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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?

- (a) National Highway Authority of India (NHAI)
- (b) Border Security Force (BSF)
- (c) Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI)
- (d) Ministry of External Affairs
- (e) Shipping Corporation of India

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

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Ques : Where is the 58th Annual Meeting of the ADB being held in 2025?

- A. Manila
- B. Tokyo
- C. Milan
- D. Bangkok
- E. New Delhi

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?

- (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 ?

- (a) UCO Bank
- (b) Axis Bank
- (c) Bank of India
- (d) J&K Bank
- (e) Bank of Baroda

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 ?

- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- (b) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- (c) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance
- (d) Shriram General Insurance Company
- (e) PNB MetLife India Insurance

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?

- A. Rani Avantibai Tiger Reserve
- B. Gondwana Wildlife Reserve
- C. Shaheed Bhagat Singh Tiger Reserve
- D. Veerangana Rani Durgavati Tiger Reserve
- E. Maharani Ahilyabai Tiger Park

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?

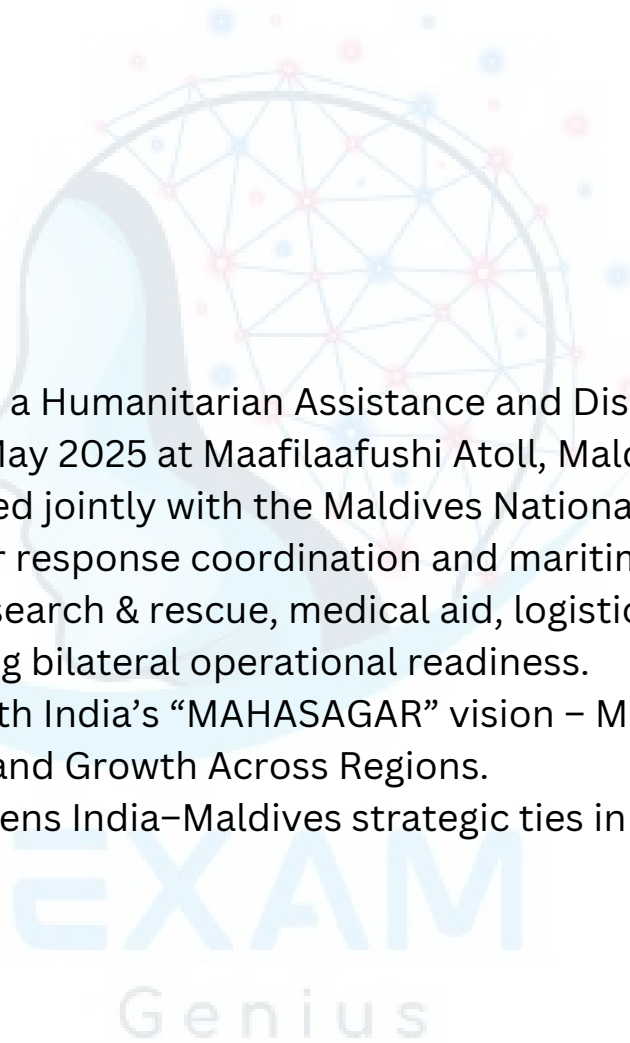
- A. INS Sumitra
- B. INS Sharda
- C. INS Vikramaditya
- D. INS Sunayna
- E. INS Kolkata

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).





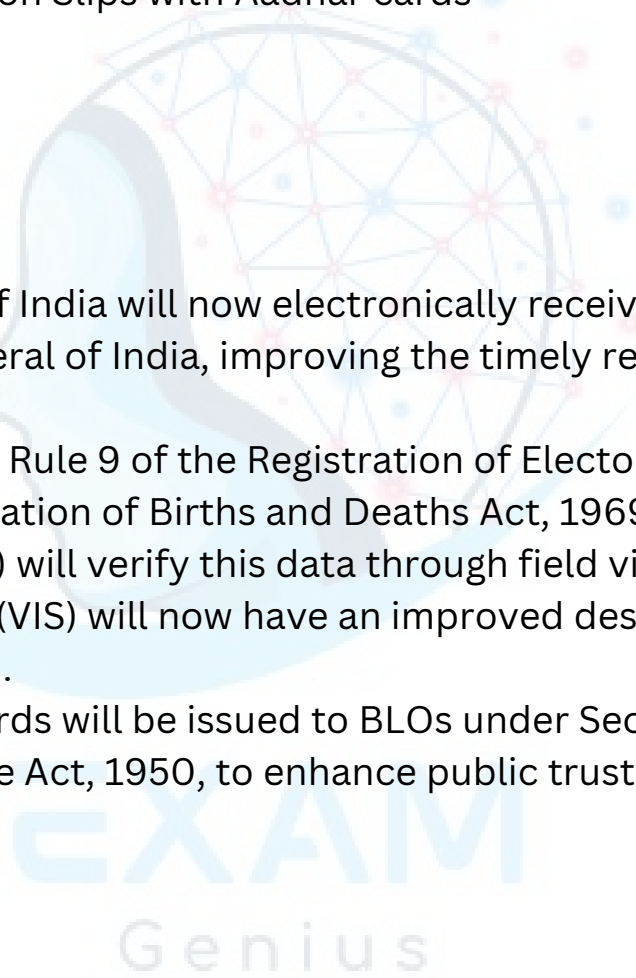
Ques: What new step has the Election Commission of India taken to improve the accuracy of electoral rolls?

- (a) Introduced blockchain technology for voter data
- (b) Started electronic sharing of death registration data with BLOs
- (c) Allowed online voting for all citizens
- (d) Made voter ID optional for elections
- (e) Replaced Voter Information Slips with Aadhar cards

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?

- A. Iga Swiatek
- B. Petra Kvitova
- C. Naomi Osaka
- D. Coco Gauff
- E. Elena Rybakina

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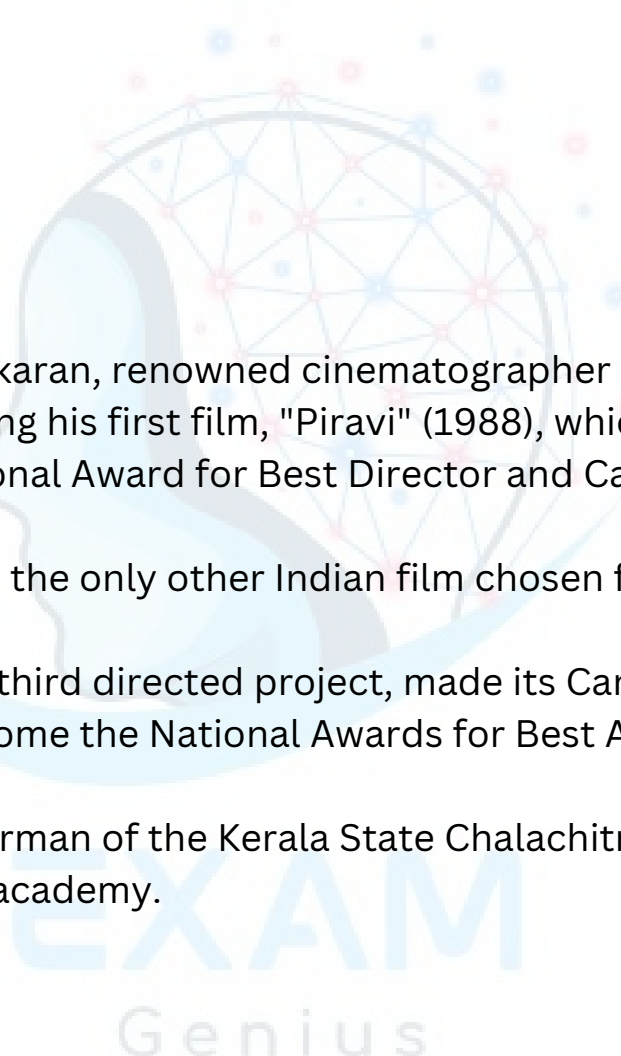
Ques: Which renowned Indian filmmaker and cinematographer, known for films like Piravi and Vanaprastham, recently passed away?

- (a) Adoor Gopalakrishnan
- (b) Shaji N. Karun
- (c) Girish Kasaravalli
- (d) Mrinal Sen
- (e) Santosh Sivan

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.





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

- A. Hampi
- B. Belur-Halebidu
- C. Lakkundi
- D. Pattadakal
- E. Shravanabelagola

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?

- 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)?

- (a) Preeti Sudan
- (b) Sujata Chaturvedi and Anuradha Prasad
- (c) Raj Shukla and Anil Sahasrabuddhe
- (d) Smita Sabharwal and Arvind Panagariya
- (e) P K Sinha and Vinay Kumar

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?

- 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?

- A. Charlie Munger
- B. Peter Buffett
- C. Tim Cook
- D. Jamie Dimon
- E. Greg Abel

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.

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

- A. IR-64 and Swarna
- B. Sona Masoori and Rasi Hybrid
- C. Basmati Gold and Shakti
- D. Pusa Basmati 1 and MT-9
- E. Kamala and Pusa DST Rice 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?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Visakhapatnam
- (d) Hyderabad
- (e) Bhopal

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?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Tripura
- (d) Manipur
- (e) Arunachal Pradesh

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?

- (a) Online-only census process
- (b) Inclusion of caste enumeration
- (c) Census every 5 years
- (d) Combining census with local elections
- (e) Dropping household economic data

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)?

- (a) National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture
- (b) National Mission on Edible Oilseeds
- (c) National Mission on Natural Farming
- (d) PM-KISAN Yojana
- (e) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana

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.

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

- (a) Baseball and Kabaddi
- (b) Cricket and Mixed Martial Arts
- (c) Squash and Karate
- (d) Wrestling and Polo
- (e) Tennis and Esports

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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