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**Ques: State Bank of India (SBI) signed an MoU with which authority to enhance banking services at 26 land ports along India's borders?**

**भारतीय स्टेट बैंक (SBI) ने भारत की सीमाओं पर 26 लैंड पोर्ट्स पर बैंकिंग सेवाएं बढ़ाने के लिए किस प्राधिकरण के साथ समझौता ज्ञापन (MoU) पर हस्ताक्षर किए?**

- (a) National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) / राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण
- (b) Border Security Force (BSF) / सीमा सुरक्षा बल
- (c) Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) / भूमि पत्तन प्राधिकरण
- (d) Ministry of External Affairs / विदेश मंत्रालय
- (e) Shipping Corporation of India / शिपिंग कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- SBI signed an MoU with Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) to boost banking infrastructure at 26 land ports across borders with Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Myanmar.
- SBI will offer Forex services, LC/BG facilities, bulk cargo insurance, and digital banking solutions.
- 1,900 LPAI employees will benefit from enhanced salary packages and financial services.
- The partnership aims to grow border trade from Rs.80,000 crore to Rs.2 trillion by 2030.

**About Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) :**

- Established : 2012
- HQ : New Delhi
- Chairman : Aditya Mishra



**Ques : Where is the 58th Annual Meeting of the ADB being held in 2025?**  
**2025 में ADB की 58वीं वार्षिक बैठक कहां आयोजित हो रही है?**

- A. Manila / मनीला
- B. Tokyo / टोक्यो
- C. Milan / मिलान
- D. Bangkok / बैंकॉक
- E. New Delhi / नई दिल्ली

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is leading the Indian delegation to the 58th Annual Meeting of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Board of Governors, held in Milan, Italy from May 4–7, 2025.
- The meeting focuses on regional economic challenges, sustainable development, and financial cooperation among member countries.
- The event offers opportunities for global investment visibility and alignment with regional development initiatives.
- The ADB Board of Governors includes finance ministers from all member nations and serves as its highest decision-making body.

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**Ques: Which MakeMyTrip Group entity launched the 'Global Forex Card' offering zero currency conversion charges for international travelers?**

अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रियों के लिए शून्य मुद्रा रूपांतरण शुल्क वाली 'ग्लोबल फॉरेक्स कार्ड' किस मेक माय ट्रिप समूह की इकाई द्वारा लॉन्च की गई है?

- (a) Thomas Cook
- (b) BookMyForex
- (c) ForexMart
- (d) Paytm Forex
- (e) Western Union

**Answer:** Option b

**Explanation:**

- BookMyForex, part of the MakeMyTrip Group, introduced the 'Global Forex Card', a USD-denominated prepaid card.
- It allows users to transact in over 180 currencies with no currency conversion fees.
- No issuance, reload, or maintenance charges.
- Comes with ATM withdrawal benefits (though local ATM providers may charge).
- Offers up to Rs.7,500 cashback under its Crazy Cashback Sale, and is especially beneficial for students paying tuition fees abroad.

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**Ques : Which bank sign an MoU with Sa-Dhan, a Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) to enhance financial access for small, micro, and women-led enterprises ?**

**किस बैंक ने लघु, सूक्ष्म और महिला-नेतृत्व वाले उद्यमों के लिए वित्तीय पहुंच बढ़ाने के लिए स्व-नियामक संगठन (एसआरओ) सा-धन के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?**

- (a) UCO Bank / यूको बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Bank of India / बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
- (d) J&K Bank / जम्मू और कश्मीर बैंक
- (e) Bank of Baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation :**

- In order to improve financial access for small, micro, and women-led businesses, particularly in rural and semi-urban areas of India, Sa-Dhan, a Self-Regulatory Organization (SRO) designated by the RBI for microfinance, signed MoU with Bank of India (BoI).
- The two organisations will collaborate to achieve key National Financial Inclusion and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Enterprise Finance for SHGs and Non-SHG Members, Climate-Resilient Technologies and Green Financing, WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Financing, Co-lending to MFIs, Digital Transformation and Adoption of Technologies, and—above all—Financial Literacy and Awareness about Government Schemes are just a few of the important areas of collaboration that will be covered by the non-commercial agreement.

**About Bank of India :**

- Established : 7 September 1906
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : Rajneesh Karnatak
- Tagline : Relationship Beyond Banking





**Ques : Which general insurance company launched 'ClimateSafe' , a first-of-its-kind parametric climate risk insurance product in India ?**

**किस सामान्य बीमा कंपनी ने भारत में अपनी तरह का पहला पैरामीट्रिक जलवायु जोखिम बीमा उत्पाद 'क्लाइमेटसेफ' लॉन्च किया है?**

- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance / बजाज आलियांज जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (b) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance / आईसीआईसीआई प्रूडेंशियल लाइफ इंश्योरेंस
- (c) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance / कोटक महिंद्रा लाइफ इंश्योरेंस
- (d) Shriram General Insurance Company / श्रीराम जनरल इंश्योरेंस कंपनी
- (e) PNB MetLife India Insurance / पीएनबी मेटलाइफ इंडिया इंश्योरेंस

**Answer : Option A**

**Explanation :**

- A first-of-its-kind parametric climate risk insurance product called "ClimateSafe" was introduced in India by Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Limited and Germany-based Allianz SE.
- The product is intended to provide immediate financial assistance to people impacted by weather events linked to climate change, such as intense heat, freezing temperatures, or heavy precipitation.
- If the daily Air Quality Index rises beyond 400 after two strikes, it would offer financial assistance of up to Rs 6,000 per employee.
- When the AQI surpasses 400 for three or more of the preceding five days, it is considered a strike.
- Covers additional costs (such as increased electricity bills and transportation expenses) and lost income (such as daily wage workers and gig workers).
- Protects against supply chain delays, event cancellations, and damage to household items due to floods/heatwaves



**Ques : What is the new name of Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh?**  
**मध्य प्रदेश के नौरादेही वन्यजीव अभयारण्य का नया नाम क्या रखा गया है?**

- A. Rani Avantibai Tiger Reserve / रानी अवंतीबाई टाइगर रिजर्व
- B. Gondwana Wildlife Reserve / गोंडवाना वन्यजीव अभयारण्य
- C. Shaheed Bhagat Singh Tiger Reserve / शहीद भगत सिंह टाइगर रिजर्व
- D. Veerangana Rani Durgavati Tiger Reserve / वीरांगना रानी दुर्गावती टाइगर रिजर्व
- E. Maharani Ahilyabai Tiger Park / महारानी अहिल्याबाई टाइगर पार्क

**Answer : Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh has been renamed as Veerangana Rani Durgavati Tiger Reserve.
- It becomes India's 3rd cheetah reintroduction site after Kuno National Park and Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Selected for its large habitat and rich prey base, spanning districts like Sagar, Damoh, Narsinghpur, and Raisen.
- Renaming honours Rani Durgavati, a 16th-century Gond queen known for her resistance against the Mughals.
- Part of Project Cheetah, launched to reintroduce cheetahs from Namibia and South Africa after their extinction in India in 1952.

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**Ques : Which Indian Naval ship recently participated in the HADR exercise held in Maldives in May 2025?**

**मई 2025 में मालदीव में आयोजित HADR अभ्यास में किस भारतीय नौसेना के जहाज ने भाग लिया?**

- A. INS Sumitra / आईएनएस सुमित्रा
- B. INS Sharda / आईएनएस शारदा
- C. INS Vikramaditya / आईएनएस विक्रमादित्य
- D. INS Sunayna / आईएनएस सुनयना
- E. INS Kolkata / आईएनएस कोलकाता

**Answer : Option B**

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**Explanation :**

- INS Sharda participated in a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise held from 04–10 May 2025 at Maafilaafushi Atoll, Maldives.
- The exercise was conducted jointly with the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) to enhance disaster response coordination and maritime cooperation.
- Key focus areas included search & rescue, medical aid, logistical support, and joint drills aimed at strengthening bilateral operational readiness.
- This engagement aligns with India's "MAHASAGAR" vision – Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.
- The initiative further deepens India–Maldives strategic ties in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

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**Ques: What new step has the Election Commission of India taken to improve the accuracy of electoral rolls?**

**चुनाव आयोग ने मतदाता सूची की सटीकता बढ़ाने के लिए कौन सा नया कदम उठाया है?**

- (a) Introduced blockchain technology for voter data / मतदाता डेटा के लिए ब्लॉकचेन तकनीक की शुरुआत की गई
- (b) Started electronic sharing of death registration data with BLOs / बीएलओ के साथ मृत्यु पंजीकरण डेटा का इलेक्ट्रॉनिक शेयरिंग शुरू किया गया
- (c) Allowed online voting for all citizens / सभी नागरिकों के लिए ऑनलाइन मतदान की अनुमति दी गई
- (d) Made voter ID optional for elections / चुनावों के लिए मतदाता पहचान पत्र को वैकल्पिक बनाया गया
- (e) Replaced Voter Information Slips with Aadhar cards / मतदाता सूचना पर्चियों की जगह आधार कार्ड का इस्तेमाल किया गया

**Answer :** Option b

**Explanation:**

- The Election Commission of India will now electronically receive death registration data from the Registrar General of India, improving the timely removal of deceased voters from electoral rolls.
- This process is aligned with Rule 9 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, and Section 3(5)(b) of the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 (amended in 2023).
- Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will verify this data through field visits.
- The Voter Information Slip (VIS) will now have an improved design with larger font sizes for easier identification.
- Standard photo identity cards will be issued to BLOs under Section 13B(2) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, to enhance public trust.



**Ques : Aryna Sabalenka won her third Madrid Open title in 2024 by defeating which player?**

**Aryna Sabalenka ने 2024 में अपना तीसरा Madrid Open खिताब किसे हराकर जीता?**

- A. Iga Swiatek / इगा स्विएटेक
- B. Petra Kvitova / पेद्रा क्वितोवा
- C. Naomi Osaka / नाओमी ओसाका
- D. Coco Gauff / कोको गौफ़
- E. Elena Rybakina / ऐलेना रयबाकिना

**Answer : Option D**

**Explanation :**

- World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka defeated Coco Gauff 6-3, 7-6(3) to win the Madrid Open 2024 title.
- This marks Sabalenka's third Madrid Open title, equalling the record held by Petra Kvitova. This was Sabalenka's third WTA title in 2024.
- With this win, Sabalenka has now secured six straight victories over Top-10 players in 2024.
- After the final, Sabalenka praised Gauff as a "fighter" during the post-match ceremony.
- The match showcased Sabalenka's dominance and further solidified her position at the top of women's tennis.

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**Ques: Which renowned Indian filmmaker and cinematographer, known for films like Piravi and Vanaprastham, recently passed away?**

**प्रश्न: पिरवी और वनप्रस्थम जैसी फिल्मों के लिए प्रसिद्ध भारतीय फिल्म निर्माता और सिनेमैटोग्राफर, जिनका हाल ही में निधन हो गया, कौन थे?**

- (a) Adoor Gopalakrishnan / अदूर गोपालकृष्णन
- (b) Shaji N. Karun / शाजी एन. करुण
- (c) Girish Kasaravalli / गिरीश कसरवल्ली
- (d) Mrinal Sen / मृणाल सेन
- (e) Santosh Sivan / संतोष सिवन

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation :**

- Shaji Neelakandan Karunakaran, renowned cinematographer and filmmaker, died
- He is renowned for directing his first film, "Piravi" (1988), which won him the 1989 Cannes Film Festival's National Award for Best Director and Camera d'Or-Mention d'honneur.
- His 1994 film Swaham was the only other Indian film chosen for the Cannes competition.
- Vanaprastham (1999), his third directed project, made its Cannes Film Festival debut. In addition, it took home the National Awards for Best Actor, Best Editing, and Best Feature Film.
- He served as the first Chairman of the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy, India's first cinema and television academy.

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**Ques : Which temple site from Karnataka is being proposed for UNESCO's Tentative List in 2025?**

**कर्नाटक का कौन-सा मंदिर स्थल 2025 में यूनेस्को की अस्थायी सूची में शामिल करने के लिए प्रस्तावित किया गया है?**

- A. Hampi / हम्पी
- B. Belur-Halebidu / बेलूर-हालेबिडु
- C. Lakkundi / लक्कुंडी
- D. Pattadakal / पत्तदकल
- E. Shravanabelagola / श्रवणबेलगोला

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- Lakkundi temples in Gadag district, Karnataka, have been proposed for inclusion in UNESCO's Tentative List of World Heritage Sites.
- The site showcases Chalukyan-era temple architecture from the 11th to 13th century, highlighting India's rich cultural and historical heritage.
- The proposal has been submitted by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) as part of efforts to conserve and promote ancient Indian monuments.
- Inclusion in the Tentative List is expected to boost tourism, secure international funding, and enhance global awareness of India's temple architecture

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**Ques : What is the name of the new single-point app launched by the Election Commission of India for electoral-related activities?**

**भारत निर्वाचन आयोग द्वारा चुनाव संबंधी गतिविधियों के लिए शुरू किए गए एकीकृत ऐप का नाम क्या है?**

- A. VOTERSETU
- B. ECINET
- C. CHUNAV-ONE
- D. eBallot
- E. MyVoteHub

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :**

- ECINET (Election Commission of India Network) is a single-point digital platform launched by the Election Commission of India for all electoral-related activities.
- It will integrate over 40+ existing EC mobile and web apps, simplifying processes for voters, officials, political parties, and civil society.
- Key features: user-friendly interface, single login, access via desktop and smartphone, with data input restricted to authorized EC officials to maintain accuracy.
- Proposed by Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, and announced at the Chief Electoral Officers Conference (March 2025).

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**Ques: Who among the following has been recently appointed as a Member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)?**

**निम्नलिखित में से किसे हाल ही में संघ लोक सेवा आयोग (UPSC) के सदस्य के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Preeti Sudan / प्रीति सूदन
- (b) Sujata Chaturvedi and Anuradha Prasad / सुजाता चतुर्वेदी और अनुराधा प्रसाद
- (c) Raj Shukla and Anil Sahasrabuddhe / राज शुक्ला और अनिल सहस्रबुद्धे
- (d) Smita Sabharwal and Arvind Panagariya / स्मिता सभरवाल और अरविंद पनगड़िया
- (e) P K Sinha and Vinay Kumar / पी के सिन्हा और विनय कुमार

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- Former Sports Secretary Sujata Chaturvedi and former bureaucrat Anuradha Prasad have been appointed as Members of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
- Their term will last for six years or until they attain 65 years of age, whichever is earlier.
- The oath of office was administered by Lt Gen Raj Shukla, the senior-most member of UPSC.
- Currently, UPSC has no chairman, as Preeti Sudan's term has ended.
- Articles 315 to 323 of Part XIV of the Indian Constitution contain the provisions pertaining to the UPSC's membership, composition, appointment and removal procedures, and authority and duties.
- The UPSC is normally composed of nine to eleven members, including the Chairman, who are all chosen by the Indian President.
- The Chairman and the other members serve for six years or until they become sixty-five, whichever comes first.







**Ques : Under which section of the Companies Act is the RoC authorized to strike off companies from official records?**

**कंपनियों को आधिकारिक रिकॉर्ड से हटाने के लिए RoC को कंपनी अधिनियम की किस धारा के अंतर्गत अधिकार प्राप्त है?**

- A. Section 234
- B. Section 199
- C. Section 210
- D. Section 275
- E. Section 248

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation :**

- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) is set to remove 3,300 companies from official records.
- The companies were either voluntarily applied for strike-off or were identified by the Registrar of Companies (RoC) for non-compliance.
- This action will be taken under Sections 248 to 252 of the Companies Act, which provides for both voluntary and suo motu strike-off.
- Major states affected: Maharashtra (700), Delhi (500), Karnataka (350+), Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal (200+ each).
- Grounds for removal include:
  - Failure to commence business within a year
  - Not raising capital within 180 days
  - Inactivity for two consecutive financial years
- Under Section 248(1), the RoC can remove companies without their application; Section 248(2) allows voluntary strike-off by companies themselves.





**Ques : Who will succeed Warren Buffett as the CEO of Berkshire Hathaway at the end of 2025?**

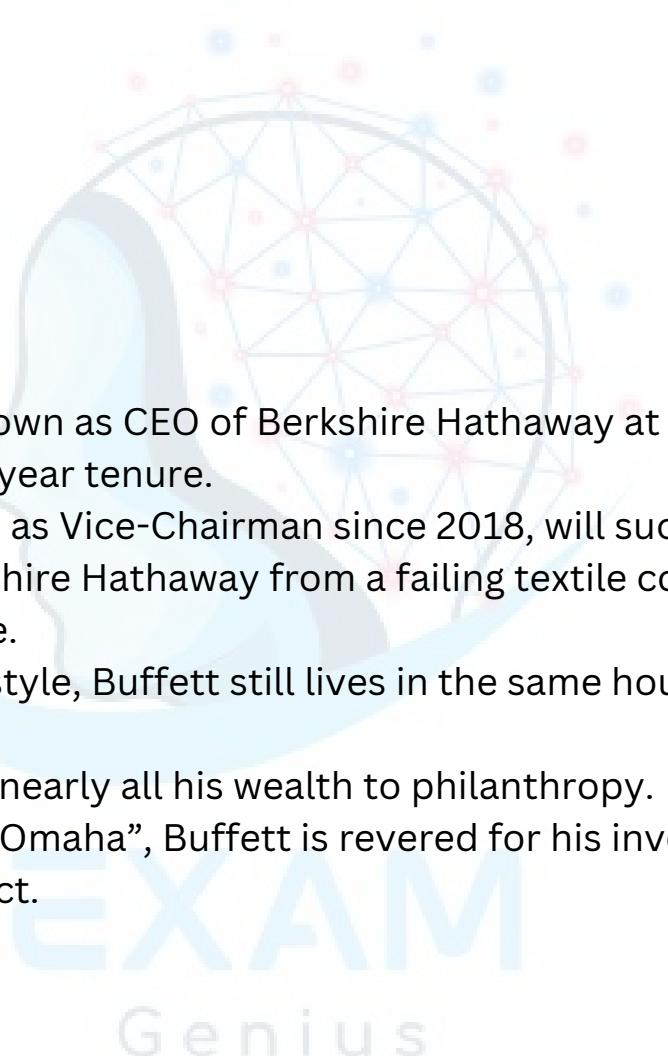
**2025 के अंत में Warren Buffett के बाद Berkshire Hathaway के CEO कौन बनेंगे?**

- A. Charlie Munger / चार्ली मूंगेर
- B. Peter Buffett / पीटर बफेट
- C. Tim Cook / टिम कुक
- D. Jamie Dimon / जेमी डिमन
- E. Greg Abel / ग्रेग एबेल

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation :**

- Warren Buffett will step down as CEO of Berkshire Hathaway at the end of 2025, concluding a legendary 60-year tenure.
- Greg Abel, who has served as Vice-Chairman since 2018, will succeed him as CEO.
- Buffett transformed Berkshire Hathaway from a failing textile company into a \$868.2 billion conglomerate.
- Known for his modest lifestyle, Buffett still lives in the same house he bought in 1958 for \$31,500.
- He has pledged to donate nearly all his wealth to philanthropy.
- Nicknamed the “Oracle of Omaha”, Buffett is revered for his investment insights and ethical business conduct.





**Ques : What are the names of the two genome-edited rice varieties recently unveiled by India?**

**भारत द्वारा हाल ही में लॉन्च की गई दो जीनोम-संपादित धान की किस्मों के नाम क्या हैं?**

- A. IR-64 and Swarna / आईआर-64 और स्वर्णा
- B. Sona Masoori and Rasi Hybrid / सोना मसूरी और रासी हाइब्रिड
- C. Basmati Gold and Shakti / बासमती गोल्ड और शक्ति
- D. Pusa Basmati 1 and MT-9 / पूसा बासमती 1 और एमटी-9
- E. Kamala and Pusa DST Rice 1 / कमला और पूसा डीएसटी चावल 1

**Answer : Option E**

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**Explanation :**

- India launched the world's first genome-edited rice varieties – Kamala (by IIRR Hyderabad) and Pusa DST Rice 1 (by IARI Delhi) – on May 4, 2025, unveiled by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- These are non-GMO varieties (no foreign gene insertion), so they do not require GEAC approval.
- Key benefits: 25–30% higher yield, reduced cultivation area, water savings, and lower methane emissions.
- Expected to support a second green revolution; suitable for commercial cultivation within 4–5 years.
- Target cultivation states include Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, and several others.
- India is the second-largest rice producer globally, with 137 million tonnes in 2023–24 and \$12+ billion in FY25 exports.





**Ques: Where will the 28th National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG) be held in June 2025?**

**जून 2025 में 28वां राष्ट्रीय ई-गवर्नेंस सम्मेलन (NCeG) कहाँ आयोजित किया जाएगा?**

- (a) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (b) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (c) Visakhapatnam / विशाखापट्टनम
- (d) Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
- (e) Bhopal / भोपाल

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The 28th National Conference on e-Government (NCeG) is scheduled to occur in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, on June 9 and 10, 2025.
- Together with the Government of Andhra Pradesh, the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) of the Government of India are organizing the event.
- The conference will be held over two days with the theme "Viksit Bharat: Civil Service and Digital Transformation."

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**Ques : Which northeastern state has set a target to produce 150 MW of solar energy by March 2027?**

**किस पूर्वोत्तर राज्य ने मार्च 2027 तक 150 मेगावाट सौर ऊर्जा उत्पादन का लक्ष्य रखा है?**

- (a) Assam / असम
- (b) Meghalaya / मेघालय
- (c) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (d) Manipur / मणिपुर
- (e) Arunachal Pradesh / अरुणाचल प्रदेश

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Tripura government has set a target to generate 150 MW of solar power by March 2027.
- The announcement was made by Tripura Power Minister Ratan Lal Nath on a Sunday.
- The goal is aligned with the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, a central scheme promoting rooftop solar for households.
- It also contributes to India's green energy transition and supports the national Net Zero Emissions goal.
- Solar power refers to electricity generated from sunlight using photovoltaic panels.
- 1 Megawatt (MW) equals 1,000 kilowatts and can power hundreds of homes depending on usage.





**Ques: Which major change has been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs (CCPA) for the upcoming population census in India?**

**भारत में आगामी जनगणना के लिए मंत्रिमंडल की राजनीतिक मामलों की समिति (CCPA) द्वारा किस महत्वपूर्ण बदलाव को मंजूरी दी गई है?**

- (a) Online-only census process / केवल ऑनलाइन जनगणना प्रक्रिया
- (b) Inclusion of caste enumeration / जातिगत गणना को शामिल करना
- (c) Census every 5 years / हर 5 साल में जनगणना
- (d) Combining census with local elections / जनगणना को स्थानीय चुनावों के साथ जोड़ना
- (e) Dropping household economic data / पारिवारिक आर्थिक डेटा को हटाना

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation :**

- The inclusion of caste enumeration in the upcoming national population census has been accepted by the Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs (CCPA).
- The census, which was supposed to start in 2021, is now anticipated to start in 2025.
- The British carried out the country's first census in several regions in 1872. At the time, Lord Mayo served as India's governor general.
- Under Lord Rippon's rule, the first synchronous census was carried out in 1881, and it continued to be undertaken every ten years until 1931.
- Caste enumeration was a common practice in censuses conducted between 1881 and 1931, when Britain was in power.
- However, the government stopped the practice in 1951 after India gained its independence and conducted its first census.
- The final caste census was conducted in 1931.





**Ques: Under which mission has the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare released recommendations for the establishment of Bio-Input Resource Centers (BRCs)?**

**प्रश्न: कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय ने किस मिशन के तहत बायो-इनपुट रिसोर्स सेंटर (BRC) की स्थापना के लिए सिफारिशें जारी की हैं?**

- (a) National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture / राष्ट्रीय सतत कृषि मिशन
- (b) National Mission on Edible Oilseeds / राष्ट्रीय खाद्य तिलहन मिशन
- (c) National Mission on Natural Farming / राष्ट्रीय प्राकृतिक खेती मिशन
- (d) PM-KISAN Yojana / पीएम-किसान योजना
- (e) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana / राष्ट्रीय कृषि विकास योजना

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Bio-Input Resource Centers (BRCs) are being established under the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF).
- Each BRC will get Rs 1 lakh in two installments of Rs 50,000 to promote chemical-free natural farming.
- These centers aim to empower cluster-level businesses for local input production and distribution.
- The initiative aligns with other government schemes like the National Mission on Edible Oilseeds and 10,000 FPOs.
- In the Union Budget 2024–25, 10,000 BRCs are proposed to be established.
- Up to the 15th Finance Commission period (2025–26), the initiative will cost a total of Rs 2,481 crore, of which Rs 1,584 crore will come from the Government of India and Rs 897 crore from the States.







**Ques: Which two sports have been officially included in the 2026 Asian Games by the Olympic Council of Asia and AINAGOC?**

**ओलंपिक काउंसिल ऑफ एशिया और AINAGOC द्वारा 2026 एशियाई खेलों में किन दो खेलों को आधिकारिक रूप से शामिल किया गया है?**

- (a) Baseball and Kabaddi / बेसबॉल और कबड्डी
- (b) Cricket and Mixed Martial Arts / क्रिकेट और मिक्स्ड मार्शल आर्ट्स
- (c) Squash and Karate / स्क्वैश और कराटे
- (d) Wrestling and Polo / कुश्ती और पोलो
- (e) Tennis and Esports / टेनिस और ईस्पोर्ट्स

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games Organizing Committee (AINAGOC) have officially confirmed the inclusion of Cricket and Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) in the 2026 Asian Games.
- The event will be held from September 19 to October 4, 2026, in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- Cricket will return for its 4th appearance (previously in 2010, 2014, and 2022), played in the T20I format.
- MMA will make its debut with six medal events.

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