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Ques: Which company has launched India's first AI-powered Gold-Melting ATM, revolutionizing gold transactions?

- A. MMTC-PAMP
- B. Titan Gold Ltd. / टाइटन गोल्ड लिमिटेड
- C. Goldsikka
- D. Kalyan Jewellers
- E. Tanishq Digital

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Hyderabad-based Goldsikka has unveiled India's first AI-powered Gold-Melting ATM, setting a new benchmark in automated gold transactions.
- The machine allows users to buy, sell, exchange, lease, digitise, and monetise gold through an automated process.
- Goldsikka had earlier launched India's first real-time Gold ATM in 2022.
- The upgraded version now includes AI-based verification, including photograph capture, Aadhaar and ID validation, and automated bank credit—all within approximately 30 minutes.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of Oriental Insurance Company Limited (OICL) in 2025?

- A. R.R. Singh
- B. Amit Misra
- C. Sanjay Joshi
- D. Tapan Singhel
- E. G. Srinivasan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sanjay Joshi, who was serving as General Manager in United India Insurance Company Limited (UIICL), has been appointed as the Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of Oriental Insurance Company Limited (OICL).
- He replaced R.R. Singh.
- Prior to Joshi's appointment, Amit Misra, the Executive Director of OICL, served as acting CMD for a three-month term starting March 1, 2025.
- The Financial Services Institutions Bureau will select the chiefs of public sector banks and insurance companies. Bhanu Pratap Sharma is the Chairman, of Financial Services Institutions Bureau.

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Dr. Poonam Gupta : Deputy Governor of RBI
- Vivek Singh : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Home Credit India
- Neeraj Kumar Gupta : Chairman and Public Interest Director at NSE International Exchange (NSE IX) at GIFT City
- Santosh Kumar : Deputy CFO, Special Officer-Finance & Accounts, and Key Managerial Personnel IndusInd Bank
- Ajay Bhushan Pandey : Vice President – Investment Solutions at the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- Piyush Anchliya : Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Cashfree Payments
- Dr. Neelam Dhungana Timsina : Acting Governor of Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB) (replaced Mahaprasad Adhikari)
- Andrew Holland : Head of the newly introduced asset class – specialised investment funds (SIF) of Nippon Life India Asset Management (NAM)
- Viral Davda : Deputy Chief Information Officer at Bombay Stock Exchange Limited (BSE)
- Balaji Nuthalapadi : Executive Director – Technology and Operations at Equitas Small Finance Bank
- Satish Chavva : CEO of Oman India Joint Investment Fund – Management Company (OIJIF-MC)
- Ravneet Kaur : Chairperson of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA)
- Natarajan Chandrasekaran : International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Advisory Council on Entrepreneurship and Growth
- Ambuj Chandna : Managing Director (MD) and Head of Consumer Banking Group at DBS Bank India (replacing Prashant Joshi)
- Sivasubramanian Ramann : Chairman of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)





Ques: What financial milestone did M. Nagaraju, Secretary of the Department of Financial Services, mark by ringing the ceremonial bell at NSE in 2025?

- A. Launch of India's first Green Bond
- B. Listing of India's first mortgage-backed Pass Through Certificates (PTCs)
- C. Introduction of Digital Rupee
- D. Launch of Sovereign Gold Bonds /
- E. Debut of Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- M. Nagaraju, Secretary, Department of Financial Services, rang the ceremonial bell at the National Stock Exchange (NSE) to mark the listing of India's first mortgage-backed Pass Through Certificates (PTCs).
- The PTCs were structured by RMBS Development Company Limited and were fully subscribed at Rs.1,000 crore.
- They are backed by housing loans originated by LIC Housing Finance Limited, carry a 7.26% annual coupon, and have a 20-year maturity.
- The instruments were rated AAA(SO) by CRISIL and CARE Ratings and are issued in dematerialized form for trading in the secondary market.

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Ques : How many new IITs are included under Phase-B construction approved by the Union Cabinet in 2025?

- A. 3
- B. 5
- C. 7
- D. 10
- E. 6

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Union Cabinet approved the Phase-B construction for 5 new IITs under the IIT Expansion Plan 2025.
- The five IITs are: IIT Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), IIT Palakkad (Kerala), IIT Bhilai (Chhattisgarh), IIT Jammu (Jammu & Kashmir) and IIT Dharwad (Karnataka)
- The total budget for this expansion is Rs.11,828.79 crore, allocated between 2025–26 and 2028–29.
- A total of 130 new faculty posts (Level 14 and above) have been approved, along with the establishment of 5 new research parks.
- Student capacity across these 5 IITs will increase from 7,111 to 13,687, with annual intakes as follows : 1st Year – 1,364 students, 2nd Year – 1,738 students, 3rd Year – 1,767 students and 4th Year – 1,707 students
- The expansion will lead to direct employment of faculty, researchers, and support staff, boosting the local economy through demand in transport, housing, and services.
- Nationally, this plan will enhance social mobility, reduce educational inequality, and strengthen India's position in global academics.





Recent News Headlines Related to IITs

- Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) is initiating a Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G) pilot project in collaboration with IIT Bombay
- Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) signed an MoU with IIT Hyderabad to integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Digital Twin technologies in India's maritime sector
- Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan inaugurated Techkriti 2025, Asia's largest intercollegiate technical and entrepreneurial festival, at IIT Kanpur
- UIDAI, in collaboration with IIIT-Hyderabad, has launched a biometric SDK benchmarking competition to test the age invariance of biometric algorithms
- The National Statistical Office (NSO) India organized a 36-hour hackathon named "Hack the Future" in collaboration with IIT Gandhinagar on March 24, 2025
- India's Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) has signed an agreement with IIT Delhi to develop an advanced generative AI-based chatbot
- IIT Guwahati has developed India's first VR Metaverse, "Gyandhara", for PM SHRI Schools in collaboration with the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Assam Government's Department of Education
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has inked a MOU with IIT Dharwad, to boost industry-academia collaboration in advanced technologies
- Indian Bank has announced a Cyber Security & FinTech hackathon in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, set for April 2025
- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Indian Institute of Technology Indore (IIT-I) collaborate to launch 'AgriHub'
- The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), the premier Telecom R&D centre of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Gol, has signed an agreement with IIT Mandi, in collaboration with IIT Jammu, for the development of "Wideband Spectrum-Sensor ASIC-Chip, for Enhancing Spectrum Utilization".
- IIT-Madras has successfully commissioned Asia's largest shallow wave basin at its Discovery campus at Thaiyur.
- IIT Madras, has worked with the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on a project to increase the efficiency and efficacy of the agricultural extension system through digitization.
- IIT Madras has completed a 410-meter Hyperloop test track, marking a big step forward in India's pursuit of futuristic transportation solutions.



Ques: Why was former Indian cricketer S. Sreesanth suspended by the Kerala Cricket Association (KCA) in 2025?

- A. Match-fixing allegations
- B. Disrespectful behavior towards fans
- C. Remarks criticizing KCA over Sanju Samson's exclusion
- D. Refusal to attend team camp
- E. Promoting a private league without permission

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Kerala Cricket Association (KCA) suspended S. Sreesanth for three years from all association-related cricketing activities.
- The suspension followed a special General Body meeting held in Kochi.
- The action was taken in response to Sreesanth's public remarks criticizing the association for the exclusion of Sanju Samson from India's squad for the ICC Champions Trophy.
- Sreesanth was part of India's T20 World Cup 2007 and ODI World Cup 2011 winning teams.

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Ques : What is India's HDI rank in the 2023 report released by UNDP?

- A. 126
- B. 133
- C. 130
- D. 135
- E. 129

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- India ranked 130th out of 193 countries in the Human Development Index (HDI) 2023, showing an improvement from 133rd in 2022.
- India's HDI score rose from 0.676 (2022) to 0.685 (2023). A score of 0.700 is the threshold for high human development.
- Since 1990, India's HDI value has increased by over 53%, growing faster than the South Asian regional average.
- Life expectancy in India increased from 58.6 years (1990) to 72 years (2023).
- Gross National Income (GNI) per capita grew nearly four times, from \$2,167.22 in 1990 to \$9,046.76 in 2023.
- Inequality remains a significant challenge, reducing India's HDI by 30.7%, one of the highest impacts in the region.
- Despite reforms like the one-third reservation for women in legislatures, female labour participation and political representation remain low.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Interim Executive Director to represent India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka at the IMF in 2025?

- A. Raghuram Rajan /
- B. Krishnamurthy V. Subramanian
- C. Parameswaran Iyer
- D. V. Anantha Nageswaran
- E. Arvind Subramanian

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Parameswaran Iyer, who was serving as the Executive Director for India at the World Bank, has been appointed as the Interim Executive Director (ED) to represent India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka at the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- He replaced K.V. Subramanian, who previously served as India's 17th Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) from 2018 to 2021, and was the youngest to hold the position.
- The executive board of the IMF is composed of 25 directors (executive directors or EDs) elected by the member countries or groups of countries.
- India is in a four-country constituency, along with Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Bhutan as members
- The government's decision assumes significance as the IMF Executive Board will meet on May 9, to take a call on a new USD 1.3 billion loan under a climate resilience loan programme, along with the first review of the ongoing USD 7 billion bailout package for Pakistan.

About International Monetary Fund :

- Established : 1944
- HQ : Washington DC, the United States of America
- Member : 191
- Managing Director : Kristalina Georgieva





Ques: Who is the author of the book “The Johnson & Johnson Files: The Indian Secrets of a Global Giant”, praised by former Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud?

- A. Josy Joseph
- B. Kaunain Sheriff M
- C. Sagarika Ghose
- D. Rana Ayyub
- E. Priya Ramani

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- “The Johnson & Johnson Files: The Indian Secrets of a Global Giant” is authored by Kaunain Sheriff M, a journalist with The Indian Express.
- The book was published by Juggernaut and investigates the Indian operations and practices of the global pharmaceutical company Johnson & Johnson.
- Former Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud praised the book and cited the 1982 Tylenol crisis in the U.S. — a benchmark in corporate crisis management, where J&J responded to cyanide-laced capsules causing multiple deaths in Chicago.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- "The Undying Light: A Personal History of Independent India." : author and former Governor of West Bengal Gopalkrishna Gandhi
- "Ramanujan: Journey of a Great Mathematician" : Arun Singhal and Devendra Kumar Sharma
- 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





Ques: What is the name of the initiative launched by President Droupadi Murmu for the welfare of senior citizens in 2025?

- A. Ageing with Dignity – Initiatives for the Welfare of Senior Citizens
- B. Senior Dignity Scheme
- C. ElderCare India Mission
- D. Golden Years Support Programme
- E. Senior Citizen Empowerment Yatra

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- President Droupadi Murmu attended the event “Ageing with Dignity – Initiatives for the Welfare of Senior Citizens” at the Rashtrapati Bhawan Cultural Centre, New Delhi.
- The event was organized by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE).
- A Senior Citizens Welfare Portal was launched, providing a comprehensive digital platform to empower elderly citizens.
- She virtually inaugurated 5 new Senior Citizens Homes located in Tawang, Wokha, Vellore, Anakapalli, and Nainital.
- Aids and Assistive Devices were also distributed under the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY).

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Ques : What percentage of Indian merchandise shipments will get duty-free access to the UK under the FTA?

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- A. 85%
- B. 90%
- C. 94%
- D. 99%
- E. 100%

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- India and the UK finalized a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) aimed at doubling bilateral trade to \$120 billion in five years.
- Under the deal, India will receive duty-free access on 99% of merchandise exports to the UK.
- Key beneficiaries: Textiles, chemicals, leather, and footwear industries.
- The agreement also supports Indian workers in the UK with social security relief, and tariff reduction on automobiles and liquor.

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Ques : Where is the Kalanamak Rice Research Centre being set up in Uttar Pradesh?

- A. Gorakhpur
- B. Maharajganj
- C. Deoria
- D. Kushinagar
- E. Siddharthnagar

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Uttar Pradesh Government, in collaboration with the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), is setting up a Kalanamak Rice Research Centre in Siddharthnagar.
- Kalanamak Rice is An aromatic, non-basmati variety GI-tagged (Geographical Indication), Known for its black husk and In high international demand due to its unique aroma and low glycemic index
- As part of the export strategy, India has allowed exports of up to 1000 tonnes of Kalanamak rice in 2024–25, out of which 500 tonnes have already been exported to Singapore and Nepal.
- The rice is gaining attention at international food expos, such as the Dubai Gulf Food Expo.
- GI-tag production covers 11 districts: Siddharthnagar, Maharajganj, Gorakhpur, Deoria, Basti, Sant Kabir Nagar, Gonda, Balrampur, Bahraich, Shravasti, and Kushinagar.
- The government is promoting export-oriented and contract farming, with Kalanamak rice also being sold under the 'Diviam Aahar' brand in 1kg, 2kg, and 5kg retail packs.
- Due to its low Glycemic Index, Kalanamak rice is being promoted as a health-friendly option, and the Centre and State governments are exploring new markets through international fairs and exhibitions.





Ques: What is India's rank in the World Press Freedom Index 2025 released by Reporters Without Borders (RSF)?

- A. 145th
- B. 151st
- C. 155th
- D. 159th
- E. 165th

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The World Press Freedom Index 2025 was published by Reporters Without Borders (RSF).
- A total of 180 countries were assessed in the report.
- India ranked 151st, with a score of 32.96, improving 8 positions from 159th in 2024.
- The report highlighted that 160 out of 180 countries are facing major issues related to the financial sustainability of media outlets.
- Norway retained the top position, followed by other Scandinavian and European nations known for strong press freedom protections.

Ranking of top 5 and last countries with their scores:

- 1 Norway (9th Consecutive Year) : 92.31
- 2 Estonia : 89.46
- 3 Netherlands : 88.64
- 4 Sweden : 88.13
- 5 Finland : 87.18
- 20 United Kingdom : 78.89
- 57 United States : 65.49
- 180 Eritrea : 11.32

Ranking Of India & its neighboring countries :



90 Nepal : 55.2
139 Sri Lanka : 39.93
149 Bangladesh : 33.71
151 India : 32.96
152 Bhutan : 32.62
158 Pakistan : 29.62
169 Myanmar : 25.32
175 Afghanistan : 7.88
178 China : 14.8



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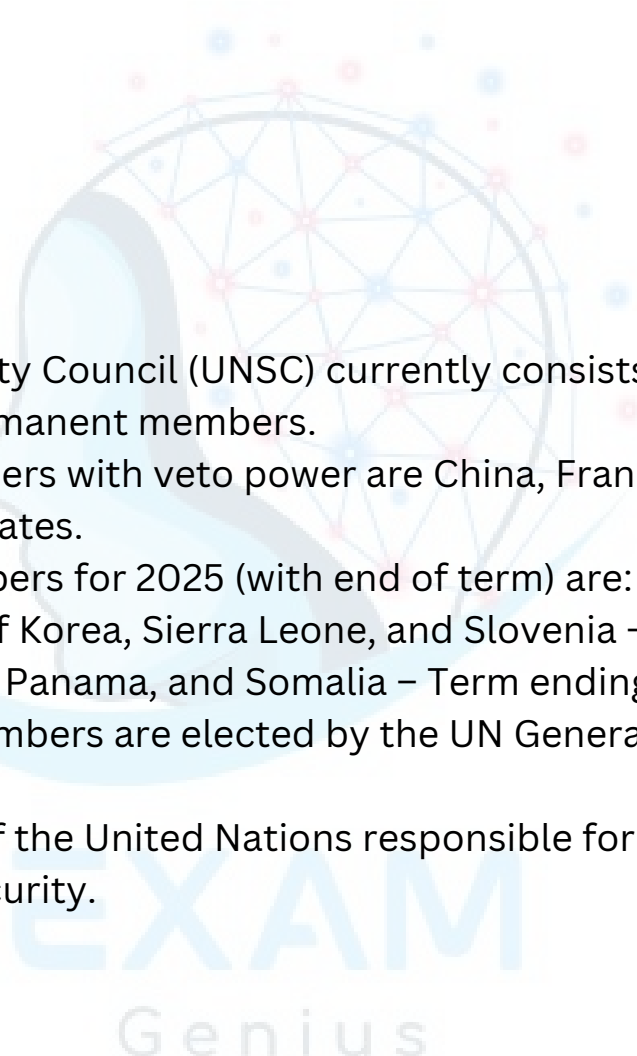
Ques : How many permanent members are there in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC)?

- A. 10
- B. 5
- C. 15
- D. 7
- E. 20

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) currently consists of 15 members – 5 permanent and 10 non-permanent members.
- The five permanent members with veto power are China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States.
- The non-permanent members for 2025 (with end of term) are:
Algeria, Guyana, Republic of Korea, Sierra Leone, and Slovenia – Term ending in 2025
Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama, and Somalia – Term ending in 2026
- These non-permanent members are elected by the UN General Assembly for a term of two years.
- The UNSC is a key organ of the United Nations responsible for maintaining international peace and security.





Ques: What was the name of the military operation launched by the Indian Armed Forces in response to the April 22, 2025 terrorist attack in Pahalgam?

- A. Operation Shakti
- B. Operation Sunrise
- C. Operation Sindoor
- D. Operation Vijay
- E. Operation Trinetra

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Operation Sindoor was launched by the Indian Armed Forces post-midnight in retaliation to the terrorist attack on April 22, 2025, in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir.
- The operation targeted terrorist infrastructure located in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu & Kashmir (PoK).
- Nine sites were hit, including Bahawalpur and Muridke in Punjab, Pakistan, and Muzaffarabad and Kotli in PoK — all known hubs of terrorist training camps.
- Bahawalpur is linked with Jaish-e-Mohammed, while Muridke is the headquarters of Lashkar-e-Taiba, responsible for the 26/11 Mumbai attacks.
- Muzaffarabad and Kotli are launch pads for infiltration supported by the Pakistan Army.

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Ques: Which Himalayan peak did the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) successfully scale in April 2025?

- A. Mt. Everest
- B. Mt. Annapurna
- C. Mt. Dhaulagiri
- D. Mt. Makalu
- E. Mt. Kanchenjunga

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The ITBP successfully scaled Mt. Makalu, the world's fifth-highest peak at an altitude of 8,485 metres.
- The ascent was completed on April 19, 2025, in Nepal as part of an International Mountaineering Expedition.
- The expedition, flagged off from Delhi on March 21, also included a group attempting Mt. Annapurna (8,091 m).
- The team was led by Deputy Commandant Anoop Kumar Negi, with Nihas Suresh as the Deputy Leader.
- Under the 'Clean Himalaya – Save Glacier' campaign, the team collected 150 kg of non-biodegradable waste from high-altitude camps.

About ITBP :

- Established : 24 October 1962
- HQ : New Delhi
- Director : General Rahul Rasgotra





Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) of the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) in 2025?

- A. Bhupendra Kainthola
- B. Prakash Magdum
- C. Sunit Tandon
- D. Vani Tripathi
- E. Ujwal Nirgudkar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Prakash Magdum has been appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) of the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC).
- He has previously served as the Director of the National Film Archive of India (NFAI) and Registrar of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), both in Pune, Maharashtra.
- The NFDC was established in 1975 by the Government of India under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- Its tagline is “Cinemas of India” and it is headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Yemen, replacing Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak?

- A. Maeen Abdulmalik Saeed
- B. Ali Mohsen al-Ahmar
- C. Mohammed Al-Jabe
- D. Khaled Mahfoudh Bahah
- E. Salem Saleh Bin Braik

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Salem Saleh Bin Braik has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Yemen, replacing Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak.
- He had earlier served as Finance Minister of Yemen since 2019.
- His appointment marks a significant political shift in the country amid ongoing challenges.
- Capital of Yemen is Sanaa and Currency is Yemeni Rial

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Ques: Who won the Pulitzer Prize 2025 in the Investigative Reporting category?

- A. The New York Times staff
- B. The Washington Post staff
- C. Reuters staff – “Fentanyl Express
- D. The Wall Street Journal staff
- E. Alissa Zhu & team

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Pulitzer Prize Board announced the 2025 winners, recognizing excellence in journalism.
- The Investigative Reporting category was won by the Reuters staff for their impactful series “Fentanyl Express”, exposing issues related to fentanyl trafficking.

List of winners of Pulitzer Prizes 2025 :

- Public Service : Kavitha Surana, Lizzie Presser, Cassandra Jaramillo & Stacy Kranitz
- Breaking News Reporting : The Washington Post staff
- Investigative Reporting : Reuters staff – “Fentanyl Express”
- Explanatory Reporting : Azam Ahmed, Christina Goldbaum & Matthieu Aikins (NYT)
- Local Reporting : Alissa Zhu, Nick Thieme & Jessica Gallagher (Baltimore Banner & NYT)
- National Reporting : The Wall Street Journal staff – Elon Musk investigation
- International Reporting : Declan Walsh & NYT staff – Sudan conflict
- Feature Writing : Mark Warren (Esquire)
- Commentary : Mosab Abu Toha (The New Yorker)
- Criticism : Alexandra Lange (Bloomberg CityLab)
- Editorial Writing : Raj Mankad & team (Houston Chronicle)
- Illustrated Reporting : Ann Telnaes (Washington Post)
- Breaking News Photography : Doug Mills (NYT) – Trump assassination attempt
- Feature Photography : Moises Saman (The New Yorker) – Syria prison
- Audio Reporting : The New Yorker staff – “In the Dark” podcast





About Pulitzer Prizes :

- Started : June 4, 1917
- Awarded for : Excellence in newspaper journalism, literary achievements, musical composition
- Presented by : Columbia University
- First indian : Gobind Behari Lal (1937)



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Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh : Director General and Chief Executive Officer of the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)
- Sujata Chaturvedi and Anuradha Prasad : Members of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
- Greg Abel : CEO of Berkshire Hathaway (Replaced Warren Buffett)
- Ruchir Dixit : Chairperson of India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA)
- Gunjan Soni : Country Managing Director for YouTube India (She replaces Ishan Chatterjee)
- Anant Ambani : Executive Director of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)
- Tejpal Bhatia : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Texas based Axiom Space Inc. (Replaced Dr. Kam Ghaffarian)
- Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul (Thailand) : President of BWF (replaces Poul-Erik Høyer Larsen of Denmark)
- Stacie Sire : Vice President and Managing Director (VP & MD) of the Boeing India Engineering & Technology Center (BIETC) (Replaced Ahmed Elsherbini)
- Amitesh Kumar Sinha : India Semiconductor Mission's (ISM) new Chief Executive Officer (Replace Sushil Pal)
- Jitendra Mishra : President of the UNESCO-supported International Centre of Films for Children and Young People (CIFEJ)
- Jitendra Srivastava : Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of REC (Rural Electrification Corporation)
- Nipun Aggarwal : Chairman of Air India Express
- Anuradha Thakur : Economic Affairs Secretary of India
- Arvind Shrivastava : Secretary of the Department of Revenue
- Pankaj Kumar Mishra, Sanjay Bahadur, L Rajasekhar Reddy, and G Aparna Rao : four new members to the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)
- Dr. Mangi Lal Jat : Director-General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Secretary of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) (succeeds Dr. Himanshu Pathak)





Recent News Headlines Related to Operations :

- Operation Tikka : to foil an infiltration attempt along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Baramulla district
- Operation Brahma : to assist victims of the earthquake in Myanmar
- Operation Dronagiri : to showcase how geospatial technologies can enhance citizens' quality of life and ease of doing business
- Operation Sadbhavana : to provide humanitarian assistance to the countries affected by Typhoon Yagi, which include Myanmar, Laos, and Vietnam
- Operation Nanhe Farishtey : launched by Railway Protection Force (RPF) to take care of the children who were perceived as at risk within the railway station premises.
- Operation Maryada : for the smooth conduct of Kedarnath Dham Yatra 2024 in Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand
- Operation Sadbhavana : launched by Indian Army Trishakti Corps to provided essential aid and healthcare to North Sikkim's Naga and Rangrang villages post-GLOF.
- Operation Sankalp - launched in the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman with the aim of ensuring the security of Indian ships.
- Operation Kamdhenu : Jammu and Kashmir police launched to curb cattle smuggling.
- Operation Ajay – To evacuate Indians from Israel
- Operation Broader Sword : India and the USA, jointly conducted to stop the illegal shipment of drugs through the International Mail System.
- Operation Kaveri – To evacuate Indians from Sudan





Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President :

- Prime Minister of Australia : Anthony Albanese
- Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago : Kamla Persad-Bissessar (replaced Stuart Young)
- Prime Minister (PM) of Serbia : Djuro Macut (Replaced Milos Vucevic)
- President of Ecuador : Daniel Noboa
- President of Gabon : Junta chief Brice Oligui Nguema
- Prime Minister (PM) of Tunisia : Sarra Zaafrani Zenzri (2nd Women)
- first female President of Namibia : Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah
- Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago : Stuart Richard Young (Replaced Dr. Keith Rowley)
- Prime Minister of Canada : Mark Carney (Replaced Justin Trudeau)
- 65th President of Uruguay : Yamandú Orsi (Replaced Luis Lacalle Pou)
- President of Greece : Constantine Tassoulas (Replaced Katerina Sakellariopoulou, Greece's first female president)
- Prime Minister of Vanuatu : Jotham Napat (Replaced Charlot Salwai)
- Interim President of Romania : Ilie Bolojan (Replaced Klaus Iohannis)
- Prime Minister of Lebanon : Nawaf Salam (Replaced Najib Mikati)
- Prime minister of Belgium : Bart De Wever
- Interim President of Syria : Ahmed alSharaa (Replaced Bashar al-Assad)
- President of Belarus : Alexander Lukashenko
- Prime minister of Ireland : Micheal Martin
- 47th President of the United States : Donald Trump for Second Term
- President of Croatia : Zoran Milanovic
- President of Venezuela : Nicolas Maduro
- President of Lebanon : Joseph Aoun
- Prime Minister of Iceland : Kristrun Frostadottir (Replaced Bjarni Benediktsson)
- President of Moldova : Ms Maia Sandu





LQues: When is International Leopard Day observed, and which Indian state has the highest leopard population as per the NTCA report 2022?

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- A. 3 May; Karnataka
- B. 4 May; Maharashtra
- C. 3 May; Madhya Pradesh
- D. 5 May; Rajasthan
- E. 2 May; Uttarakhand

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- International Leopard Day is observed on 3 May each year to raise awareness about leopard conservation.
- According to the “Status of Leopards in India, 2022” report by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), India's leopard population is estimated at 13,874 individuals.
- Madhya Pradesh has the largest leopard population in India, followed by Maharashtra and Karnataka.

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Ques: What was the theme of World Laughter Day 2025 observed on 4 May?

- A. Laugh Together, Live Longer
- B. Smile for Global Harmony
- C. Laugh for Health, Peace and Happiness
- D. Laughter: The Best Medicine
- E. Joyful World Through Laughter

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Laughter Day 2025 was observed on 4 May, which is the first Sunday of May each year.
- The theme for 2025 was “Laugh for Health, Peace and Happiness.”
- The first World Laughter Day was celebrated on 11 January 1998 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The first international celebration outside India, titled “HAPPY-DEMIC,” was held on 9 January 2000 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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Important days :

- 15 April : World Art Day (Theme 2025 – Art for Unity and Transformation)
- 15 April : 78th Himachal Day 2025 (Himachal Pradesh was formed as a Union Territory on April 15, 1948 and On January 25, 1971, Himachal Pradesh achieved full statehood as the 18th state of India)
- 16 April : World Voice Day (Theme 2025 Empower Your Voice)
- 17 April : World Haemophilia Day (Theme 2025 – Access for All: Women and Girls Bleed Too)
- 18 April : World Heritage Day (Theme 2025 – Heritage under Threat from Disasters and Conflicts: Preparedness and Learning from 60 Years of ICOMOS Actions)
- 19 April : World Liver Day (Theme 2025 – Food is Medicine)
- 20 April : UN Chinese Language Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Chinese Language: A Gift Across Time and Space)
- 21 April : World Creativity and Innovation Day (Theme 2025 – Step out and innovate)
- 21 April : Civil Services Day
- 22 April : Earth Day (Theme 2025 – Our Power, Our Planet)
- 23 April : World Book and Copyright Day
- 24 April : National Panchayati Raj Day
- 24 April : (4th Thursday of April) : International Girls in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Day (Theme 2025 – Girls in ICT for inclusive digital transformation)
- 24 April : International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace
- 25 April : World Malaria Day (Theme for 2025: Malaria ends with us: Reinvest, Reimagine, Reignite)
- 25 April : International Delegate's Day
- 25 April : World Penguin Day
- 24 to 30 April : World Immunization Week (theme for 2025 is "Immunization for All is Humanly Possible")
- 26 April : International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day (The day honors the victims of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster)
- 26 April : World Intellectual Property Day (Theme 2025: Music and IP: Experience the Pulse of IP)
- 2 May : 9th World Tuna Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Our Ocean, Our Tuna, Our Future)





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

E-Kalyan Portal, Launched by Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu to simplify the application process for various social security pension schemes in the state

Nepal Plans to limit Mount Everest expeditions to mountaineers who have scaled at least one peak higher than 7,000 m. According to official figures, since the Hillary-Norgay summit in 1953, around 9,000 mountaineers have successfully climbed Mount Everest, while more than 300 have died.

Sanjay Khanna (Director Refinery) Appointed as Additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of BPCL. He Replaced G. Krishnakumar

Tata Consultancy Services Limited (TCS), International Business Machines (IBM) Corporation & Government of Andhra Pradesh partners to set up India's largest quantum computer at the upcoming Quantum Valley Tech Park, located in Amaravati

Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the Corporate Bhavan at New Town, Kolkata. The building covers an area of 13,239 square meters and was built at a cost of Rs 150.43 crores.

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