including Resident Indians, Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs), Trusts, Mutual Funds (MFs), Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs), Companies, Government entities, and others.
- The minimum deposit for the scheme is 10 grams of raw gold (bars, coins, or jewellery excluding stones and other metals). There is no maximum limit for the deposit under the scheme.

Its Components are :

- Short Term Bank Deposit: This type of deposit has a tenure ranging from 1 to 3 years.
- Medium Term Bank Deposit: These deposits have a tenure of 5 to 7 years, and the current interest rate is 2.25% per annum.
- Long Term Bank Deposit: These deposits have a tenure ranging from 12 to 15 years, with an interest rate of 2.50% per annum.



Ques : Where is IIM Ahmedabad launching its first international campus?

- (a) Singapore
- (b) Dubai
- (c) London
- (d) New York
- (e) Sydney

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- IIM Ahmedabad will launch its first international campus in Dubai, UAE, in September 2025.
- This campus will be the first instance of an IIM establishing a presence outside India.
- The initiative is aimed at expanding IIM Ahmedabad's global reach and providing international education opportunities.
- The Madan Mohanka Centre of Excellence in Case Method of Learning was also established with support from alumnus Madan Mohanka.
- IIM Ahmedabad's launch in Dubai signifies a strategic step toward enhancing its global footprint and educational impact.

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Ques : Who has been appointed as a Full-Time Member of NITI Aayog in 2025?

- a) Amitabh Kant
- b) Rajiv Gauba
- c) Arvind Virmani
- d) VK Saraswat
- e) Ajay Bhushan Pandey

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Former Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba has been appointed as a Full-Time Member of NITI Aayog.
- He joins the four existing full-time members: VK Saraswat, VK Paul, Ramesh Chand, and Arvind Virmani.
- Gauba served as the Cabinet Secretary of India from 2019 to 2024.
- He has also held key positions such as Union Home Secretary, Secretary in the Ministry of Urban Development, and Chief Secretary of Jharkhand.

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Ques : What is the primary objective of developing river corridors along the sacred Ganga and Sharda rivers in Uttarakhand?

- a) Boosting religious tourism
- b) Improving agricultural irrigation
- c) Establishing new residential areas
- d) Enhancing industrial growth
- e) Promoting river transportation

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami has announced the development of corridors along the sacred Ganga and Sharda rivers to boost religious tourism in the state.
- This initiative aims to enhance infrastructure and improve the pilgrimage experience for devotees.
- At the 62nd All India Shashtraotsav in Haridwar, CM Dhami highlighted the significance of ancient Indian scriptures in shaping both scientific and spiritual thought.

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Ques : As of February 28, 2025, how many Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) have been opened across India under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)?

- a) 12,500
- b) 15,057
- c) 18,000
- d) 20,500
- e) 10,750

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- As of February 28, 2025, the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) has established 15,057 Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) in India.
- Uttar Pradesh has the most JAKs at 2,658 kendras, followed by Kerala (1,528), Karnataka (1,425), and Tamil Nadu (1,363).

About Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana :

- Launched : 2008
- Implemented by Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI)
- Renamed : Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana (PMJAY) (2015) Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) (2016)
- Aim : to Ensure economical access to high-quality medicines, consumables, and surgical materials, reducing out-of-pocket expenses for consumers and patients



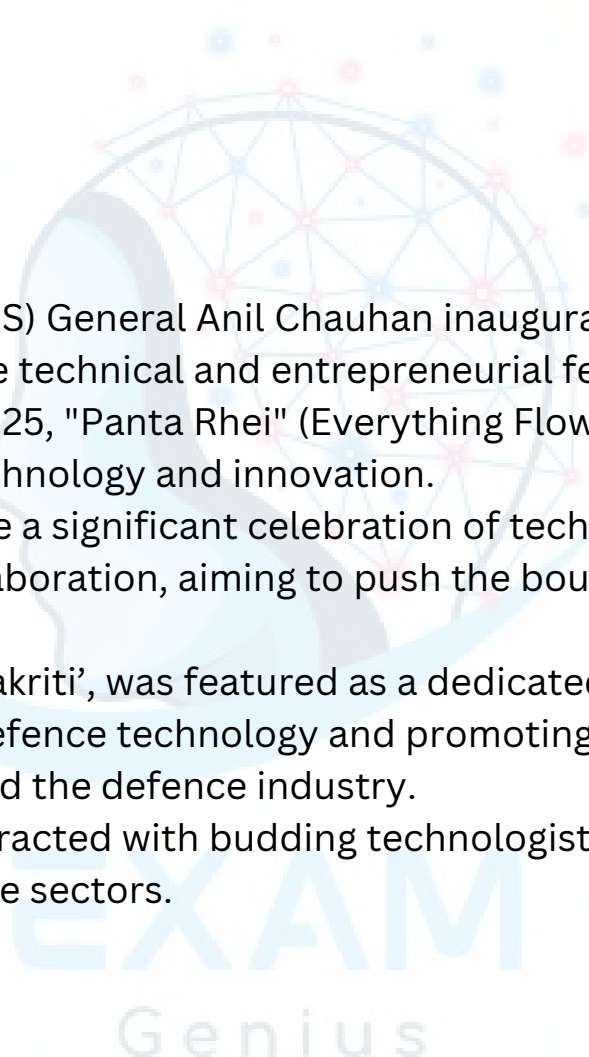
Ques : What is the theme of Techkriti 2025?

- a) Technology for Peace
- b) Innovation for Progress
- c) Panta Rhei
- d) Future of Digital India
- e) Beyond the Horizon

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan inaugurated Techkriti 2025, Asia's largest intercollegiate technical and entrepreneurial festival, at IIT Kanpur.
- The theme for Techkriti 2025, "Panta Rhei" (Everything Flows), focuses on the continuous evolution of technology and innovation.
- The festival promises to be a significant celebration of technology, entrepreneurship, and collaboration, aiming to push the boundaries of discovery and innovation.
- A special segment, 'Rakshakriti', was featured as a dedicated Defence Expo, showcasing cutting-edge defence technology and promoting synergy between the armed forces, academia, and the defence industry.
- General Anil Chauhan interacted with budding technologists, furthering the collaboration between these sectors.





Ques : Who will inaugurate the new Pamban Rail Bridge on April 6, 2025?

- (a) Jagdeep Dhankhar
- (b) Rajesh Kumar Singh
- (c) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- (d) Droupadi Murmu
- (e) Narendra Modi

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The new Pamban rail bridge between Ramanathapuram and Rameswaram Island will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 6, 2025, coinciding with Ram Navami.
- Modi lay the foundation stone for the project in November 2019.

About New Pamban Bridge :

- The bridge, originally constructed in 1914, was decommissioned in December 2022 due to corrosion.
- It connected Ramanathapuram on the mainland to Rameswaram Island, spanning a length of 2.05 kilometers.
- The lift span of the bridge measured 72.5 meters, allowing for ship movement with a 22-meter clearance above sea level.
- Built by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) at a cost of RS.535 crore, the bridge featured a fully automated vertical lift span.
- The structure was designed to support a double-track railway, compatible with electrification for modern train operations.





Ques : Where will the 14th edition of the India-Russia naval exercise Indra 2025 take place?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) Kochi
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Visakhapatnam
- (e) Mumbai

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The 14th edition of the India-Russia naval exercise Indra will take place off Chennai from March 28 to April 2, 2025, bolstering the two nations' strategic naval cooperation.
- The exercise will be divided into two parts: the Harbour Phase (March 28-30) in Chennai, with subject matter expert exchanges and pre-sail briefings, and the Sea Phase (March 31-April 2) in the Bay of Bengal, with tactical maneuvers and live exercises.
- Russian naval ships Pechanga, Rezkiy, and Aldar Tsydenzhapov will participate in the drill, as will Indian naval ships Rana and Kuthar, as well as maritime patrol aircraft P8I.

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Ques : Universal Acceptance Day is observed annually on which day ?

- (a) 27 March
- (b) 28 March
- (c) 29 March
- (d) 30 March
- (e) 31 March

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Universal Acceptance Day is observed annually on March 28 to promote the concept that all domain names and email addresses, regardless of their characters, should be treated equally by all internet-enabled applications and systems.
- The theme for Universal Acceptance Day 2025 is "Connecting the Unconnected – Building a Multilingual Internet for Viksit Bharat."
- Universal Acceptance seeks to ensure that domain names, including those with non-ASCII characters, and email addresses are universally accepted and validated by internet applications and systems.
- The first Universal Acceptance Day was celebrated on March 28, 2023, and it continues to be observed every year.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Sunil Kakkar, who leads Maruti Suzuki India Limited's (MSIL) corporate planning section, has been the company's first native Indian employee to be nominated as a full-time director.

The Sahitya Akademi's Executive Board, chaired by President Madhav Kaushik, authorized the selection of 22 works in 22 languages for the Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize 2024. The winner of the competition will receive Rs 50,000 and a copper plaque.

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a contract with Armoured Vehicle Nigam Limited for the procurement of the Nag Missile System (NAMIS) Tracked version of the anti-tank weapon platform, as well as Force Motors Ltd and Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd for approximately 5,000 Light Vehicles for the Armed Forces at a total cost of around Rs 2,500 crore. The overall contract cost for the procurement of the NAMIS(Tr), designed by the Defence Research & Development Laboratory of DRDO, is Rs 1,801.34 crore.

India's doubles specialist B Sumeeth Reddy, a member of the 2022 Commonwealth Games mixed team silver medal-winning squad, has announced his retirement as an active badminton player to focus entirely on coaching.

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Ques : Who has been appointed as the Whole-time Member (Life) of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)?

- A) T.S. Vijayan
- B) Swaminathan S. Iyer
- C) Subhash Chandra Khuntia
- D) Debasish Panda
- E) Hemant Bhargava

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Swaminathan S. Iyer, a Mumbai-based fintech and insurance expert, has been named Whole-time Member (Life) of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
- For the first time, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) chose a private sector worker for this coveted position, breaking with the long-standing practice of picking applicants from the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC).
- Iyer was previously the Executive Vice President - Head of Legal, Company Secretary, Regulatory Affairs, and ESG at Tata AIA Life Insurance.
- He has over 34 years' expertise in the life insurance industry. His term will continue five years, or until he becomes 62, whichever comes first.

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Ques : As of March 31, 2025, how much worth of ₹2,000 notes remain with the public?

- (a) Rs.3.56 trillion
- (b) Rs.12,500 crore
- (c) Rs.7,800 crore
- (d) Rs.6,366 crore
- (e) Rs.5,000 crore

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced that 98.21% of Rs.2,000 denomination banknotes have been returned to the banking system.
- The withdrawal of Rs.2,000 notes was initiated on May 19, 2023, when their total value in circulation was Rs.3.56 trillion.
- As of March 31, 2025, only Rs.6,366 crore worth of Rs.2,000 notes remain with the public.
- The deadline for depositing or exchanging Rs.2,000 notes at banks ended on October 7, 2023.
- However, the exchange facility is still available at the RBI's 19 issue offices.

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Ques : What was the total Certificate of Deposit (CD) issuance in March 2025?

- (a) Rs.1.27 lakh crore
- (b) Rs.1.57 lakh crore
- (c) Rs.1.92 lakh crore
- (d) Rs.2.06 lakh crore
- (e) Rs.2.25 lakh crore

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- In March 2025, banks issued Rs.2.06 lakh crore worth of Certificates of Deposit (CDs), marking a 62% increase compared to Rs.1.27 lakh crore issued in March 2024.
- The total CD issuances in FY25 reached Rs.13.05 lakh crore, which is nearly 37% higher than the Rs.9.57 lakh crore issued in FY24.
- Punjab National Bank issued the highest amount of CDs, worth Rs.2.16 lakh crore, followed by Bank of Baroda with Rs.1.55 lakh crore and Bank of India with Rs.1.46 lakh crore.
- The surge in CD issuances was driven by a liquidity deficit in the banking system, which exceeded Rs.3 lakh crore in March 2025, the highest in 10 years.
- Higher CD issuance may impact banks' net interest margins as it leads to an increase in funding costs.

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Ques : Which company has appointed Shyam Srinivasan as a senior advisor?

- (a) Federal Bank
- (b) TVS Capital Funds
- (c) HDFC Bank
- (d) ICICI Securities
- (e) Axis Capital /

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- TVS Capital Funds has appointed former Federal Bank MD & CEO Shyam Srinivasan as a senior advisor and operating partner.
- In this role, he will provide strategic insights and operational guidance to TVS Capital's portfolio companies.
- His primary focus will be on financial services and technology-driven businesses.
- Srinivasan led Federal Bank for 14 years, strengthening its digital banking capabilities and expanding its national presence.

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Ques : What was India's core sector growth rate in February 2025?

- (a) 1.7%
- (b) 2.2%
- (c) 2.6%
- (d) 2.9%
- (e) 3.2%

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- India's core sector growth dropped to 2.9% in February, compared with 4.6% in January 2025.
- Cement, fertilizers, steel, electricity, coal, and refinery products all had favorable development in February 2025.
- Coal production increased by 1.7% in February, slowing from 4.6% growth in January.
- In contrast, crude oil production fell by 5.2% in February, a considerable drop from the previous month's loss of 1.1%.

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:Ques : From April 2, 2025, what is the new liquidity limit available to Standalone Primary Dealers (SPDs) under the Standing Liquidity Facility (SLF)?

- (a) Rs.8,000 crore
- (b) Rs.10,000 crore
- (c) Rs.12,500 crore
- (d) Rs.15,000 crore
- (e) Rs.20,000 crore

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has raised the aggregate liquidity limit for Standalone Primary Dealers (SPDs) under the Standing Liquidity Facility (SLF) from Rs.10,000 crore to Rs.15,000 crore.
- This revised limit will come into effect from April 2, 2025.
- The decision was taken after assessing the prevailing and evolving liquidity conditions in the financial market.
- SPDs play a crucial role in the trading of government securities (G-Secs) and ensuring sufficient liquidity in the financial system.
- This move aims to strengthen market liquidity and support SPDs in their operations.

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Ques : What was the total value of UPI transactions recorded in March 2025?

- (a) Rs.19.78 trillion
- (b) Rs.21.48 trillion
- (c) Rs.24.77 trillion
- (d) Rs.26.50 trillion
- (e) Rs.22.33 trillion

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- In March 2025, the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) recorded 19.78 billion transactions, amounting to Rs.24.77 trillion.
- This was the highest-ever monthly transaction value recorded by UPI since its inception in April 2016.
- The transaction value saw a 13% increase, while the volume grew by 14% compared to February, driven by financial year-end transactions.
- For the financial year 2024-25, total UPI transactions reached Rs.260.56 trillion, reflecting a 30% growth from Rs.199.96 trillion in FY24.
- On April 1, UPI users experienced transaction failures due to heavy banking activity at the financial year-end, causing intermittent service disruptions.

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Ques : What is the total capital cost of the Patna – Arrah – Sasaram corridor project?

- A) Rs.2,500 crore
- B) Rs.3,712.40 crore
- C) Rs.4,100 crore
- D) Rs.5,000 crore
- E) Rs.6,200 crore

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the construction of the Patna – Arrah – Sasaram corridor in Bihar.
- This four-lane, access-controlled corridor will span 120.10 km and be built under the Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM) at a total cost of Rs.3,712.40 crore.
- Currently, travel between Sasaram, Arrah, and Patna depends on state highways, causing congestion and travel times of 3-4 hours, particularly in Arrah town.
- The project includes a greenfield corridor and 10.6 km of upgraded brownfield highway to ease traffic and improve connectivity in key areas such as Arrah, Grahini, Piro, Bikramganj, Mokar, and Sasaram.
- It will integrate with major national highways (NH-19, NH-319, NH-922, NH-131G, and NH-120), improving access to Aurangabad, Kaimur, and Patna.
- The corridor will enhance regional connectivity by linking two airports (Jay Prakash Narayan International Airport and the upcoming Bihita Airport), four major railway stations, and an Inland Water Terminal in Patna.





Ques : Who conferred the National Intellectual Property (IP) Awards 2024?

- (a) Anurag Thakur
- (b) Piyush Goyal
- (c) Jitendra Singh
- (d) Nitin Gadkari
- (e) Kiren Rijiju

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Union Minister Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I), presented the National Intellectual Property (IP) Awards 2024 at a ceremony held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.
- The National IP Awards 2024 were presented in 13 categories.

Winners of National IP Awards 2024 :

- Top Indian Individual – Patents : Sidramappa Shivashankar Dharane (Male) and Dr. Swagatika Panda (Female)
- Top Indian Individual – Designs : Dr. Anusha P. (Female)
- Top Indian Academic Institution – Patents : Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur (Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh (UP))
- Top R & D Institution/Organization for Patents Filing, Grant & Commercialization : Anna University (Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN))
- Top Public /Private Company for Patents Filing, Grant & Commercialization in India : Tata Steel Limited (Manufacturing Sector), Jio Platforms Limited (Services Sector)
- Top Indian MSME for Patent Filing, Grant & Commercialization : West Bengal Chemical Industries Limited
- Top Start-up for IP Filing, Grant/Registration and Commercialization : Numeros Motors Private Limited (Bengaluru (Karnataka))
- Top Indian Company/Organisation – Designs : IIT Bombay
- Top Indian Company /Organization for creating Brand in India and Abroad : Biocon Biologics Limited (Bengaluru (Karnataka))



- Best Incubator for Nurturing the IP : Atal Incubation Centre (AIC) – Nalanda Institute of Technology Foundation (Bhubaneswar (Odisha))

Special Citations :

- For Technology and Innovation Support Center (TISC) : West Bengal State Council of Science & Technology, Kolkata(West Bengal ,WB)
- For Patent Information Centre (PIC) : West Bengal State Council of Science & Technology, Kolkata
- For Institution's Innovation Council (IICs) : Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering, Pune (Maharashtra)
- For Atal Tinkering Laboratories (ATL) : DCM Presidency School, Ludhiana (Punjab)

Others :

- Jury Certificate Award : Sagar Defence Engineering Private Limited in Mumbai & Coromandel International Limited in Secunderabad (Telangana)
- Letters of Appreciation : Amity International School, Ghaziabad for ATL and Greater Noidabased NTPC Energy Technology Research Alliance (NETRA) for Top Public/Private Company for Patents Filing, Grant & Commercialization in India

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Ques : What is the total funding approved by the Union Cabinet for the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme?

- A) Rs.10,500 crore
- B) Rs.15,750 crore
- C) Rs.50,000 crore
- D) Rs.30,000 crore
- E) Rs.22,919 crore

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Union Cabinet, led by PM Modi, has approved the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme with a budget of Rs.22,919 crore to strengthen India's electronics supply chain and promote self-reliance.
- The goal of this scheme is to attract major global and domestic investments in electronics component manufacturing, boost domestic production, and connect Indian companies to global markets.
- It is expected to bring Rs.59,350 crore in investments, generate Rs.4,56,500 crore worth of production, and create 91,600 direct jobs along with many indirect job opportunities.

Key Features of the Scheme:

- It offers customized incentives to Indian manufacturers to help them overcome challenges, develop technology, and scale up production for different types of components and sub-assemblies.
- The scheme will run for six years, with a one-year preparation period before implementation.
- A portion of the incentive is tied to meeting employment targets.





Ques : From which date has the Madhya Pradesh government enforced a liquor ban in 19 religious cities?

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- (a) January 24, 2025
- (b) March 15, 2025
- (c) April 1, 2025
- (d) June 10, 2025
- (e) August 1, 2025

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Madhya Pradesh government has imposed a liquor ban in 19 religious cities and select gram panchayats, effective April 1, 2025.
- The cities include Ujjain, Omkareshwar, Maheshwar, Orchha, Chitrakoot, Datia, Panna, Mandla, Maihar, and Amarkantak.
- All liquor shops and bars within the urban limits of these cities will be permanently shut down.
- Some gram panchayats like Salkanpur and Kundalpur are also part of the ban.
- The Madhya Pradesh Cabinet approved this decision on January 24, 2025.

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Ques : In which city was the WTT Star Contender event held?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Noida
- (e) Gurugram

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- In table tennis, Manav Thakkar made history by becoming the first Indian to reach the final eight of a WTT Star Contender event.
- He defeated Andre Bertelsmeier of Germany 3-2 in the men's singles prequarterfinals of the WTT Star Contender in Chennai.
- Meanwhile, in the women's singles, three-time World Championship medalist Miyu Nagasaki of Japan upset India's Krittwika Roy 0-3 in the pre-quarterfinals.

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Ques : Who has been appointed as the new Private Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- (a) Nidhi Tewari
- (b) Vivek Kumar
- (c) Hardik Shah
- (d) Ajit Doval
- (e) Amit Khare

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Nidhi Tewari, a 2014-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, has been appointed as the Private Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- She was previously serving as Deputy Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).
- Tewari hails from Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, which is also the parliamentary constituency of Prime Minister Modi.
- She completed her undergraduate degree in Political Science from Banaras Hindu University (BHU).
- Before joining the PMO, she worked in the Ministry of External Affairs' Disarmament and International Security Affairs Division.
- She joined the PMO as Under Secretary in 2022 and was promoted to Deputy Secretary in 2023.
- In the PMO, she was responsible for the 'Foreign and Security' section, handling foreign affairs, security, and atomic energy.





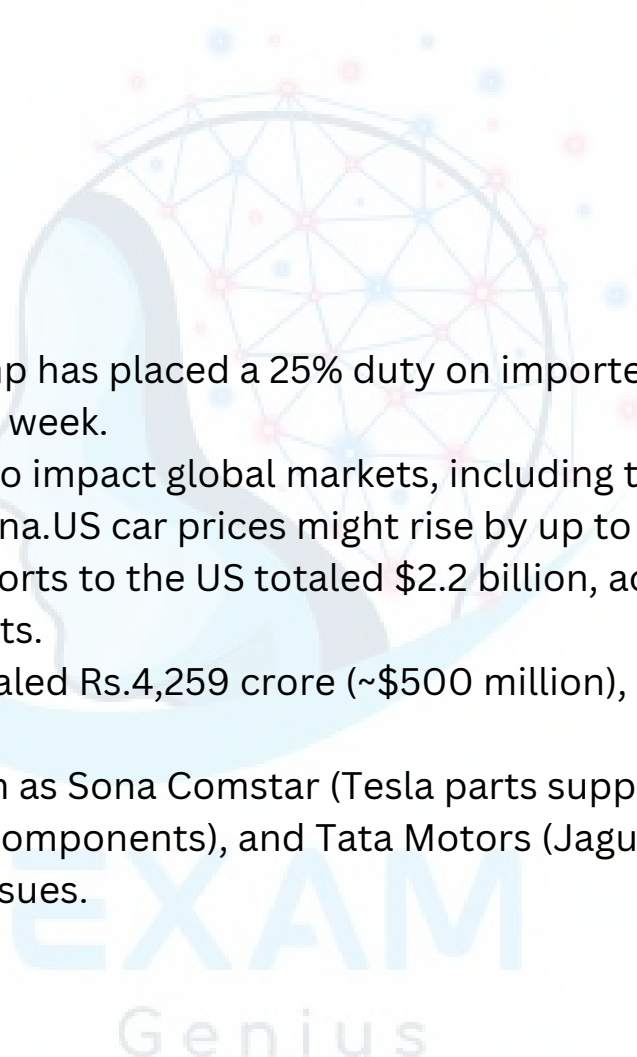
Ques : How much were Indian auto component exports to the US worth before the tariff hike?

- a) \$1.5 billion
- b) \$2.2 billion
- c) \$3.5 billion
- d) \$500 million
- e) \$4 billion

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- US President Donald Trump has placed a 25% duty on imported autos and auto components, effective next week.
- This decision is expected to impact global markets, including the European Union (EU), Canada, India, and China. US car prices might rise by up to \$6,000 per vehicle.
- Indian car component exports to the US totaled \$2.2 billion, accounting for 29% of total Indian auto part exports.
- Tyre exports to the US totaled Rs.4,259 crore (~\$500 million), accounting for 17% of India's total tyre exports.
- Indian manufacturers such as Sona Comstar (Tesla parts supplier), Sundaram Fasteners (GM powertrain components), and Tata Motors (Jaguar Land Rover sales in the US) may have income issues.





Ques : How much was the final budget allocation for the Department of Fertilizers in 2024-25 after the revision?

- A) Rs.1,68,130.81 crore
- B) Rs.1,91,836.29 crore
- C) Rs.45,000 crore
- D) Rs.54,310 crore
- E) Rs.93,068.56 crore

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The final budget for the Department of Fertilizers in 2024-25 was increased from Rs.1,68,130.81 crore to Rs.1,91,836.29 crore. The allocation for the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme also rose from Rs.45,000 crore to Rs.54,310 crore through Supplementary Demands for Grants.
- Before each cropping season, the government assesses state-wise and month-wise fertilizer demand to ensure adequate supply. The Integrated Fertilizer Monitoring System (iFMS) tracks fertilizer movement, and weekly video conferences help coordinate smooth distribution.
- Under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana, extended until 2025-26, a total outlay of Rs.93,068.56 crore has been approved for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- Urea continues to be provided at a fixed price of Rs.242 per 45 kg bag, unchanged since 2018. In the NBS scheme, Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers receive subsidies, while companies set their prices under government monitoring.
- To maintain affordability for farmers amid global challenges, the government has introduced a one-time special package of Rs.3,500 per MT on DAP subsidy for April 2024–March 2025.
- Additionally, the government is securing long-term agreements with resource-rich countries to ensure a stable and affordable supply of fertilizers for Indian agriculture.





Ques : Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) signed two contracts with the Ministry of Defence (MoD) for the supply of how many Light Combat Helicopters (LCH) Prachand?

- A) 126
- B) 146
- C) 156
- D) 166
- E) 176

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed two contracts with the Ministry of Defence (MoD) to supply 156 Light Combat Helicopters (LCH), Prachand, along with training and associated equipment, at a total cost of Rs.62,700 crore.
- The first contract covers the supply of 66 LCHs for the Indian Air Force (IAF), while the second is for 90 LCHs for the Indian Army. Deliveries will begin in the third year and continue over five years.
- Additionally, the Defence Ministry signed a contract with Metrea Management for the wet leasing of a Flight Refueling Aircraft (FRA) to provide air-to-air refueling training for IAF and Indian Navy pilots. Metrea will deliver the KC-135 FRA within six months, making it the first such aircraft to be wet-leased by the IAF.
- With these three agreements, the total number of contracts signed by the MoD in 2024-25 has reached 193, with a total value exceeding Rs.2,09,050 crore.
- This marks the highest-ever contract value, nearly double the previous record. Notably, 177 contracts (92%) have been awarded to the domestic industry, amounting to Rs.1,68,922 crore (81%).



Ques : What is the name of the India-U.S. tri-service HADR exercise scheduled from April 1 to 13, 2025?

- (a) Malabar
- (b) Vajra Prahar
- (c) Yudh Abhyas
- (d) Tiger Triumph
- (e) Cope India

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The India-U.S. tri-service exercise 'Tiger Triumph' is a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise.
- It will be conducted from April 1 to 13, 2025.
- The objective of the exercise is to enhance interoperability between Indian and U.S. Joint Task Forces (JTF) in disaster response and crisis management.
- A Combined Coordination Centre (CCC) will be established to facilitate joint operations.
- The Harbour Phase of the exercise will take place in Visakhapatnam from April 1 to 7, 2025.

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Ques : What is the total budgetary requirement for the Nutrient-Based Subsidy (NBS) for the Kharif season 2025?

- A) Rs. 24,216.15 crore
- B) Rs. 30,000 crore
- C) Rs. 45,000 crore
- D) Rs. 37,216.15 crore
- E) Rs. 50,000 crore

Answer : Option D

- The Union Cabinet, led by PM Modi, has approved the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers for the Kharif season 2025 (April 1 – September 30).
- The government has allocated Rs.37,216.15 crore for the subsidy, which is Rs.13,000 crore more than the budget for the Rabi season 2024-25.
- Additionally, the Cabinet has approved the inclusion of Bihar's Kosi Mechi Intra-State Link Project under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana-Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme. The project, costing Rs.6,282.32 crore (with Rs.3,652.56 crore central assistance), is expected to be completed by March 2029. It involves upgrading the Eastern Kosi Main Canal up to 41.30 km and extending it to the Mechi River at 117.50 km.

Benefits:

- Ensures that farmers get fertilizers at subsidized and affordable prices.
- Adjusts the subsidy based on global fertilizer price trends.





Ques : Who did Aryna Sabalenka defeat to win her maiden Miami Open title?

- (a) Iga Swiatek
- (b) Coco Gauff
- (c) Jessica Pegula
- (d) Elena Rybakina
- (e) Ons Jabeur

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Aryna Sabalenka won her maiden Miami Open title by defeating Jessica Pegula in the final with a score of 7-5, 6-2.
- This victory marked Sabalenka's eighth WTA 1000 title and her second title of the 2025 season after winning the Brisbane Open in January.
- Jessica Pegula faced Sabalenka in a tournament final for the third time and suffered a defeat once again.
- Sabalenka dominated the match with her aggressive gameplay, utilizing her powerful forehand to gain the upper hand.
- After her win, she expressed her joy, calling the trophy "super special."

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Ques : What principle did the Supreme Court emphasize in its ruling on insurance claims?

- A) Principle of indemnity
- B) Principle of utmost good faith
- C) Principle of subrogation
- D) Principle of proximate cause
- E) Principle of contribution

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Supreme Court has ruled that insurers have the right to deny health insurance claims if a policyholder fails to disclose their alcoholism at the time of purchasing the policy.
- This ruling emphasizes the principle of utmost good faith, which requires policyholders to provide accurate health information when applying for insurance.
- Legal expert Alay Razvi highlighted that non-disclosure of alcohol consumption could give insurers a valid reason to reject a claim if it relates to alcohol-related health issues.
- The case involved a man who purchased the Jeevan Arogya policy from LIC in 2013 without revealing his history of heavy alcohol consumption.
- Less than a year after buying the policy, he was hospitalized in Jhajjar, Haryana, with severe stomach pain. After a month of treatment, he suffered a fatal heart attack.
- Following his death, his wife filed a claim for medical expenses, but LIC rejected it, citing the policyholder's failure to disclose his alcoholism.
- LIC justified the rejection based on the policy's exclusions for self-inflicted diseases and complications arising from excessive alcohol consumption, as the policyholder had falsely stated that he did not drink.





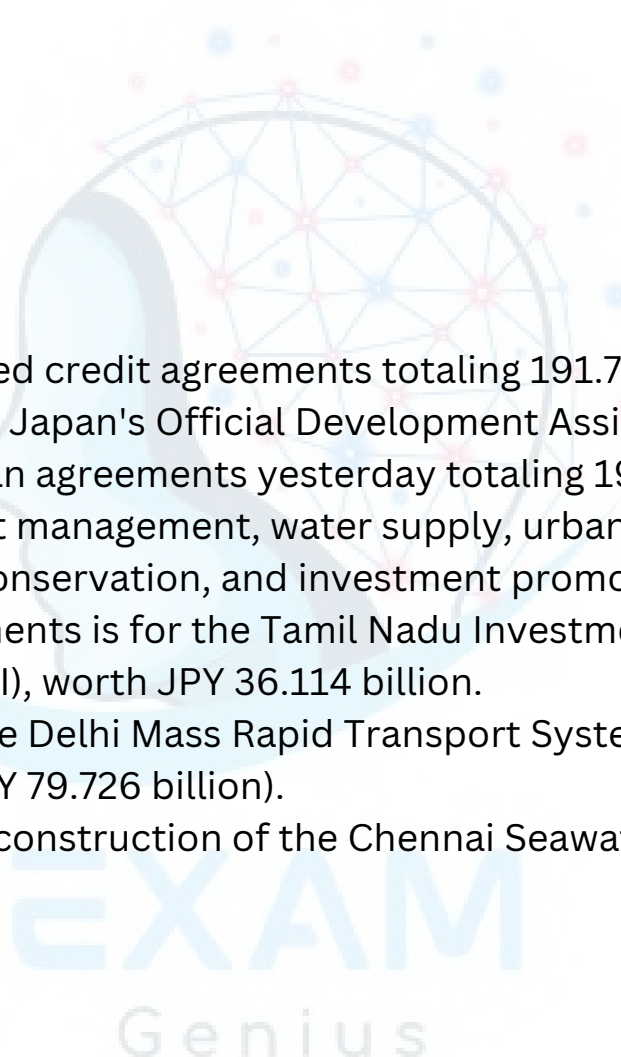
Ques : How many projects are covered under the India-Japan Official Development Assistance (ODA) Loan Agreement?

- (a) 2
- (b) 3
- (c) 4
- (d) 5
- (e) 6

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- India and Japan have signed credit agreements totaling 191.736 billion Japanese yen for six projects through Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) to India.
- India and Japan signed loan agreements yesterday totaling 191.736 billion Japanese yen for six projects in forest management, water supply, urban transportation, aquaculture, biodiversity conservation, and investment promotion.
- One of the six loan agreements is for the Tamil Nadu Investment Promotion Program (Phase 3) (TNIPP-III), worth JPY 36.114 billion.
- There's another one for the Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System Project (Phase 4 Additional Corridors) (I) (JPY 79.726 billion).
- Another project is for the construction of the Chennai Seawater Desalination Plant (II) (JPY 52.556 billion).





Ques : What is the new name of Aurangzebpur in Bhagwanpur block, Uttarakhand?

- (a) Mohanpur Jaat
- (b) Shivaji Nagar
- (c) Kesri Nagar
- (d) Prithviraj Nagar
- (e) Kaushalyapuri

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Uttarakhand government has renamed 18 places across Haridwar, Dehradun, Nainital, and Udham Singh Nagar districts.
- The renaming aims to honor public sentiments and preserve Indian cultural heritage.
- Aurangzebpur in Bhagwanpur block has been renamed as Shivaji Nagar.
- Other renamings include Ghaziwali as Arya Nagar and Miyawala as Ramjiwala.
- Sultanpur Patti in Udham Singh Nagar is now called Kaushalyapuri.

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Ashok Singh Thakur Appointed as Chairman of Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)

National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) has provided a loan of ₹1,787 crore to BluPine Energy Private Limited to optimize financial structuring, enhance operational efficiency, and fuel portfolio expansion.

In Tennis, Novak Djokovic has become the oldest man to reach semi-final of the ATP Masters 1000. The 37-year-old Serbian achieved this feat by defeating American Sebastian Korda with an impressive 6-3 7-6 win in the quarterfinals of the Miami Open.

Yaoshang Festival (the festival of Holi) Celebrated at Manipur. Yaoshang, a five-day festival in Manipur, begins on the full moon day of the Lamta month (February–March). The first day begins with the construction of small thatch huts, called “Yaoshang,”

Central Bank of India said it has entered into MOU with PSB Alliance Pvt Ltd for Digital Supply Chain Finance.

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Ques : Who has been appointed as the fourth woman Deputy Governor of RBI in 2025?

- (a) Usha Thorat
- (b) Shyamala Gopinath
- (c) Poonam Gupta
- (d) KJ Udeshi
- (e) Gita Gopinath

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Poonam Gupta has been appointed as the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- She is the first woman to hold this position after 14 years.
- Currently, she serves as the Director General of NCAER, an economic policy think tank.
- She is also a member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister and the Convener of the Advisory Council to the 16th Finance Commission.
- In RBI's 90-year history, only three women have previously served as Deputy Governors – KJ Udeshi, Shyamala Gopinath, and Usha Thorat.
- With her appointment, RBI now has four Deputy Governors – Swaminathan J, T Rabi Sankar, M Rajeshwar Rao, and Poonam Gupta.

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Ques : The second edition of Trade Watch Quarterly for Q2 FY 2024-25 was released by:

- a) Dr. Rajiv Kumar
- b) Dr. Ramesh Chand
- c) Dr. V.K. Saraswat
- d) Dr. Arvind Virmani
- e) Dr. N.K. Singh

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The second edition of Trade Watch Quarterly for Q2 of FY 2024-25 (July–September) was officially released in New Delhi by Dr. Arvind Virmani, Member of NITI Aayog.
- Published by NITI Aayog, the report provides an analysis of India's trade performance, sector-specific trends, and emerging opportunities in global trade.
- During Q2 FY25, India's trade grew steadily by 5.67% in the April–September 2024 period compared to the same timeframe in 2023.
- Copper entered the top ten import categories, registering a 28% year-on-year increase due to rising infrastructure demand.
- While exports remained stable, electrical machinery and nuclear reactors showed growth, whereas mineral fuels and iron & steel saw declines.
- North America and the European Union accounted for nearly 40% of India's exports, while Northeast and West Asia remained key import partners.
- The edition highlights the textile sector, which plays a crucial role in industrial output, employment, and exports.
- India ranks among the top ten textile exporters globally, holding a 4% market share, with cotton and carpets comprising around 70% of textile exports.





Ques : How much stake is ICICI Bank selling in ICICI Merchant Services?

- (a) 10%
- (b) 15%
- (c) 19%
- (d) 25%
- (e) 30%

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- ICICI Bank has announced its decision to sell its entire 19% stake in ICICI Merchant Services.
- The bank has entered into a share purchase agreement with First Data Holding I (Netherlands) BV, First Data (India), and Fiserv Merchant Solutions.
- Fiserv Merchant Solutions was formerly known as IMSPL.
- This transaction involves the sale of ICICI Bank's equity shares in ICICI Merchant Services.

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Ques : Luminous Power Technologies Private Limited has signed MoU with which bank to expand its access to solar financing across the country ?

- a) ICICI Bank
- b) HDFC Bank
- c) Axis Bank
- d) State Bank of India
- e) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Luminous Power Technologies Private Limited has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest PSB, to increase access to solar finance nationwide.
- The MoU allows eligible consumers to obtain a maximum credit of Rs 10 crore, removing financial barriers to solar adoption.
- Loans will be repaid for up to 10 years, with interest rates determined by the customer's credit profile.

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Ques : What was the GST collection in March 2025?

- (a) Rs.1.49 lakh crore
- (b) Rs.1.76 lakh crore
- (c) Rs.1.96 lakh crore
- (d) Rs.2.1 lakh crore
- (e) Rs.46,919 crore

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- GST collections in March 2025 reached Rs.1.96 lakh crore, reflecting a 9.9% increase over the previous year.
- This is the second-highest GST collection ever, with the highest recorded in April 2024 at Rs.2.1 lakh crore.
- Revenue from domestic transactions grew by 8.8% to Rs.1.49 lakh crore.
- Revenue from imported goods increased by 13.56% to Rs.46,919 crore.
- Net GST revenue rose by 7.3% year-on-year to Rs.1.76 lakh crore, despite higher refunds.
- Tax refunds in March 2025 surged by 41%, totaling Rs.19,615 crore.

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Ques : Who has been appointed as the Executive Director – Growth of NPCI in 2025?

- (a) Poonam Gupta
- (b) Deepak Mohanty
- (c) Sohini Rajola
- (d) Sivasubramanian Ramann
- (e) Urjit Patel

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Sohini Rajola has been appointed as the Executive Director – Growth of NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India).
- She will be responsible for driving the adoption of NPCI's payment solutions.
- Her role includes leading product enhancement initiatives and overseeing business development.
- NPCI is the umbrella organization for retail payment systems in India, managing UPI, IMPS, RuPay, and other digital payment platforms.

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Ques : Who was the Chief Guest at RBI's 90th anniversary celebration?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Nirmala Sitharaman
- (c) Droupadi Murmu
- (d) Shaktikanta Das
- (e) Devendra Fadnavis

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) celebrated its 90th anniversary with a grand event.
- President Droupadi Murmu was the Chief Guest at the celebration.
- The event was attended by Maharashtra Governor, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, and Deputy Chief Ministers Eknath Shinde & Ajit Pawar.
- The RBI Governor highlighted the bank's role in ensuring financial stability and economic progress.
- The Union Minister praised RBI's innovation and resilience in the digital payments sector.
- President Murmu emphasized RBI's trust among the public and its leadership in financial inclusion.
- A commemorative postage stamp was released to mark the occasion.
- Government officials, banking leaders, and past and present RBI executives were present at the event.

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Ques : Who has been appointed as the Chairman of PFRDA in 2025?

- (a) Deepak Mohanty
- (b) Sivasubramanian Ramann
- (c) T Rabi Sankar
- (d) M Rajeshwar Rao
- (e) Ajay Banga

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Sivasubramanian Ramann has been appointed as the Chairman of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).
- He is a 1991-batch officer of the Indian Audit & Accounts Service (IA&AS).
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), chaired by PM Narendra Modi, approved his appointment.
- He will replace Deepak Mohanty, whose term ends in May 2025.
- His tenure as PFRDA Chairman will be for five years.
- PFRDA is currently implementing the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS), which was approved by the government in August 2024.

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Ques : Which country is hosting the multinational air exercise INIOCHOS-25?

- a) United States
- b) France
- c) Greece
- d) India
- e) United Kingdom

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to participate in the multinational air exercise INIOCHOS-25 in Greece.
- This 12-day exercise, hosted by Greece's Hellenic Air Force, will be held at Andravida Air Base and will continue until April 11, 2025.
- The IAF contingent will feature Su-30 MKI fighters, along with IL-78 and C-17 aircraft for combat support.
- The exercise involves participation from fifteen countries and will integrate multiple air and surface assets to simulate modern-day air warfare challenges.

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Ques : Where was the Harbour Phase of Exercise INDRA 2025 conducted?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Visakhapatnam
- c) Chennai
- d) Kochi
- e) Goa

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The 14th edition of Exercise INDRA was conducted between the Indian Navy and the Russian Navy.
- The exercise was divided into two phases: the Harbour Phase, which took place off the coast of Chennai, and the Sea Phase, which was held in the Bay of Bengal.
- The Indian Navy participated with INS Rana, INS Kuthar, and a Maritime Patrol Aircraft P8I.
- The Russian Navy was represented by warships Rezky, Hero, Aldar Tsydenzhapov, and the support vessel Pechenga.
- The last edition of Exercise INDRA was conducted in the Gulf of Finland.
- The first edition of the exercise was held in 2003.

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Ques : Which edition of 2025 Hurun Global Rich List published this year ?

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- 2025 Hurun Global Rich List Edition 14th Published by Hurun Research Institute
- Mukesh Ambani, Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), is India's richest person with a net worth of USD 100 billion. He is also the world's 17th richest person (10th in 2024).
- The Hurun Global Rich List 2025 includes 3,442 billionaires from 71 countries, up from 3,278 last year.
- The Hurun Global Rich List has 561 women, with 224 self-made.
- The top ten wealthiest women in the world have a net worth of USD 479 billion, accounting for 20% of total wealth held by women.

Ranking of top five billionaires in the list :

- 1 Elon Musk - Tesla, Inc, USA Net Worth : 420 USD Billion
- 2 Jeff Bezos - Amazon, the USA Net Worth : 266 USD Billion
- 3 Mark Zuckerberg - Mark Zuckerberg Net Worth : 242 USD Billion
- 4 Larry Ellison - Oracle Corporation, the USA Net Worth : 203 USD Billion
- 5 Warren Buffett - Berkshire Hathaway Inc., the USA Net Worth : 167 USD Billion

Ranking of top 5 Women billionaires in the list :

- 1 Alice Walton - Walmart, the USA Net Worth : 102 USD Billion
- 2 Françoise Bettencourt - L'Oréal, France Net Worth : 67 USD Billion
- 3 Julia Koch & family - Koch Industries, the USA Net Worth : 60 USD Billion
- 4 Jacqueline Mars - Mars Inc, the USA Net Worth : 53 USD Billion





5 Roshni Nadar & family - HCL Technologies Limited, India Net Worth : 40 USD Billion

Ranking of top five billionaires in India :

- 1 Mukesh Ambani & family - Reliance Industries Limited(RIL), Mumbai(Maharashtra)
- 2 Gautam Adani & family - Adani Group, Ahmedabad(Gujarat)
- 3 Roshni Nadar & family - HCL Technologies Limited, Noida, Uttar Pradesh(UP)
- 4 Dilip Shanghvi & family - Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Limited, Mumbai
- 5 Azim Premji & family - Wipro Limited, Bengaluru, Karnataka

Ranking of top 5 countries in the list :

- 1 USA 870 Billionaires
- 2 China 823 Billionaires
- 3 India 284 Billionaires
- 4 UK 150 Billionaires
- 5 Germany 141 Billionaires

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Ques : Which state government has partnered with UNESCO to enhance the quality of education?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Uttarakhand

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Himachal Pradesh government has partnered with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to enhance the quality of education in the state.
- Under this collaboration, UNESCO will assist in modernising the education system by integrating innovative teaching methods, digital learning, and skill development initiatives.
- This initiative aims to improve learning outcomes, teacher training, and infrastructure to align with global education standards.

About UNESCO :

- Established : 16 November 1945
- HQ : Paris, France
- Director-General : Audrey Azoulay

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Ques : What was the total value of India's defence exports in FY25?

- (a) Rs.21,083 crore
- (b) Rs.15,918 crore
- (c) Rs.10,745 crore
- (d) Rs.30,000 crore
- (e) Rs.23,622 crore

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- India's defence exports in FY25 reached Rs.23,622 crore, marking a 12.04% year-on-year growth.
- In FY24, defence exports stood at Rs.21,083 crore, reflecting a 32.4% increase from the previous year.
- The FY25 export figure fell short of the Rs.30,000 crore target by 21.26%.
- Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) recorded a 42.8% rise in exports, highlighting the growing global acceptance of Indian defence products.
- The private sector contributed Rs.15,233 crore (64.5%), while DPSUs contributed Rs.8,389 crore (35.5%) to total exports.
- Indian defence exports reached approximately 80 countries, with the US, France, and Armenia being the top buyers.
- The government aims to achieve Rs.50,000 crore in defence exports by 2029

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Ques : What is the estimated cost of the Kosi Mechi Intra-State Link Project?

- A) Rs.4,500 crore
- B) Rs.5,800 crore
- C) Rs.6,282.32 crore
- D) Rs.7,100 crore
- E) Rs.8,200 crore

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the inclusion of Bihar's Kosi Mechi Intra-State Link Project under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana – Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (PMKSY-AIBP).
- The central government will provide Rs.3,652.56 crore in financial support for the project, which has a total estimated cost of Rs.6,282.32 crore and is expected to be completed by March 2029.
- The project aims to provide irrigation to an additional 2,10,516 hectares of farmland in the Kharif season across Araria, Purnea, Kishanganj, and Katihar districts.
- It will divert approximately 2,050 million cubic meters of surplus Kosi river water through the proposed link canal to improve irrigation.
- The remodeling of the existing Eastern Kosi Main Canal (EKMC) will also help address irrigation shortfalls for 1.57 lakh hectares of land.
- Launched in 2015-16, the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) aims to expand irrigation coverage, improve water access for farming, and promote water conservation.
- The scheme has been extended for the period 2021-26 with a total budget of Rs.93,068.56 crore, including Rs.37,454 crore in central government support.





Ques : Who has been awarded the 28th Abel Prize for Mathematics (2025)?

- a) Pierre Deligne
- b) Andrew Wiles
- c) Terence Tao
- d) Masaki Kashiwara
- e) Jean-Pierre Serre

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The 28th Abel Prize for Mathematics (2025) has been awarded to Masaki Kashiwara from Japan.
- The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, on behalf of the Ministry of Education, presents this prestigious award annually.
- Kashiwara was recognized for his fundamental contributions to algebraic analysis and representation theory.
- His key achievements include the development of the theory of D-modules and the discovery of crystal bases, which have significantly impacted modern mathematics.

About Abel Prize :

- Started : 2003
- Presented by : Government of Norway
- Awarded for : Outstanding scientific work in the field of mathematics
- Prize : 7.5 million Norwegian Krone(USD 7,10,000)
- Last winner : Michel Pierre Talagrand, the French mathematician





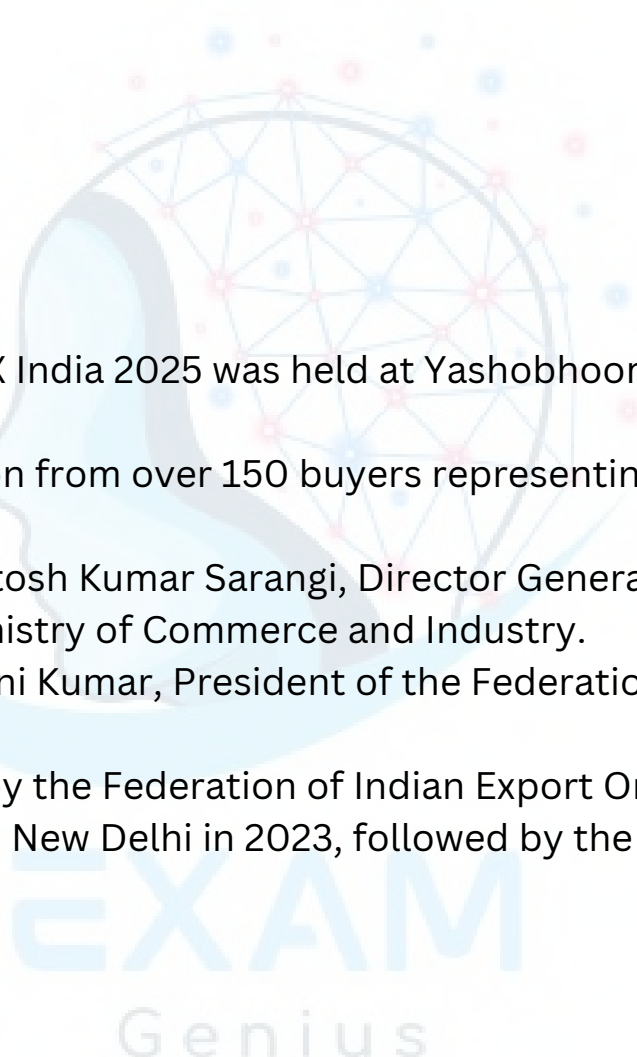
Ques : Which edition of SourceX India 2025 Held at Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi ?

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The 3rd edition of SourceX India 2025 was held at Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi.
- The event saw participation from over 150 buyers representing more than 45 countries.
- It was inaugurated by Santosh Kumar Sarangi, Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) under the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- The chief guest was Ashwini Kumar, President of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO).
- The event was organized by the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO).
- The 1st edition was held in New Delhi in 2023, followed by the 2nd edition in 2024, also in New Delhi.





Ques : What is the total worth of projects launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Chhattisgarh?

- (a) Rs.33,700 crore
- (b) Rs.34,500 crore
- (c) Rs.35,600 crore
- (d) Rs.36,300 crore
- (e) Rs.37,800 crore

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched projects worth Rs.33,700 crore in Chhattisgarh.
- These projects align with the government's focus on infrastructure, housing, education, and rural development.
- The initiatives include three lakh new houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY).
- 130 PM-SHRI schools with smart classrooms and modern laboratories have been inaugurated.
- A 540-km petroleum pipeline has been launched to enhance regional energy security.
- A network of rural roads has been developed to improve connectivity, especially in Maoist-affected areas.

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Ques : Which male player won the men's singles title at the Indian Open 2025 PSA Copper event?

- a) Mohamed ElShorbagy
- b) Saurav Ghosal
- c) Abhay Singh
- d) Kareem El Torkey
- e) Ramit Tandon

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- India's No. 1-ranked women's squash player, Anahat Singh, won the women's singles title at the Indian Open 2025 PSA Copper event in Mumbai.
- This victory marked her second consecutive title following her win at the SRFI Indian Tour PSA Challenger event in Chennai.
- In the men's category, Egypt's Kareem El Torkey clinched the title.
- The Indian Open 2025 PSA Copper event, featuring a prize pool of \$53,500, was held at the Bombay Gymkhana squash courts in Mumbai.

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Ques : What is the name of the Indian humanitarian relief operation launched for Myanmar's earthquake victims?

- a) Operation Maitri
- b) Operation Brahma
- c) Operation Dost
- d) Operation Samudra Setu
- e) Operation Karuna

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Government of India has launched Operation Brahma to assist victims of the earthquake in Myanmar.
- A 7.7 magnitude earthquake struck Myanmar on 28 March 2025, causing at least 1,000 deaths, with over 10,000 feared dead.
- The operation aligns with India's Neighbourhood First policy and its role as a first responder in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR).
- Two Indian Air Force C-130J aircraft departed from Hindon Air Force Station, Uttar Pradesh, carrying relief materials.
- The first batch of 15 tonnes of humanitarian aid landed at Yangon airport in Myanmar.
- India has also dispatched a search-and-rescue team and a medical team.
- The relief package includes essential supplies such as tents, blankets, sleeping bags, and medical supplies like paracetamol, antibiotics, syringes, gloves, and bandages.





Ques : What is the name of the cooperative-based taxi service planned by the Indian government?

- a) Swadeshi Taxi
- b) Gramin Ride
- c) Bharat Cab
- d) Sahkar Taxi
- e) Sahayak Taxi

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Indian government plans to develop "Sahkar Taxi," a cooperative-based taxi service.
- This program intends to offer a credible alternative to prominent ride-hailing systems, including Ola and Uber.
- The market is expected to rise to \$44.18 billion by 2030.
- Sahkar Taxi will follow a cooperative approach. This implies that all proceeds go directly to drivers.

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Ques : What is the name of the Bill passed in Lok Sabha related to Waqf properties?

- (a) Minority Rights Bill
- (b) Unified Waqf Management, Efficiency, and Development (UMEED) Bill
- (c) Religious Trusts Amendment Bill
- (d) Muslim Endowment Protection Bill
- (e) Waqf Protection and Governance Bill

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Lok Sabha passed the Waqf (Amendment) Bill after an extended debate that continued past midnight.
- Home Minister Amit Shah assured that the Bill does not interfere with religious practices.
- The first clause of the Bill was approved with 288 MPs in favor and 232 against.
- The Opposition was accused of spreading fear to create a vote bank.
- As per the Bill, only Muslims can be a 'mutawalli' (administrator) and 'waqif' (donor) of Waqf properties.
- The government stated that the Bill aims to ensure transparency in Waqf donations and administration.
- The Bill was introduced under the title Unified Waqf Management, Efficiency, and Development (UMEED) Bill.

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Ques : Fintech SaaS company Zaggle Prepaid Ocean Services Ltd acquired what percentage controlling stake in EffiaSoft Private Ltd?

- a) 45%
- b) 48%
- c) 51%
- d) 55%
- e) 60%

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Fintech SaaS company Zaggle Prepaid Ocean Services Ltd has announced the acquisition of a 51% controlling stake in Hyderabad-based billing software provider EffiaSoft Private Ltd.
- The deal, valued at over Rs.41 crore, aims to strengthen Zaggle's merchant services and payment processing capabilities within the fintech ecosystem.
- The acquisition will be executed in two stages. Initially, Zaggle will acquire a 45.33% stake for Rs.36.72 crore from founders Koushik Shee and Akula Krishna Rao, along with other existing shareholders.
- The board has also approved acquiring an additional 5.67% stake for Rs.4.59 crore, with the mode of acquisition (cash or share swap) to be decided later.
- The deal values EffiaSoft at an enterprise valuation of approximately Rs.81 crore.
- This acquisition follows Zaggle's recent investment in Mobileware Technologies, where it acquired a 38.34% stake for nearly Rs.23 crore.

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The US Senate has confirmed Indian-American scientist Jay Bhattacharya as Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the country's leading health research and funding institution.

Exercise Prachand Prahaa Held at High-altitude terrain of Arunachal Pradesh between Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force. It is Conducted by Indian Army's Kolkata, West Bengal-based Eastern Command

Abound, a finance platform designed specifically for Indians living in the United States, has raised \$14 million in a seed round headed by the NEAR Foundation. Circle Ventures, Times Internet, and other significant investors took part in the round as well.

Indian cricketer Jasprit Bumrah Appointed as Brand Ambassador of Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), L&T Finance (LTF)

Chhattisgarh government & National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) signed an agreement to boost the state's development and generate employment opportunities. Under its new industrial policy, Chhattisgarh has attracted investment proposals worth Rs.4.4 trillion

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

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

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

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

Updated GDP List :

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





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

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

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

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

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

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

About IREDA :

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

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

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

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

Effective Key Changes Beginning April 1 :

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





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

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

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

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

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

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

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

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

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

India's Market Borrowing Plan for FY26 :

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

Revenue & Expenditure :

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



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

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

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

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

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

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

Ranking of Top 5 Financial Centres in GFCI 37 :

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

Ranking of top Indian Centres in GFCI 37 :

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





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

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

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

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

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

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

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

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

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

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

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

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

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

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Ques : Which private space company launched the Fram2 mission?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

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

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

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

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

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

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

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

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

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

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

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

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

Answer : option D

Explanation :

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

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

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

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

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

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

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

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

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

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

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

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

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

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

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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