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Ques : According to FM Sitharaman, what is the target number of daily UPI transactions NPCI must achieve in the next 2–3 years?

वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण के अनुसार, NPCI को अगले 2–3 वर्षों में प्रतिदिन कितने UPI लेनदेन का लक्ष्य रखना चाहिए?

- A. 50 crore
- B. 125 crore
- C. 150 crore
- D. 75 crore
- E. 100 crore

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has asked NPCI to set a goal of 100 crore UPI transactions per day in the next 2–3 years.
- This is nearly double the current daily average of 53–63 crore.
- The goal supports internationalisation, better scalability, security, and user confidence in the UPI system.

FY25 Stats at a Glance :

- Total Value : Rs.261 lakh crore
- Users : ~45 crore
- Growth Rate : 30% in value, 42% in volume YoY

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Ques: What was the gross GST collection recorded in April 2025, marking a 12.6% YoY growth?

अप्रैल 2025 में सकल जीएसटी संग्रह क्या रहा, जिसमें 12.6% की वार्षिक वृद्धि दर्ज की गई?

- A) Rs.2.1 lakh crore
- B) Rs.2.29 lakh crore
- C) Rs.2.37 lakh crore
- D) Rs.1.94 lakh crore
- E) Rs.1.68 lakh crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- April 2025 witnessed record GST collections of Rs.2.37 lakh crore, showing 12.6% year-on-year growth, making it the highest ever monthly collection.
- Factors behind the surge include strong domestic demand, increased imports, year-end compliance, and 20.2% rise in e-way bill generation.
- Domestic GST: Rs.1.94 lakh crore; Import GST: Rs.46,913 crore
- Refunds up 48% and average monthly gross GST for FY25 rose to Rs.1.92 lakh crore, compared to Rs.1.68 lakh crore in FY24.
- Central GST: Rs.48,634 crore, State GST: Rs.59,372 crore, IGST: Rs.1.15 lakh crore and Cess: Rs.13,451 crore

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Ques : Which of the following RBI surveys focuses on rural and semi-urban households' perceptions of the economy?

निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा आरबीआई सर्वेक्षण ग्रामीण और अर्ध-शहरी परिवारों की अर्थव्यवस्था की धारणा पर केंद्रित है?

- A. IESH
- B. UCCS
- C. RCCS
- D. CMIE Survey
- E. PMI Index

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- RBI has launched three important surveys in May 2025 to collect inputs for future monetary policy decisions.
- These include the Inflation Expectations Survey of Households (IESH), Urban Consumer Confidence Survey (UCCS), and Rural Consumer Confidence Survey (RCCS).
- RCCS specifically focuses on rural and semi-urban households, covering 31 states/UTs, and collects data on employment, income, inflation perception, and spending habits.
- These surveys provide qualitative insights that help the RBI assess public sentiment and set interest rates and other monetary policy measures accordingly.

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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) revoked the license of Imperial Urban Co-operative Bank, located in Jalandhar, in 2025
- RBI has directed all banks and White Label ATM Operators (WLAOs) to ensure that their ATMs dispense Rs.100 or Rs.200 denomination notes regularly
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the license of Ajantha Urban Co-operative Bank Maryadit, located in Aurangabad, Maharashtra
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the deadline for Note Sorting Machine (NSM) compliance with BIS standards (IS 18663:2024) by 6 months, making the new effective date November 1, 2025
- Outward remittances under the RBI's Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) dropped by 8.21% year-on-year during April 2024 to February 2025
- RBI has directed all banks to migrate to the exclusive 'bank.in' domain by October 31, 2025
- The RBI has loosened rules to make it possible for Indian exporters to more effectively reach international markets by using warehouses at Bharat Mart, a multimodal logistics hub located in the United Arab Emirates
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed minors aged 10 years and above to independently open and operate savings and term deposit accounts
- Due to insufficient capital adequacy, weak earnings prospects, and non-compliance with Sections 11(1) and 22(3)(d) read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, the RBI revoked the license of Color Merchants Co-operative Bank Limited, located in Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- FACE, a self-regulatory organization recognized by the RBI, said that the RBI conducted 79 enforcement proceedings against banks and NBFCs in FY25
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) declared that it will buy Rs 40,000 crore worth of government securities through an open market operation (OMO) auction on April 17





Ques : According to the new mapping method, what is the revised length of India's coastline?

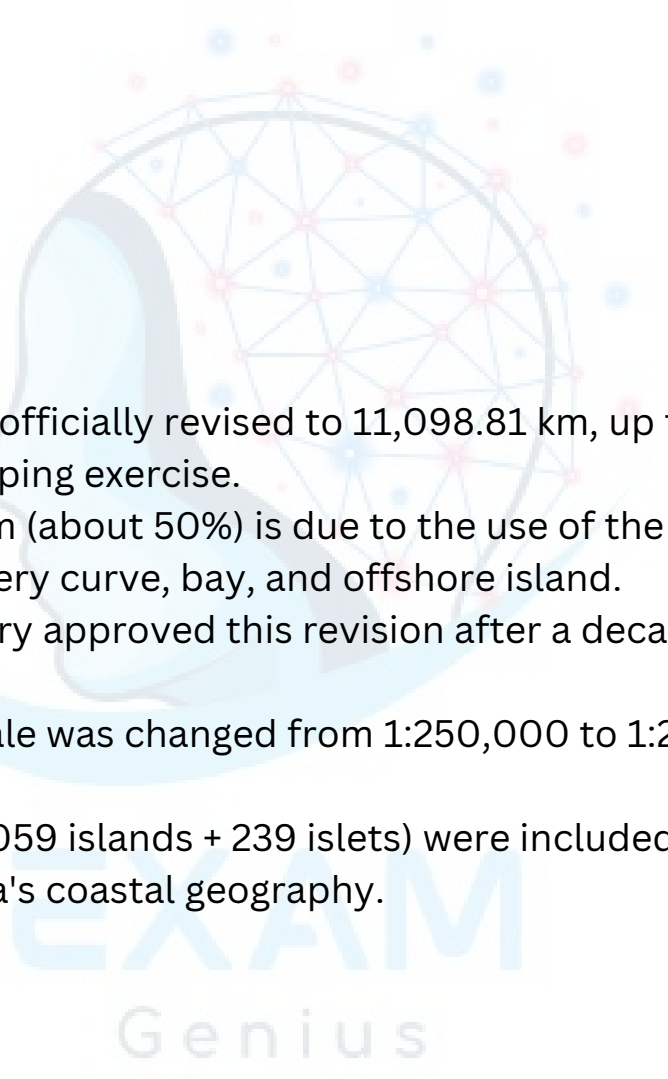
नई मानचित्रण विधि के अनुसार, भारत के समुद्र तट की संशोधित लंबाई क्या है?

- A) 7,561.60 km
- B) 8,987.00 km
- C) 9,890.50 km
- D) 11,098.81 km
- E) 10,150.00 km

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- India's coastline has been officially revised to 11,098.81 km, up from 7,561.60 km, following a detailed re-mapping exercise.
- The increase of 3,537.21 km (about 50%) is due to the use of the fractal mapping method, which captures every curve, bay, and offshore island.
- The Union Shipping Ministry approved this revision after a decade of review and consultation.
- The technical mapping scale was changed from 1:250,000 to 1:25,000, offering higher accuracy.
- A total of 1,298 islands (1,059 islands + 239 islets) were included, enhancing precision in measuring India's coastal geography.





Ques : Under the newly launched Gyan Post service, what is the maximum weight limit for book packets?

हाल ही में शुरू की गई ज्ञान पोस्ट सेवा के तहत पुस्तक पैकेट्स का अधिकतम वजन सीमा क्या है?

- A. 2 kg
- B. 3 kg
- C. 4 kg
- D. 5 kg
- E. 6 kg

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- India Post has launched a new service called 'Gyan Post' starting May 1, 2025, to enable affordable and trackable delivery of educational, cultural, and religious books.
- The service is designed to reach remote and rural areas, ensuring access to learning materials regardless of economic status.
- Only non-commercial printed material (no ads or business content) is allowed, and the printer or publisher's name must be mentioned.
- Delivery will use surface transport, keeping it cost-effective, with rates ranging from Rs.20 (up to 300g) to Rs.100 (up to 5kg).
- The maximum weight limit per packet is 5 kg, and tracking is available for all shipments.

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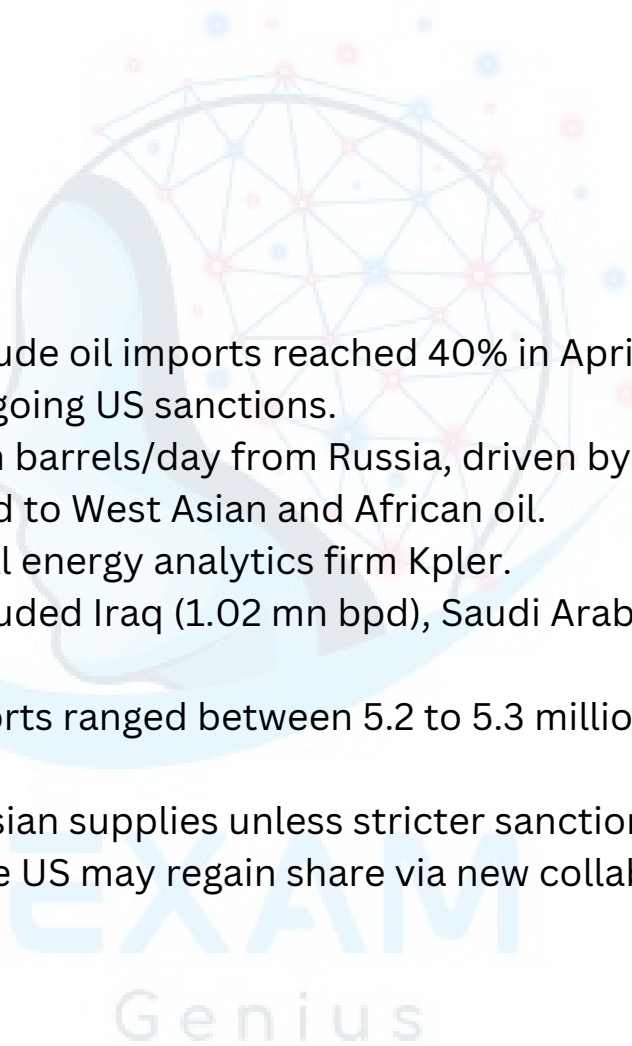
Ques : As per April 2025 data, what was Russia's share in India's crude oil imports?
अप्रैल 2025 के अनुसार, भारत के कुल कच्चे तेल आयात में रूस की हिस्सेदारी कितनी थी?

- A. 30%
- B. 35%
- C. 40%
- D. 25%
- E. 45%

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Russia's share in India's crude oil imports reached 40% in April 2025, the highest since May 2023, despite ongoing US sanctions.
- India imported 1.92 million barrels/day from Russia, driven by discounted Free on Board (FOB) rates compared to West Asian and African oil.
- The data is based on global energy analytics firm Kpler.
- Other major suppliers included Iraq (1.02 mn bpd), Saudi Arabia (0.56 mn bpd), Nigeria, and the US.
- India's total crude oil imports ranged between 5.2 to 5.3 million barrels/day in April 2025.
- Experts expect stable Russian supplies unless stricter sanctions are imposed, though Saudi Arabia and the US may regain share via new collaborations.





Ques : Which city has issued India's first certified Green Municipal Bond for funding a Tertiary Sewage Treatment Plant?

किस शहर ने तृतीयक सीवेज उपचार संयंत्र के वित्तपोषण के लिए भारत का पहला प्रमाणित ग्रीन म्यूनिसिपल बॉन्ड जारी किया है?

- a) Jaipur / जयपुर
- b) Lucknow / लखनऊ
- c) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- d) Varanasi / वाराणसी
- e) Ghaziabad / गाजियाबाद

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Ghaziabad is the first Indian city to issue a Certified Green Municipal Bond, raising Rs.150 crore to fund a Tertiary Sewage Treatment Plant (TSTP).
- This project is backed by the Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban and supported by both central and Uttar Pradesh governments.
- The plant will treat 40 million litres per day (MLD) of wastewater using membrane filtration technologies like RO, microfiltration, ultrafiltration, and nano filtration.
- It will serve 1,400+ industrial units, ensuring wastewater reuse and reducing reliance on freshwater, promoting sustainable urban infrastructure

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Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and world :

- Sayani Das became the first Indian woman to conquer the North Channel, completing the 38 km swim between Northern Ireland and Scotland in 13 hours and 22 minutes
- China has launched its first-ever Gold Recycling ATM at the Global Harbor Shopping Mall, Shanghai
- AIIMS Raipur successfully performed its first Swap Kidney Transplant (Kidney Paired Donation). With this, it became the first among the newer AIIMS institutes and the first government hospital in Chhattisgarh to achieve this milestone
- India's smartphone exports crossed the Rs.2 lakh crore milestone for the first time in FY2024-25, as announced by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw
- China achieved a major technological milestone with the launch of the world's first 10G broadband network in Sunan County, Hebei Province on April 20, 2025
- On the Chennai Beach-Chengalpattu route, South India's first AC EMU (Electric Multiple Unit) train was introduced, providing Metro-like comfort and signaling a significant development in the suburban rail system of the area
- Amaravati, the proposed capital city of Andhra Pradesh, is set to become the world's first city powered entirely by renewable energy
- An important step toward environmentally friendly and sustainable mining methods will be taken when South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) becomes the first coal PSU in India to use paste fill technology for coal mining
- The construction of a 3D-printed train station in Arida City by the West Japan Railway Company is a first for the globe and represents a major advancement in rail infrastructure innovation
- Mauritius is the first African country to sign the Country Partnership Framework (CPF) with the International Solar Alliance (ISA)





Ques : According to SIPRI, what was India's global rank in military expenditure in 2024?

SIPRI के अनुसार, 2024 में सैन्य खर्च के मामले में भारत की वैश्विक रैंकिंग क्या थी?

- A. 3rd
- B. 5th
- C. 7th
- D. 9th
- E. 2nd

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- India's military expenditure in 2024 reached \$86.1 billion, making it nearly 9 times higher than Pakistan's \$10.2 billion, according to SIPRI.
- The data was published by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), a renowned Swedish think tank.
- India ranked 5th globally in military spending, following the USA, China, Russia, and Germany.
- Rising geopolitical tensions, including incidents like the Pahalgam terror attack, contributed to the increased defense budget.

Top global spenders in 2024:

- 1) USA – \$1,635 billion
- 2) China – \$341 billion
- 3) Russia – \$149 billion
- 4) Germany
- 5) India – \$86.1 billion

- In contrast, Pakistan ranked 35th, spending \$10.2 billion, while Ukraine spent \$64.7 billion, the highest relative to GDP (34%).





India's Rankings in Different Indices

- Asia University Rankings 2025 published by Times Higher Education (THE) : Indian Institute of Science (IISc) (38th), Tsinghua University (China) (1st)
- According to Newsweek and Statista's "World's Best Hospitals 2025" : All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi (97th)
- World's busiest airports in 2024 Published by Airports Council International (ACI) : Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in Delhi (9th), Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (United States) (1st)
- Report Automotive Industry: Powering India's Participation in Global Value Chains 2nd Edition Published by National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) : India (4th), China (1st)
- Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) baseline report 1st Edition Published by Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) : Gujarat (top)
- World's Best Airport for 2025 : Singapore Changi Airport (1st), Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), or Delhi International Airport (32nd)
- 'Readiness for Frontier Technologies' index Published by UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) : India (36th)
- Annual World's Billionaires list 39th Edition Published by Forbes : Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla Motors (1st), Mukesh Ambani (18th)
- Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 37) 37th Edition Published by China Development Institute (CDI) : GIFT City-Gujarat (India) (46th), New York (USA) (1st)
- 2025 Hurun Global Rich List Edition 14th Published by Hurun Research Institute : Elon Musk (1st), Mukesh Ambani (17th)
- Annual ranking of 500 high-growth Asia-Pacific companies : Lendbox - India (USD 51.13 million) (1st)
- QS World University Rankings by Subject 15th Edition Published by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) : Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad (20th), Harvard University, USA (Arts & Humanities) (1st)



Ques: Which two states will be connected by the newly approved Greenfield NH-06 high-speed corridor with Rs.22,864 crore investment?

Rs.22,864 करोड़ के निवेश से स्वीकृत नए ग्रीनफील्ड NH-06 हाई-स्पीड कॉरिडोर से किन दो राज्यों को जोड़ा जाएगा?

- A. Assam & Nagaland / असम और नागालैंड
- B. Meghalaya & Mizoram / मेघालय और मिजोरम
- C. Meghalaya & Assam / मेघालय और असम
- D. Tripura & Manipur / त्रिपुरा और मणिपुर
- E. Arunachal Pradesh & Assam / अरुणाचल प्रदेश और असम

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the construction of a 166.80 km Greenfield NH-06 high-speed corridor under the Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM).
- It connects Mawlyngkhung (Shillong, Meghalaya) with Panchgram (Silchar, Assam).
- The corridor aims to improve connectivity from Guwahati to Silchar and enhance access to Tripura, Mizoram, Manipur, and the Barak Valley.
- Total investment : Rs.22,864 crore (including land acquisition and civil construction).
- It will generate an estimated 74 lakh direct and 93 lakh indirect man-days of employment and boost tourism and logistics.

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Ques : Which endangered turtle species was reintroduced into the Ganga River in April 2025 after three decades?

कौन-सी संकटग्रस्त कछुआ प्रजाति को अप्रैल 2025 में तीन दशकों बाद गंगा नदी में पुनःस्थापित किया गया?

- A. Indian Softshell Turtle / भारतीय सॉफ्टशेल कछुआ
- B. Red-Crowned Roofed Turtle / लाल मुकुट वाला छत वाला कछुआ
- C. Indian Flapshell Turtle / भारतीय फ्लैपशेल कछुआ
- D. Tricarinate Hill Turtle / ट्राइकारिनेट पहाड़ी कछुआ
- E. Brown Roofed Turtle / भूरा छत वाला कछुआ

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Red-Crowned Roofed Turtle (Batagur kachuga), classified as critically endangered, was reintroduced into the Ganga River on April 26, 2025, after being absent from the main river channel for over 30 years.
- This initiative is part of the Namami Gange Mission and was led by the TSAFI Project, Garhaita Turtle Conservation Center, and National Chambal Sanctuary, with support from Haiderpur Wetland.
- A total of 20 turtles were released – 10 in the Haiderpur Wetland and 10 directly into the Ganga, each equipped with ultrasonic tracking devices to monitor their movement.
- The goal is to restore turtle biodiversity in the river ecosystem and study migration and survival strategies.
- The Haiderpur Wetland, which connects with the Ganga during monsoon, will allow for natural migration, and the turtles will be monitored for the next two years.

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Ques : Which agency is responsible for implementing the 5th Marine Fisheries Census launched by the Government of India?

भारत सरकार द्वारा शुरू की गई 5वीं समुद्री मत्स्य पालन जनगणना को लागू करने की जिम्मेदारी किस संस्था की है?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. ICAR
- C. CMFRI
- D. FSSAI
- E. NABARD

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Government of India has launched the 5th Marine Fisheries Census along with a dedicated mobile app for data collection.
- It will cover 1.2 million fisher households across 9 coastal states.
- The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) is the nodal agency implementing the census.
- The purpose is to gather updated and accurate data to aid planning, policy-making, and sustainable fisheries development.
- The census will help assess marine resources, infrastructure needs, and socioeconomic conditions of coastal fishing communities.

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Ques : How many Amazon satellites were launched aboard the Atlas V rocket under Project Kuiper?

Project Kuiper के तहत Atlas V रॉकेट से कितने Amazon सैटेलाइट्स लॉन्च किए गए?

- A. 10
- B. 15
- C. 27
- D. 50
- E. 3200

Answer : Option C

Explanation

- Amazon launched 27 internet satellites on April 29, 2025, as part of its Project Kuiper initiative, which aims to offer affordable global broadband and compete with SpaceX's Starlink network.
- The satellites were carried aboard the Atlas V rocket launched from Cape Canaveral by United Launch Alliance (ULA).
- These satellites will orbit at around 630 km (approx. 400 miles) altitude.
- This follows Amazon's earlier launch of 2 test satellites in 2023.
- To reduce reflection and support astronomical observation, the satellites are coated with mirror film.
- Eventually, Amazon plans to launch over 3,200 satellites globally.

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Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- The Indian flying Force's Surya Kiran team in Bihar starts their aerobatic flying display at Patna
- The Indian Army has launched a community radio station named 'Voice of Kinnaur' in Pooh, located in Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh, near the China border
- GP-DRASTI stands for Drone Response and Aerial Surveillance Tactical Interventions, introduced by the Gujarat Police
- Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla will travel to the International Space Station (ISS) in May 2025 as part of the Axiom-4 mission aboard a Russian Soyuz spacecraft
- For the last part of her voyage to Goa, the Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) "Tarini," which was carrying two female officers, was ceremoniously launched off from Cape Town, South Africa
- NS-31 was the 11th human flight by Blue Origin, using the New Shepard rocket. It featured an all-women crew including Katy Perry, Gayle King, and Lauren Sánchez
- Garuda Aerospace, a Chennai-based drone startup, raised Rs.100 crore in a Series B funding round led by Venture Catalysts (VCAT). The company's valuation now stands at \$250 million
- At Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, India successfully demonstrated a 30-kilowatt laser-based weapon system that could fire down missiles, swarm drones, and fixed-wing aircraft
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Limited & Swan Defence and Heavy Industries Limited (SDHI) signed MoU to enhance collaboration in commercial shipbuilding and offshore infrastructure, reinforcing India's maritime self-reliance under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiative
- The Rs.63,887 crore (Euro 6.6 billion) deal with France involves the direct purchase of 26 Rafale-Marine (Rafale-M) fighter jets
- Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited (SDAL), a division of Solar Industries India Limited (SIIL), successfully developed the propulsion system (including the third-stage rocket motor and igniter) for the Vikram-1 satellite launch vehicle
- Russia has launched its first nuclear-powered submarine, Perm, equipped with Zircon hypersonic cruise missiles
- The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed an agreement with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for the procurement of Electronic Warfare (EW) suites and modification kits for Mi-17 V5 helicopters





Ques: What is the new Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane for the 2025–26 season as approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs?

प्रश्न: 2025–26 के लिए कैबिनेट समिति द्वारा स्वीकृत गन्ने का नया उचित और लाभकारी मूल्य (FRP) क्या है?

- A) Rs.340
- B) Rs.345
- C) Rs.355
- D) Rs.360
- E) Rs.329.05

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) increased the FRP of sugarcane by Rs.15 to Rs.355 per quintal for the 2025–26 sugar season, effective from October 1, 2025.
- The FRP is based on a 10.25% recovery rate, with adjustments of Rs.3.46/quintal for every 0.1% variation above or below.
- If the recovery falls below 9.5%, a minimum Rs.329.05/quintal is assured.
- The hike aims to protect farmers amid a decline in sugar output and boost sugarcane cultivation.
- The cost of production is Rs.173/quintal, so the new FRP is 105.2% above cost.

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Gunjan Soni has been appointed as the new Country Managing Director for YouTube India. She replaces Ishan Chatterjee, who joined JioCinema in October 2024.

Anant Ambani, the youngest son of Mukesh Ambani, has been appointed as Executive Director of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL). His 5-year tenure officially begins on May 1, 2025

The Philippines officially launched its Digital Nomad Visa (DNV) on April 24, 2025, under Executive Order 86, signed by President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. It places the Philippines alongside Thailand, Indonesia, and Malaysia, which already offer similar visa options in Southeast Asia.

The National Manufacturing Mission, announced in Union Budget 2024–25, will be shaped by an inter-ministerial committee. The committee is chaired by NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam

Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul of Thailand Appointed as President of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) for the term 2025-2029 during 86th BWF Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in Xiamen, China. He Replaced Poul-Erik Høyer Larsen of Denmark

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महत्वपूर्ण एक लाइनर करेंट अफेयर्स

गुंजन सोनी को YouTube India के लिए नया कंट्री मैनेजिंग डायरेक्टर नियुक्त किया गया है। वह इशान चटर्जी की जगह लेंगी, जो अक्टूबर 2024 में JioCinema में शामिल हुए थे।

मुकेश अंबानी के सबसे छोटे बेटे अनंत अंबानी को रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड (RIL) का कार्यकारी निदेशक नियुक्त किया गया है। उनका 5 साल का कार्यकाल आधिकारिक तौर पर 1 मई, 2025 से शुरू होगा।

फिलीपींस ने राष्ट्रपति फर्डिनेंड "बोंगबोंग" मार्कोस जूनियर द्वारा हस्ताक्षरित कार्यकारी आदेश 86 के तहत 24 अप्रैल, 2025 को आधिकारिक तौर पर अपना डिजिटल नोमैड वीज़ा (DNV) लॉन्च किया। यह फिलीपींस को थाईलैंड, इंडोनेशिया और मलेशिया के साथ रखता है, जो पहले से ही दक्षिण पूर्व एशिया में समान वीज़ा विकल्प प्रदान करते हैं।

केंद्रीय बजट 2024-25 में घोषित राष्ट्रीय विनिर्माण मिशन को एक अंतर-मंत्रालयी समिति द्वारा आकार दिया जाएगा। समिति की अध्यक्षता नीति आयोग के सीईओ बीवीआर सुब्रह्मण्यम करेंगे।

थाईलैंड के खुनयिंग पटामा लीस्वाद्रकुल को चीन के ज़ियामेन में आयोजित 86वीं BWF वार्षिक आम बैठक (AGM) के दौरान 2025-2029 की अवधि के लिए बैडमिंटन विश्व महासंघ (BWF) का अध्यक्ष नियुक्त किया गया। उन्होंने डेनमार्क के पॉल-एरिक होयर लार्सन की जगह ली।

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