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**Ques: What recent step has the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) taken to boost rupee-denominated trade using vostro accounts?**

**भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (RBI) ने रुपया-मूल्यवर्गित व्यापार को बढ़ावा देने के लिए वोस्ट्रो खातों के उपयोग को लेकर हाल ही में क्या कदम उठाया है?**

- A. Introduced a new digital currency linked to vostro accounts / वोस्ट्रो खातों से जुड़ी नई डिजिटल करेंसी शुरू की
- B. Requested government approval to remove the 30% cap on buying short-term sovereign debt / अल्पकालिक सरकारी ऋण खरीदने पर 30% सीमा हटाने की अनुमति मांगी
- C. Banned the use of vostro accounts for treasury bills / वोस्ट्रो खातों का ट्रेजरी बिलों में उपयोग प्रतिबंधित किया
- D. Allowed foreign banks to withdraw funds from vostro accounts in cash / विदेशी बैंकों को वोस्ट्रो खातों से नकद निकासी की अनुमति दी
- E. Limited vostro account usage to trade in commodities only / वोस्ट्रो खातों का उपयोग केवल वस्तुओं के व्यापार तक सीमित किया

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has sought the government's approval to remove the 30% cap on foreign banks using vostro accounts to purchase short-term sovereign debt, including treasury bills.
- Vostro accounts allow foreign banks to hold rupee-denominated balances with Indian banks, facilitating trade in Indian currency.
- In 2022, the RBI allowed foreign banks to open Special Vostro Rupee Accounts (SVRAs) to promote rupee-based trade settlements, as part of a broader push to internationalise the Indian rupee.
- The existing rule capped the use of vostro balances for buying securities with less than one year maturity to 30%, which the RBI now wants to lift to enhance rupee trade flows.
- As of December 2024, 156 SRVAs were being opened with 26 Indian banks by 123 correspondent banks from 30 other nations.
- All vostro accounts, including SRVAs, had a total balance of 134.55 billion rupees, or around \$1.60 billion.





## Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) report, India's total exports in 2024–25 reached \$824.9 billion, which reflects a 6.01% increase over \$778.1 billion in 2023–24
- RBI has announced that starting 1st May 2025, all banks, financial companies, and regulated entities must use the PRAVAAH portal for submitting applications related to regulatory authorisations, licences, and approvals
- Zaak ePayment Services, a wholly owned subsidiary of Mobikwik, received final approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an Online Payment Aggregator
- 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)
- 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



**Ques: How much gold did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) purchase during the fiscal year 2024-25?**

**वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 के दौरान भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (RBI) ने कितना सोना खरीदा?**

- A. 27.5 tonnes
- B. 50.1 tonnes
- C. 57.5 tonnes
- D. 62.3 tonnes
- E. 45.8 tonnes

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) purchased 57.5 tonnes of gold during the fiscal year 2024-25, making it the second-highest annual purchase since it began accumulating gold in December 2017.
- With this addition, RBI's total gold reserves reached 879.6 tonnes as of March 2025, compared to 822.1 tonnes in March 2024.
- In 2023-24, the RBI had added 27.47 tonnes to its gold reserves.
- The increase aligns with a global trend, as central banks worldwide have been boosting gold reserves due to the continued weakness of the US dollar amid global economic uncertainties.

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**Ques: Who was awarded the AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year for 2024-25?**  
**2024-25 के लिए एआईएफएफ पुरुष फुटबॉलर ऑफ द ईयर का पुरस्कार किसे मिला?**

- A. Sunil Chhetri / सुनील छेत्री
- B. Sahal Abdul Samad / सहल अब्दुल समद
- C. Subhasish Bose / शुभाशीष बोस
- D. Gurpreet Singh Sandhu / गुरप्रीत सिंह संधू
- E. Brandon Fernandes / ब्रैंडन फर्नांडिस

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation :**

- At the award ceremony in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) declared the winners of the AIFF annual awards for 2024-2025.
- The Subhasish Bose, a defender with the West Bengal (WB) Mohun Bagan Super Giants (MBSG), was selected as the AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year for 2024-2025. Since Nabi (2012), he became the first WB player to win this title.

**List of Winners of AIFF Awards 2024-25 :**

- AIFF Promising Men's Player of the Year : Brison Fernandes
- AIFF Promising Women's Player of the Year : Toijam Thoibisana Chanu
- AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year : Subhasish Bose
- AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year : Soumya Guguloth (Telangana)
- AIFF Men's Coach of the Year : Khalid Jamil
- AIFF Women's Coach of the Year : Sujata Kar
- President's Special Honour for Coaching Excellence : Ranjan Chowdhury
- AIFF Best Men's Goalkeeper : Vishal Kaith
- AIFF Best Women's Goalkeeper : Elangbam Panthoi Chanu
- AIFF Male Referee of the Year : Venkatesh
- AIFF Female Referee of the Year : Tekcham Ranjita Devi
- AIFF Male Assistant Referee of the Year : Vairamuthu
- AIFF Female Assistant Referee of the Year : Riiohlang Dhar

**About All India Football Federation (AIFF) :**

- Established : 1937
- HQ : New Delhi
- President : Kalyan Chaubey





## Recent News headlines related to Sports

- 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
- World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka defeated Coco Gauff 6-3, 7-6(3) to win the Madrid Open 2024 title
- Barcelona defeated Real Madrid 3-2 in a thrilling Copa del Rey final at Estadio de La Cartuja, winning a record-extending 32nd Spanish Cup title
- Manush Shah and Diya Chitale won the mixed doubles title at WTT Contender Tunis 2025
- Brazil earned the most votes at the FIFA Congress, which was held in Bangkok, Thailand, and will host the 10th FIFA Women's World Cup in 2027
- With a scorching 101 runs off 38 balls for the Rajasthan Royals against the Gujarat Titans, Vaibhav Suryavanshi became the youngest century in IPL history at the age of just 14 years and 32 days
- At the TCS World 10K Bengaluru 2025, Joshua Cheptegei of Uganda won the men's race, and Sarah Chelangat of Uganda won the women's
- At the Asian Yogasana Sport Championship in Delhi, India put up a strong show, winning a record 83 gold medals to lead the medal count
- In the match between the Mumbai Indians and Sunrisers Hyderabad, Rohit Sharma, the team's opener, made history. After Virat Kohli, he was the only other Indian hitter to reach the milestone of 12,000 T20 runs
- Indian Grandmaster Koneru Humpy won the Pune FIDE Women's Grand Prix 2025, finishing with 7/9 points, after defeating Nurgyul Salimova in the last round
- The DP World India Championship 2025 will debut at the historic Delhi Golf Club, on the Lodhi Course, from October 16 to 19, 2025
- Sourav Kothari won the International Billiards and Snooker Federation (IBSF) World Billiards Championship 2025 title







**Ques: What is the purpose of the AIM4NatuRe initiative launched by the FAO in 2025?**

**FAO द्वारा 2025 में शुरू की गई AIM4NatuRe पहल का उद्देश्य क्या है?**

- A. Promoting organic farming worldwide / विश्व स्तर पर जैविक खेती को बढ़ावा देना
- B. Restoring 30% of degraded ecosystems by 2030 / 2030 तक 30% क्षतिग्रस्त पारिस्थितिक तंत्रों की बहाली
- C. Ending deforestation by 2028 / 2028 तक वनों की कटाई समाप्त करना
- D. Reducing plastic waste in oceans / महासागरों में प्लास्टिक कचरे को कम करना
- E. Promoting renewable energy in agriculture / कृषि में नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा को बढ़ावा देना

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Accelerating Innovative Monitoring for Nature Restoration (AIM4NatuRe) initiative was launched by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in 2025.
- It is a four-year initiative (2025–2028) supported by the United Kingdom with funding of 7 million GBP (approximately USD 9.38 million).
- The initiative supports Target 2 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, which aims to restore 30% of degraded ecosystems by 2030.
- Pilot projects are being conducted in Brazil and Peru, in collaboration with FAO's Indigenous Peoples Unit, to integrate traditional knowledge with modern monitoring systems for ecosystem restoration.

**About Food and Agriculture Organization :**

- Established : 16 October 1945
- HQ : Rome, Italy
- Director-General : Qu Dongyu



**Ques :** Angola became the \_\_\_ member of the International Solar Alliance after signing the Framework Agreement in 2025.

अंगोला ने 2025 में फ्रेमवर्क समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर करने के बाद अंतरराष्ट्रीय सौर गठबंधन का \_\_\_वां सदस्य बना।

- A. 121st
- B. 122nd
- C. 123rd
- D. 124th
- E. 125th

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- The India–Angola collaboration in 2025 marks a significant step in strengthening bilateral ties across various sectors.
- India approved a \$200 million Line of Credit for Angola to facilitate defense procurement under the signed MoUs.
- Angola joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA) by signing the Framework Agreement, becoming the 123rd member, a move that emphasizes the global shift towards renewable energy and solar power cooperation.
- The partnership opens economic opportunities for Indian industries in infrastructure and energy projects within Angola, while enhancing strategic ties in the Global South context.
- Angola's ISA membership aligns with its efforts to adopt clean energy solutions and India's leadership in promoting solar energy through the ISA.







**Ques: What is the name of the report released in 2025 to honor exceptional self-made women leaders across various sectors?**

**2025 में विभिन्न क्षेत्रों की असाधारण स्वनिर्मित महिला नेताओं को सम्मानित करने के लिए जारी की गई रिपोर्ट का नाम क्या है?**

- A. Women of Honor 2025 / वूमेन ऑफ ऑनर 2025
- B. Shakti Icons 2025 / शक्ति आइकॉन्स 2025
- C. W-Power 2025 / डब्ल्यू-पावर 2025
- D. Nari Shakti List / नारी शक्ति सूची
- E. Bharat Women Achievers / भारत वीमेन अचीवर्स

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The W-Power 2025 list was jointly published by Forbes India and France-based L'Oréal Paris.
- The initiative was originally launched in 2017 to celebrate women making remarkable strides without inherited positions or wealth.
- The 2025 edition honors 20 self-made women for their achievements in fields such as business, finance, sports, entertainment, and public service.
- The list is compiled based on a rigorous selection process by the Forbes India team using primary and secondary sources, focusing on entrepreneurs and professionals who have built their success independently.

**Highlights of W-Power 2025 list :**

**Business & Finance :**

- Dr. Gita Gopinath, First Deputy MD of the International Monetary Fund
- Renuka Ramnath, Founder of Multiples Alternate Asset Management
- Sonia Dasgupta, MD & CEO (Investment Banking) JM Financial Services Limited
- Kaku Nakhate – India CEO of USA based Bank of America
- Leena Nair – Global CEO of France based Chanel
- Sonal Desai – Chief Investment Officer (CIO) of Franklin Templeton Fixed Income Group
- Vishakha Mulye – CEO of Aditya Birla Capital Limited(ABCL)





### Sports :

- Manu Bhaker, won two bronze medals in shooting at the 2024 Paris Olympics
- Smriti Mandhana, emerged as 2024's highest runscore in women's cricket
- Pusarla Venkata Sindhu of Badminton

### Entrepreneurship :

- Anamika Khanna – Creative Director and Founder of
- Anamika Khanna and AK|OK Mira Kulkarni – Founder and MD of Forest Essentials
- Rohini Iyer – Founder and Director of Rain Reign Group
- Prerna Singh – CEO of Bhansali Productions

### Public Service & Academia :

- Mona Khandhar – Principal Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Gujarat
- Dr. Pratima Murthy – Director, National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) in Karnataka

### Arts & Entertainment :

- Payal Kapadia – Filmmaker, her debut feature All We Imagine As Light won the Grand Prix at the 2024 Cannes Film Festival
- Sunidhi Chauhan – Singer

### Corporate Leadership :

- Savitha Balachandran – CFO of Tata Technologies Limited
- Shefali Goradia – Chairperson of Deloitte South Asia



## India's Rankings in Different Indices

- 2nd edition of the 2025 CareEdge State Rankings was published by CareEdge Ratings : Maharashtra (top) Gujarat (2nd)
- 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)





**Ques: What is the title of the book authored by Arun Singhal and Devendra Kumar Sharma, recently launched in New Delhi?**

**अरुण सिंगल और देवेन्द्र कुमार शर्मा द्वारा लिखित हाल ही में नई दिल्ली में लॉन्च की गई पुस्तक का नाम क्या है?**

- A. Genius of Numbers / संख्याओं का जीनियस
- B. The Mathematical Mind / गणितीय मस्तिष्क
- C. Ramanujan: Journey of a Great Mathematician / रामानुजन: जर्नी ऑफ ए ग्रेट मैथमेटिशियन
- D. Numbers Never Lie / नंबर्स नेवर लाइ
- E. Legacy of Ramanujan / रामानुजन की विरासत

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- The book titled "Ramanujan: Journey of a Great Mathematician" is authored by Arun Singhal and Devendra Kumar Sharma.
- It was launched by the National Archives of India (NAI) in collaboration with Vani Prakashan Group.
- The launch event took place at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi.
- The book chronicles the extraordinary life and contributions of Srinivasa Ramanujan, one of India's greatest mathematical minds.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- March to Glory: The Story of India's 1975 World Cup triumph : K. Arumugam
- Buransh: The Fragrance of Words : Anupama Sharma
- Memories and Milestones : Justice P.N. Prakash
- Beyond the Courtroom: Reflections on Law, Constitution, and Nationhood : Fali Sam Nariman
- Mere Achhe Din : Hari Singh Rana
- 'The India I Saw: A Glimpse into the Life of S. Ambujammal' (translated from the 1973 Tamil autobiography 'Nan Kanda Bharatham') : S. Ambujammal (original Author)
- "Confessions of Stock Market Wizards" : Safir Anand
- The Great Conciliator: Lal Bahadur Shastri and the Transformation of India : Sanjeev Chopra
- To the Seventh Generation: The Journey of Christian Medical College Vellore : V.I. Mathan
- March of Glory: The Story of India's 1975 World Cup triumph : Hockey historian, K. Arumugam and Eminent journalist Errol D'Cruz
- "Living with Birds" : Asad Rahmani
- Leo – The Untold Story : P.S. Raman
- Rice: A Global History : Renee Marton
- The Sona Story: The Textile to Tech Journey of Chettiar Industrialist C Valliappa : Chitra Narayanan
- Prapancha Charitra : Authored by Former minister and Member of Parliament Daggubati Venkateswara Rao
- Diyaslai : Autobiography of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Kailash Satyarthi
- Life on Mars: Collected Stories : Eminent Author and Sahitya Akademi Awardee, Namita Gokhale
- I Am? : Gopichand P Hinduja





**:Ques: Which historic artifact did the Maharashtra Government recently purchase at an auction in London?**

**महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने हाल ही में लंदन में नीलामी से कौन-सी ऐतिहासिक वस्तु खरीदी?**

- A. Shivaji Maharaj's Armor / शिवाजी महाराज का कवच
- B. Bajirao's War Helmet / बाजीराव का युद्ध शिरस्त्राण
- C. Raghuji Bhonsle's Sword / रघुजी भोसले की तलवार
- D. Holkar's Battle Shield / होल्कर की युद्ध ढाल
- E. Peshwa's Signet Ring / पेशवा की मुद्रिका

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- The Maharashtra Government recently purchased the historic sword of Raghuji Bhonsle at an auction in London.
- Raghuji Bhonsle I was a prominent Maratha leader in the 18th century.
- Following the Battle of Sitabuldi in 1817, the British defeated the Nagpur Bhonsles, and many valuables, including weapons, were looted from the Bhonsle Palace.
- The recovery of the sword is part of efforts to reclaim India's lost heritage and artifacts taken during colonial times.

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**Ques: Which Indian city recently joined the WHO's Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC)?**

**हाल ही में किस भारतीय शहर ने WHO के वैश्विक आयु-अनुकूल शहरों और समुदायों के नेटवर्क (GNAFCC) में सदस्यता प्राप्त की है?**

- A. Thiruvananthapuram / तिरुवनंतपुरम
- B. Kochi / कोच्ची
- C. Kozhikode / कोझिकोड
- D. Mysuru / मैसूर
- E. Chennai / चेन्नई

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- Kozhikode, a city in Kerala, has officially become a member of the WHO's Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC).
- It is the second Indian city to join this network after Kochi (Kerala), which became a member in 2024.
- It is also the second city in the WHO South-East Asia Region (SEAR) after Wellawaya, Sri Lanka, to receive this recognition.
- This marks Kozhikode's second international honor, the first being its 2023 recognition by UNESCO as a City of Literature.

**About WHO GNAFCC :**

- Established : 2010
- Objective : To connect cities, communities and organisations across the world with common vision of making their community a great place to grow old in
- Members : At present, WHO GNAFCC includes 1,705 cities and communities in 60 countries covering more than 330 million people across the world





**Ques : What is the name of the surface-to-surface missile Pakistan test-launched in its training exercise in 2025?**

**2025 में पाकिस्तान द्वारा प्रशिक्षण अभ्यास में परीक्षण की गई सतह से सतह पर मार करने वाली मिसाइल का नाम क्या है?**

- A. Shaheen-III
- B. Ghauri
- C. Nasr
- D. Babur
- E. Fatah Series

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation :**

- In 2025, Pakistan conducted a training launch of its 'Fatah Series' surface-to-surface missile, with a range of 120 km.
- The launch was part of military exercise "INDUS" and aimed to ensure troop readiness and validate key technical parameters.
- Senior officers from the Pakistan Army, along with scientists and engineers from strategic organizations, witnessed the test.
- The missile test highlights Pakistan's military preparedness amidst regional tensions, and reflects its continued focus on strategic and technological advancements in missile capabilities.
- The Fatah Series adds to Pakistan's arsenal of short-range battlefield weapons designed for rapid deployment and tactical effectiveness.





**Ques: What is the name of the innovation conclave addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to boost India's innovation ecosystem?**

**प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी द्वारा भारत की नवाचार पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र को बढ़ावा देने के लिए संबोधित नवाचार सम्मेलन का नाम क्या है?**

- A. NAVACHAR Bharat / नवाचार भारत
- B. Srijan Manthan / सृजन मंथन
- C. Viksit Sankalp / विकसित संकल्प
- D. YUGM / युग्म
- E. Nayi Soch / नई सोच

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 'YUGM: Uniting Academia, Industry, and Innovators for Viksit Bharat' Innovation Conclave in New Delhi.
- The event was organized by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with the Wadhvani Foundation.
- YUGM, meaning "confluence" in Sanskrit, is a first-of-its-kind strategic conclave bringing together leaders from government, academia, industry, and innovation sectors.
- It aims to strengthen India's innovation ecosystem through a joint initiative worth approximately Rs 1,400 crore.
- The initiative includes the establishment of Superhubs at IIT Kanpur (AI & Intelligent Systems) and IIT Bombay (Biosciences & Medicine).
- A Letter of Intent was exchanged between the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) and the Wadhvani Foundation, marking a unique public-philanthropic partnership focused on high-impact research.





**Ques: Which indigenous helicopter model was recently cleared for operations after being grounded due to a crash in January 2025?**

जनवरी 2025 में दुर्घटना के कारण ग्राउंडेड किए जाने के बाद हाल ही में किस स्वदेशी हेलीकॉप्टर मॉडल को संचालन के लिए मंजूरी दी गई है?

- A. HAL Rudra / एचएएल रुद्र
- B. ALH Dhruv / एएलएच ध्रुव
- C. LCH Prachand / एलसीएच प्रचंड
- D. Cheetah Helicopter / चीता हेलीकॉप्टर
- E. Garuda Mark II / गरुड़ मार्क-II

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- The Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Dhruv, used by the Army and Air Force, was cleared for operations after being grounded since January 2025.
- The grounding followed a crash of the Indian Coast Guard's ALH Mark-III during a training sortie in Porbandar, Gujarat, which tragically claimed the lives of all three crew members.
- A Defect Investigation (DI) Committee reviewed the incident, and based on its recommendations, HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited)—the helicopter's manufacturer—confirmed that the helicopters are now safe to operate.
- A total of 330 ALHs had been grounded across the armed forces as a precautionary measure.

**About Hindustan Aeronautics Limited :**

- Established : 1940
- HQ : Bengaluru (Bangalore), Karnataka
- CMD : DK Sunil





## Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- INS Sharda participated in a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise held from 04–10 May 2025 at Maafilaafushi Atoll, Maldives
- Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL), a unit of DRDO based in Hyderabad, successfully conducted a 1,000-second ground test of an Active Cooled Scramjet Subscale Combustor
- 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 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

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**Ques: The USA approved a USD 131 million Foreign Military Sale to India under which Quad initiative?**

**अमेरिका ने भारत को 131 मिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर की विदेशी सैन्य बिक्री (FMS) किस क्वाड पहल के तहत मंजूरी दी?**

- A. Indo-Pacific Maritime Partnership (IPMP) / इंडो-पैसिफिक समुद्री साझेदारी
- B. Quad Maritime Cooperation Program (QMCP) / क्वाड समुद्री सहयोग कार्यक्रम
- C. Indo-Pacific Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA) / इंडो-पैसिफिक समुद्री डोमेन जागरूकता
- D. Strategic Indo-Pacific Security Pact (SISP) / सामरिक इंडो-पैसिफिक सुरक्षा समझौता
- E. Allied Naval Surveillance Mission (ANSM) / संबद्ध नौसेना निगरानी मिशन

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- The United States of America (USA) approved a Foreign Military Sale (FMS) worth USD 131 million (approx. Rs. 1,090 crore) to India.
- The objective is to strengthen India's maritime security in the Indo-Pacific region.
- This sale falls under the Indo-Pacific Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA) programme, a Quad initiative involving Australia, India, Japan, and the USA.
- The primary contractor for the sale is HawkEye 360, a Herndon, Virginia-based US defense company.
- HawkEye 360 operates a network of low Earth orbit satellites that track radio frequency (RF) signals from ships, aircraft, and coastal systems.

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**Ques: Which Indian state became the first to introduce a dedicated policy for shipbuilding, ship repair, and ship recycling in 2025?**  
**2025 में जहाज निर्माण, मरम्मत और पुनर्चक्रण के लिए समर्पित नीति शुरू करने वाला पहला भारतीय राज्य कौन-सा बना?**

- A. Gujarat / गुजरात
- B. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- C. Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- D. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- E. Kerala / केरल

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

- Maharashtra approved the 'Shipbuilding, Ship Repair and Ship Recycling Policy 2025', becoming the first Indian state to adopt a dedicated policy in the maritime manufacturing sector.
- The policy offers a capital subsidy of 15% of the project cost.
- It includes support of up to Rs 1 crore per project for skill development and up to Rs 25 crore for R&D.
- Land will be provided on 30-year concessional leases for shipyard development.
- India ranks 21st in global shipbuilding, 20th in ship repair, and 2nd in ship recycling with a 32.6% global share.
- In comparison, China, South Korea, and Japan lead global shipbuilding with shares of 50%, 28%, and 15% respectively.
- Maharashtra alone holds 11% of India's shipbuilding capacity and 21% of total production.
- The Union Budget 2025–26 has allocated Rs 25,000 crore to the Maritime Development Fund to enhance India's maritime infrastructure.





**Ques: When is World Portuguese Language Day observed annually?**

**विश्व पुर्तगाली भाषा दिवस हर साल कब मनाया जाता है?**

- A. 3 May
- B. 5 May
- C. 7 May
- D. 9 May
- E. 11 May

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- World Portuguese Language Day is observed every year on 5 May.
- It was first established in 2009 by the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP).
- The day was later officially recognized by UNESCO in 2019.
- It celebrates the global importance of the Portuguese language, which is spoken by over 260 million people worldwide across countries like Portugal, Brazil, Angola, Mozambique, and others.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and world :

- 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
- Madhya Pradesh is the first state in India to implement an AI-based real-time alert system for active forest management
- 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)
- 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)



## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Anthony Albanese of the Labor Party has won a second consecutive 3-year term as Prime Minister of Australia – the first to do so in 21 years.

Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh has assumed charge as the new Director General and Chief Executive Officer of the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)

Ministry of Home Affairs constituted a High- Level Committee under the chairmanship of Union Minister Amit Shah to oversee national disaster preparedness and response mechanisms. The committee was formed under sub-section (2) of Section 8B of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 (Act No. 53 of 2005). Other members are Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Nirmala Sitharaman and Suman Bery

Through a partnership between Christian Medical College Vellore and the Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council's Institute for Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine (BRIC-inStem), India has conducting its first human gene therapy trial for hemophilia.

Renowned author and former Governor of West Bengal Gopalkrishna Gandhi released his memoir titled “The Undying Light: A Personal History of Independent India.”

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## महत्वपूर्ण एक पंक्ति वर्तमान मामले

लेबर पार्टी के एंथनी अल्बानीज ने ऑस्ट्रेलिया के प्रधानमंत्री के रूप में लगातार दूसरी बार 3 साल का कार्यकाल जीता है - 21 वर्षों में ऐसा करने वाले वे पहले व्यक्ति हैं।

श्री ज्ञानेश्वर कुमार सिंह ने भारतीय कॉर्पोरेट मामलों के संस्थान (IICA) के नए महानिदेशक और मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी के रूप में कार्यभार संभाला है

गृह मंत्रालय ने राष्ट्रीय आपदा तैयारी और प्रतिक्रिया तंत्र की देखरेख के लिए केंद्रीय मंत्री अमित शाह की अध्यक्षता में एक उच्च स्तरीय समिति का गठन किया है। समिति का गठन आपदा प्रबंधन अधिनियम, 2005 (अधिनियम संख्या 53, 2005) की धारा 8बी की उपधारा (2) के तहत किया गया था। अन्य सदस्य शिवराज सिंह चौहान, निर्मला सीतारमण और सुमन बेरी हैं

क्रिश्चियन मेडिकल कॉलेज वेल्लोर और बायोटेक्नोलॉजी रिसर्च एंड इनोवेशन काउंसिल के इंस्टीट्यूट फॉर सेल साइंस एंड रीजनरेटिव मेडिसिन (BRIC-inStem) के बीच साझेदारी के माध्यम से, भारत ने हीमोफीलिया के लिए अपना पहला मानव जीन थेरेपी परीक्षण किया है।

प्रसिद्ध लेखक और पश्चिम बंगाल के पूर्व राज्यपाल गोपालकृष्ण गांधी ने “द अनडाइंग लाइट: ए पर्सनल हिस्ट्री ऑफ इंडिपेंडेंट इंडिया” शीर्षक से अपना संस्मरण जारी किया।

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