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Ques: Which co-operative bank is being amalgamated with TJSB Sahakari Bank Ltd., as per RBI's May 2025 approval?

RBI की मई 2025 की मंजूरी के अनुसार, किस सहकारी बैंक का टीजेएसबी सहकारी बैंक लिमिटेड में विलय किया गया है?

- (a) Kolhapur Urban Co-operative Bank / कोल्हापुर अर्बन को-ऑपरेटिव बैंक
- (b) Sawantwadi Urban Co-operative Bank / सावंतवाड़ी अर्बन को-ऑपरेटिव बैंक
- (c) Nashik District Co-operative Bank / नासिक जिला को-ऑपरेटिव बैंक
- (d) Mumbai Urban Co-operative Bank / मुंबई अर्बन को-ऑपरेटिव बैंक
- (e) Nagpur Nagarik Sahakari Bank / नागपुर नागरिक सहकारी बैंक

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- On May 9, 2025, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the voluntary amalgamation of Sawantwadi Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd., Maharashtra, with TJSB Sahakari Bank Ltd., Maharashtra.
- The merger becomes effective from May 13, 2025.
- This action was taken under Section 44A(4) read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- Following the merger, all branches of Sawantwadi Urban Co-operative Bank will operate as TJSB Sahakari Bank branches from the effective date.

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Ques: Who recently announced retirement from Test cricket after a 14-year career, with his last match played during the 2024-25 Border-Gavaskar Trophy?
2024-25 बॉर्डर-गावस्कर ट्रॉफी के दौरान अंतिम टेस्ट मैच खेलने के बाद, 14 साल के करियर के बाद किसने हाल ही में टेस्ट क्रिकेट से संन्यास की घोषणा की?

- (a) Rohit Sharma / रोहित शर्मा
- (b) Virat Kohli / विराट कोहली
- (c) Ajinkya Rahane / अजिंक्य रहाणे
- (d) Cheteshwar Pujara / चेतेश्वर पुजारा
- (e) R. Ashwin / आर. अश्विन

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Virat Kohli, the former Indian captain, retired from Test cricket in January 2025, just before the England tour.
- His final Test appearance was during the 2024-25 Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Sydney against Australia.
- He debuted in 2011 against the West Indies at Jamaica.
- He averaged 46.85 and amassed 9230 runs in 123 Test matches. In 2019, he reached his highest score of 254 not out in a match against South Africa in Pune.
- He is fourth on the list with 30 Test hundreds, only after Rahul Dravid (36), Sunil Gavaskar (34), and Sachin Tendulkar (51 hundreds).
- The most centuries scored by an Indian captain was twenty, which Kohli achieved while serving as captain.
- Virat Kohli took over the Indian team captaincy from Mahendra Singh Dhoni in 2014.
- Kohli is the fourth most successful Test captain in the world after South African Graeme Smith (53), Australian Ricky Ponting (48), and Steve Waugh (41).





Recently Retired Players :

- Rohit Sharma (Indian) : retired from Test cricket
- Vandana Katariya (Indian) : Hockey
- B Sumeeth Reddy (Indian) : badminton player
- Mushfiqur Rahim (Bangladesh) : Retirement from One-Day International cricket
- Sharath Kamal (Indian) : Retired from table tennis
- Steve Smith (Australia) : Retirement from the ODI format
- Dimuth Karunaratne (Sri Lankan) : Retired from international cricket
- Marcelo (Brazil) : retirement from football
- Marcus Stoinis : End his ODI career
- Simona Halep (Romanian) : retired from tennis
- Tamim Iqbal (Bangladesh) : Retirement from international cricket
- Varun Aaron (India) : Retirement from all kinds of cricket
- Martin Gupthill (New Zealand) : Retirement from international cricket
- Rishi Dhawan : Retirement from Indian limited overs cricket
- Ravichandran Ashwin (Indian) : International cricket
- Imad Wasim (Pakistan) : International cricket
- Siddarth Kaul (Indian) : cricket
- Emma McKeon (Australia): professional swimming
- Rafael Nadal (Spain) : professional tennis
- Tim Southee (New Zealand) : international cricket
- Mohammad Nabi (Afghanistan) : Retire from ODI Cricket
- Wriddhiman Saha (India) : retired from all cricket formats
- Rani Rampal : Retirement from Hockey





Ques: Which Nicaraguan newspaper received the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2025?

किस निकारागुआ के अखबार को 2025 का यूनेस्को/गिलर्मो कैनो विश्व प्रेस स्वतंत्रता पुरस्कार मिला है?

- (a) El Nuevo Diario / एल नुवो डियारियो
- (b) Hoy / होय
- (c) Confidencial / कॉन्फिडेन्शियल
- (d) La Prensa / ला प्रेंसा
- (e) El 19 Digital / एल 19 डिजिटल

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- La Prensa, one of Nicaragua's oldest newspapers, founded in 1926, received the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2025.
- The award was announced on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day.
- The prize was established in 1997 and is named after Guillermo Cano Isaza, a Colombian journalist assassinated in 1986 for his stance against drug cartels.
- La Prensa was honoured for its courageous journalism amid ongoing government repression in Nicaragua.

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Ques: Who is the author of the book "Alone in the Ring: Decision-making in Critical Times"?

पुस्तक "अलोन इन द रिंग: संकट के समयों में निर्णय लेना" के लेखक कौन हैं?

- (a) General MM Naravane / जनरल एम.एम. नरवणे
- (b) General NC Vij / जनरल एन.सी. विज
- (c) General Bipin Rawat / जनरल बिपिन रावत
- (d) Lt. Gen. Satish Dua / ले. जनरल सतीश दूआ
- (e) Raj Chengappa / राज चेंगप्पा

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- "Alone in the Ring: Decision-making in Critical Times" is authored by General NC Vij, former Chief of Army Staff.
- The book presents deep insights into military leadership and strategic decision-making during national crises.
- It emphasizes the importance of jointness, integration, and theaterisation – key reforms needed for a unified and agile Indian Armed Forces.
- General Vij draws upon his first-hand experience to detail the operational and administrative challenges faced by the defense establishment.
- Publisher: Bloomsbury India

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Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- 'Janta Ki Kahani Meri Aatmkatha' : autobiography of Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatraya
- The School of Life : K. Vasuki's memoir
- "The Johnson & Johnson Files: The Indian Secrets of a Global Giant" : Kaunain Sheriff
- "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: Who won the Humanitarian Award 2025 at the 72nd Miss World Festival in Hyderabad?

हैदराबाद में आयोजित 72वें मिस वर्ल्ड महोत्सव में 2025 का ह्यूमैनिटेरियन अवॉर्ड किसने जीता?

- (a) Sonu Sood / सोनू सूद
- (b) Shah Rukh Khan / शाहरुख खान
- (c) Nita Ambani / नीता अंबानी
- (d) Deepika Padukone / दीपिका पादुकोण
- (e) Priyanka Chopra / प्रियंका चोपड़ा

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Sonu Sood, Bollywood actor and well-known philanthropist, won the Humanitarian Award 2025.
- He was recognized for his remarkable philanthropic efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The award was presented by the Miss World Organisation.
- The ceremony was held during the 72nd Miss World Festival at HITEC Arena, Hyderabad, Telangana.
- The 2024 winner of this award was Nita Ambani, founder and chairperson of the Reliance Foundation.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year 2025 : Subhasish Bose
- AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year : Soumya Guguloth (Telangana)
- French honour 'Officier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres' (Officer of the Order of Arts and Letters) : Payal Kapadia
- Platinum Recognition, the highest honour under the Green Airports Recognition 2025 : Hubballi Airport in Karnataka
- Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award : Satwik-Chirag
- Fiji's highest civilian honour, the 'Companion of the Order of Fiji' : Madhusudan Sai
- Udyog Vikas Award : National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC)
- Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Puraskar 2025 : Kumar Mangalam Birla
- Gurudev Kalicharan Brahma Award 2025 : Achyuta Samanta, the founder of KIIT and KISS
- 68th World Press Photo of the Year : Samar Abu Elouf, a Qatar-based Palestinian photographer
- "Legends of Endoscopy" award : Dr. D. Nageshwar Reddy, Chairman of AIG Hospitals
- Master Humor Award : Aamir Khan at Macau International Comedy Festival 2025 in china
- Verchol Dalit Literary Award : Retired IAS officer, writer, and politician P. Sivakami
- National Maritime Varuna Award : Rajesh Unni, the founder of Synergy Marine Group
- Constantine the Philosopher University, Nitra, Slovakia : President Droupadi Murmu
- Key to the City of Lisbon, which is the highest civilian honour awarded by the city of Lisbon, Portugal : President Droupadi Murmu
- shortlisted for the International Booker Prize 2024 : Heart Lamp by Banu Mushtaq and translated into English by Deepa Bhasthi
- Fred Darrington Sand Master Award : artist Sudarsan Pattnaik became the first Indian





Ques: As per reports dated May 11, 2025, how much wheat has been procured during the 2025–26 rabi marketing season so far?

11 मई 2025 की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, 2025–26 रबी विपणन सीजन में अब तक कितनी गेहूं की खरीद हुई है?

- (a) 26.2 MT
- (b) 26.6 MT
- (c) 29 MT
- (d) 33 MT
- (e) 37.48 MT

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- As per the May 11, 2025 government report, over 29 million tonnes of wheat have been procured so far in the 2025–26 rabi marketing season (April–June).
- This is the highest procurement in four years, surpassing previous years : 2024–25: 26.6 MT and 2023–24: 26.2 MT
- It marks a 16% increase from last year's procurement.
- This surplus supports Public Distribution System (PDS) operations and enables market intervention programs if required.

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Ques: Where was the 20th session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF20) held, in which India participated actively?

संयुक्त राष्ट्र वनों पर मंच (UNFF20) का 20वां सत्र, जिसमें भारत ने सक्रिय भाग लिया, कहाँ आयोजित किया गया था?

- (a) Geneva / जिनेवा
- (b) Nairobi / नैरोबी
- (c) Dehradun / देहरादून
- (d) New York / न्यूयॉर्क
- (e) Bonn / बॉन

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) is a functional commission under ECOSOC, created in 2000 through Resolution 2000/35.
- UNFF20 was held at the United Nations Headquarters, New York.
- India showcased its achievements in sustainable forest management, promoted the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA), and urged the inclusion of Dehradun CLI 2023 outcomes in global mechanisms.
- UNFF promotes global cooperation on forest conservation, management, and sustainable development.

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Ques: Which two states signed an MoU to implement the Tapti Basin Mega Recharge Project?

ताप्ती बेसिन मेगा रिचार्ज परियोजना को लागू करने के लिए किन दो राज्यों ने समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

- (a) Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh / गुजरात और मध्य प्रदेश
- (b) Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra / मध्य प्रदेश और महाराष्ट्र
- (c) Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh / महाराष्ट्र और छत्तीसगढ़
- (d) Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra / उत्तर प्रदेश और महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh / राजस्थान और मध्य प्रदेश

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav and Maharashtra Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis signed an MoU to implement the Tapti Basin Mega Recharge Project.
- It is Finalized in the MP-Maharashtra Inter-State Control Board meeting.
- Total water: 31.13 TMC (Thousand Million Cubic Feet) : Madhya Pradesh to receive 11.76 TMC and Maharashtra to receive 19.36 TMC
- Irrigation Impact : MP: 1,23,082 hectares and Maharashtra: 2,34,706 hectares
- No displacement or rehabilitation of villages will occur. 90% of project cost funded by the Central Government.
- Fadnavis called it the “world’s largest recharge scheme.” It will Boosts regional water security, agriculture, and sustainable development.

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- Airtel Africa, a subsidiary of Bharti Airtel, has partnered with SpaceX, the aerospace company led by Elon Musk, to bring Starlink's Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite internet services to Africa
- Adani Group has signed an agreement with Bhutan's Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC) to jointly develop 5,000 MW of hydropower projects
- A MoU has been signed by the National Institute of Securities Markets and the International Financial Services Centers Authority (IFSCA) to strengthen training and capacity building programs in the securities markets at the Gujarat International Finance Tec-city International Financial Services Centre (GIFT-IFSC) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- The Maharashtra government signed MoUs worth Rs.3,000 crore with University of York (UK) and University of Western Australia (UWA) to set up campuses in EduCity, Navi Mumbai
- India and Chile officially signed the Terms of Reference (ToR) to begin negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)
- 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
- India and the UK finalized a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) aimed at doubling bilateral trade to \$120 billion in five years
- 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
- Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoL&E) & Rapido Private Limited Signed MoU to enhance employment opportunities in the logistics sector through the National Career Service (NCS) portal in New Delhi
- Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India & Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIM Kozhikode) Partners to improve the quality and impact of performance audits





Ques: As per the SRS Report 2021, which state recorded the highest Total Fertility Rate (TFR)?

SRS रिपोर्ट 2021 के अनुसार, किस राज्य में सबसे अधिक कुल प्रजनन दर (TFR) दर्ज की गई?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (c) Bihar / बिहार
- (d) Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश
- (e) Chhattisgarh / छत्तीसगढ़

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Sample Registration System (SRS) 2021 report, released by the Registrar General of India (RGI), highlights that Bihar recorded the highest Total Fertility Rate (TFR) in India at 3.0.
- In contrast, Delhi and West Bengal reported the lowest TFR at 1.4.
- The national average TFR is 2.0, which is below the replacement level of 2.1, indicating population stabilization at the national level.
- Urban TFR stands at 1.6, while rural TFR is 2.2, reflecting higher fertility in rural regions.
- The demographic shift includes a growing elderly population and declining youth share, with key states like Tamil Nadu (14.4%) and Himachal Pradesh (12.3%) having high elderly percentages.
- As per the SRS 2021 Report by the Registrar General of India, India's Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) declined to 93 per 1 lakh live births for the period 2019–21, a 37-point improvement from 130 in 2014–16.
- The Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) dropped from 39 in 2014 to 27 per 1000 live births in 2021.
- Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) declined from 26 to 19, and Under-Five Mortality Rate (U5MR) fell from 45 to 31 per 1000 live births during the same period.





Ques: When was the Territorial Army (TA) formally inaugurated in Independent India?

स्वतंत्र भारत में टेरिटोरियल आर्मी (TA) का औपचारिक उद्घाटन कब किया गया था?

- (a) 15 August 1947
- (b) 26 January 1950
- (c) 9 October 1949
- (d) 1 April 1948
- (e) 2 October 1952

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Territorial Army (TA) is a part of the Regular Indian Army but consists of volunteer civilians who serve the nation during emergencies while pursuing their civilian careers.
- It serves as a second line of defence and supports in natural calamities, essential services, and internal security.
- Rule 33 of the Territorial Army Rule, 1948, authorizes the Chief of Army Staff to utilize TA units with Central Government approval.
- TA has played roles in wars of 1962, 1965, 1971, and operations like OP PAWAN, OP RAKSHAK, etc.
- The TA was formally inaugurated on 9 October 1949 by C. Rajagopalachari, and this day is celebrated as Territorial Army Day.

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Ques: What is the height of the newly unveiled statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at Rajkot Fort, Malvan?

मालवण के राजकोट किले में छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज की नव-निर्मित प्रतिमा की ऊंचाई कितनी है?

- (a) 35 feet
- (b) 60 feet
- (c) 75 feet
- (d) 91 feet
- (e) 100 feet

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Unveiled by: Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis
- Location: Rajkot Fort, Malvan, Sindhudurg District, Maharashtra
- Material: Bronze, capable of withstanding storms and cyclones for 100 years
- Context: Replaces a 35-ft statue that collapsed in August 2024, nine months after its inauguration by PM Modi.
- Political Impact: Sparked corruption allegations and became a major election issue.
- Tourism: Plans for development of the area as a major tourist site.
- Cultural Symbolism: A tribute to Shivaji Maharaj's strength, legacy, and cultural heritage

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) in 2025?

2025 में राष्ट्रीय विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण (NALSA) के कार्यकारी अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Justice DY Chandrachud / न्यायमूर्ति डीवाई चंद्रचूड़
- (b) Justice BR Gavai / न्यायमूर्ति बीआर गवई
- (c) Justice Sanjiv Khanna / न्यायमूर्ति संजीव खन्ना
- (d) Justice Surya Kant / न्यायमूर्ति सूर्यकांत
- (e) Justice Hima Kohli / न्यायमूर्ति हिमा कोहली

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Supreme Court Judge Justice Surya Kant has been appointed as the Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).
- He was appointed under Clause (b) of sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, which allows appointment of the second senior-most SC judge.
- He replaced Justice BR Gavai, who is set to become the 52nd Chief Justice of India (CJI) on May 14, 2025.
- Justice Kant is a former Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court and judge of the Punjab & Haryana High Court.
- He will hold the post until November 23, 2025, and is expected to be elevated as the 53rd CJI after that.
- The appointment is made by the President of India, in consultation with the Chief Justice of India.

About NALSA :

- Established : 9 November 1995 under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987
- HQ : New Delhi
- Aim : to provide free legal services to the poor and marginalised



Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Rakesh Verma : Director General of the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM)
- Ashish Goyal : Director General Media in the ECI
- G. Chandrasekhar Reddy : State Chief Information Commissioner, Telangana Information Commission
- Friedrich Merz : 10th Chancellor of Germany
- K C Venugopal : Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC)
- Baijayant 'Jay' Panda : Chairman of Committee on Public Undertakings (CoPU)
- Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal : Chairman of Committee on Estimates (CoE)
- Sanjay Khanna (Director Refinery) : Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of BPCL (Replaced G. Krishnakumar)
- Prakash Magdum : Managing Director (MD) of the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC)
- 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)





Ques: Who is the author of the book "The Thinking Machine: Jensen Huang, Nvidia and the World's Most Coveted Microchip"?

पुस्तक "द थिंकिंग मशीन: जेंसन हुआंग, एनवीडिया और दुनिया की सबसे बहुप्रतीक्षित माइक्रोचिप" के लेखक कौन हैं?

- (a) Michael Lewis / माइकल लुईस
- (b) Stephen Witt / स्टीफन विट
- (c) Walter Isaacson / वॉल्टर आइज़ैकसन
- (d) Satya Nadella / सत्य नडेला
- (e) Brad Stone / ब्रैड स्टोन

Answer: Option B

- The book "The Thinking Machine: Jensen Huang, Nvidia and the World's Most Coveted Microchip" is authored by Stephen Witt.
- It traces the rise of Jensen Huang and how he built Nvidia into a dominant force in AI, gaming, and supercomputing through its revolutionary microchips.
- The book is globally relevant due to the increasing importance of semiconductors, AI, and geopolitics.
- Stephen Witt is also known for his previous work, "How Music Got Free", and resides in Los Angeles, California.
- Publisher: Bodley Head / Penguin Random House; Price: ₹899 (Paperback).

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Ques: Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi lay the foundation stone for the new DRDO Missile Test Range worth Rs 1,460 crore?

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने 1,460 करोड़ रुपये की लागत वाली नई DRDO मिसाइल परीक्षण रेंज की आधारशिला कहां रखी?

- (a) Chandipur / चांदीपुर
- (b) Nagayalanka / नागयालंका
- (c) Sriharikota / श्रीहरिकोटा
- (d) Visakhapatnam / विशाखापत्तनम
- (e) Wheeler Island / व्हीलर द्वीप

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the DRDO Missile Test Range at Nagayalanka, Krishna district, Andhra Pradesh, with an investment of around Rs 1,460 crore.
- India already has two functional missile testing ranges at Chandipur and Wheeler Island, Odisha.
- The Cabinet Committee on Security approved this third testing site to meet growing defence requirements.
- The new testing range, called the Navdurga Testing Range, will support Phase 2 Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) interceptor missile testing – which is essential for defending against incoming missile threats.

About Phase 1 of the Ballistic Missile Defence System :

- Missiles within a range of less than 2000 kilometers can be intercepted by the DRDO's Phase 1 BMD.
- The Chinese missiles Dongfeng-21 and Pakistani missiles Shaheen and Ghauri can both be intercepted by the Phase-1.
- There are now hypersonic missile interceptors that can reach speeds of Mach 4-5.





About Phase 2 of the Ballistic Missile Defence System :

- It is being designed to intercept intercontinental ballistic missiles with a range of more than 5,000 kilometers.
- Hypersonic interceptor missiles with a Mach 6-7 speed will also be produced



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Ques: Which state is the first to complete the seed value chain digitisation on the SATHI portal?

SATHI पोर्टल पर बीज मूल्य श्रृंखला का डिजिटलीकरण पूरा करने वाला पहला राज्य कौन सा है?

- (a) Punjab / पंजाब
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Karnataka / कर्नाटका
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Haryana / हरियाणा

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Maharashtra became the first state to successfully complete the digitisation of the entire seed retail chain on the SATHI portal. This includes capturing essential details about seed sources, species, and distribution channels.
- This move ensures greater transparency and traceability, helping reduce the circulation of fake or low-quality seeds.
- SATHI (Seed Authentication, Traceability & Holistic Inventory) portal is a major step towards a more efficient and transparent seed distribution system in India.

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Ques: What is the primary objective of Mission Sankalp, a major anti-Naxal operation launched along the Chhattisgarh–Telangana border?

मिशन संकल्प, जो छत्तीसगढ़-तेलंगाना सीमा पर शुरू किया गया एक बड़ा नक्सल विरोधी अभियान है, का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

- (a) Infrastructure development in conflict zones / संघर्ष क्षेत्रों में बुनियादी ढांचे का विकास
- (b) Rescue of kidnapped civilians / अपहृत नागरिकों को बचाना
- (c) Eradication of drug trafficking networks / मादक पदार्थ तस्करी नेटवर्क का उन्मूलन
- (d) Elimination of top Maoist leadership and dismantling of their hideouts / शीर्ष माओवादी नेतृत्व का सफाया और उनके ठिकानों को नष्ट करना
- (e) Census of tribal population in Naxal-affected areas / नक्सल प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में जनजातीय जनसंख्या की जनगणना

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Mission Sankalp is a high-intensity, joint anti-Naxal operation launched by Chhattisgarh and Telangana Police, CRPF, CoBRA, and other forces.
- The operation targets Battalion 1 of the People's Liberation Guerrilla Army, the armed wing of the CPI-Maoist.
- It focuses on Karregutta hills on the Chhattisgarh–Telangana border.
- Over 24,000 personnel have been mobilized, and large quantities of explosives, weapons, and supplies have been recovered.

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Ques: Who won the International Buddha Peace Award 2025 for exceptional social activism and leadership in the building repairs industry?

इंटरनेशनल बुद्धा पीस अवॉर्ड 2025 सामाजिक कार्य और मरम्मत उद्योग में नेतृत्व के लिए किसे प्रदान किया गया?

- (a) Dr. Munir Khan / डॉ. मुनिर खान
- (b) Dr. Mustafa Yusufali Gom / डॉ. मुस्तफा यूसुफली गोम
- (c) Dr. Zakir Naik / डॉ. ज़ाकिर नाइक
- (d) Arvind Kejriwal / अरविंद केजरीवाल
- (e) Anna Hazare / अण्णा हज़ारे

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Dr. Mustafa Yusufali Gom, a renowned social worker and entrepreneur from Mumbai (Maharashtra), won the International Buddha Peace Award 2025.
- He was honoured for his exceptional social activism and leadership in the building repairs and restoration industry.
- The award was presented by Lakshman Prasad Acharya, the Governor of Assam, during a grand ceremony organized by the Maitri Peace Foundation in Guwahati, Assam.
- Another awardee was Dr. Munir Khan, a prominent structural engineer and founder of Avon Consulting Engineers
- International Buddha Peace Award Started in 2009 and It is given by Maitri Peace Foundation
- Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson of the Global Trade & Technology Council of India (GTTCI) was among the key recipients of the award last year.





Ques: Which country has launched the world's first national-level cryptocurrency tourism payment system?

किस देश ने दुनिया की पहली राष्ट्रीय स्तर की क्रिप्टोकॉरेंसी पर्यटन भुगतान प्रणाली शुरू की है?

- (a) Singapore / सिंगापुर
- (b) Switzerland / स्विट्ज़रलैंड
- (c) Bhutan / भूटान
- (d) El Salvador / एल साल्वाडोर
- (e) Japan / जापान

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Bhutan has become the first country to launch a national-level crypto tourism payment system.
- The initiative is a collaboration between Binance Pay and DK Bank.
- Tourists can now use over 100 cryptocurrencies (including BNB, BTC, USDC) for services like airfare, visa fees, hotels, and local purchases.
- The system enables real-time payments using the Binance app, ensuring secure transactions and instant settlement in Bhutanese currency via DK Bank.
- This eliminates challenges like currency conversion issues and high international transaction fees.

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Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and world :

- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai laid the foundation stone for India's first Artificial Intelligence based Data Centre Park in Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The first phase will commence with a capacity of 5 MegaWatts with plans to expand up to 150 MW
- In Tripura, Rangacherra village has earned the distinction of becoming the first green village in the state due to the efforts of the state government.
- The Andhra Pradesh Government and CreativeLand Asia (CLA) Limited have partnered to develop 'Creatorland', India's first Transmedia Entertainment City, in Amaravati
- India's first interstate cheetah conservation corridor is being developed jointly by Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, covering a total area of 17,000 square kilometers
- 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)
- 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
- 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





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

The Jenu Kuruba tribe returning to their ancestral village in the Nagarhole Tiger Reserve After being evicted 40 years ago. The Jenu Kuruba is recognized as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG), primarily found in the Kodagu and Mysore districts of Karnataka.

At the World Law Congress in the Dominican Republic, renowned child rights attorney and founder of Just Rights for Children Bhuwan Ribhu became the first Indian lawyer to receive the World Jurist Association's (WJA) "Medal of Honour."

A new report from The Himalayan Cleanup 2024 shows that over 70% of plastic waste in the Indian Himalayas is non-recyclable, with single-use food and beverage packaging being the dominant source of pollution.

National Award-winning makeup artist Vikram Gaikwad, known for his work in movies such as 83, Uri: The Surgical Strike and Ponniyin Selvan, died. He was 61.

The Gomti River in Lucknow is at risk of becoming ecologically dead due to rising untreated sewage, declining oxygen levels, and increasing faecal coliform levels.

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महत्वपूर्ण एक पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

40 साल पहले बेदखल किए जाने के बाद नागरहोल टाइगर रिजर्व में अपने पैतृक गांव में लौट रहे जेनु कुरुबा जनजाति। जेनु कुरुबा को विशेष रूप से कमजोर जनजातीय समूह (PVTG) के रूप में पहचाना जाता है, जो मुख्य रूप से कर्नाटक के कोडागु और मैसूर जिलों में पाया जाता है।

डोमिनिकन गणराज्य में विश्व कानून कांग्रेस में, प्रसिद्ध बाल अधिकार वकील और जस्ट राइट्स फॉर चिल्ड्रन के संस्थापक भुवन रिभु विश्व न्यायवादी संघ (WJA) के "मेडल ऑफ ऑनर" को प्राप्त करने वाले पहले भारतीय वकील बने।

हिमालयन क्लीनअप 2024 की एक नई रिपोर्ट से पता चलता है कि भारतीय हिमालय में 70% से अधिक प्लास्टिक कचरा गैर-पुनर्चक्रणीय है, जिसमें एकल-उपयोग वाले खाद्य और पेय पैकेजिंग प्रदूषण का प्रमुख स्रोत है।

83, उरी: द सर्जिकल स्ट्राइक और पोन्नियिन सेलवन जैसी फिल्मों में अपने काम के लिए जाने जाने वाले राष्ट्रीय पुरस्कार विजेता मेकअप कलाकार विक्रम गायकवाड़ का निधन हो गया। वह 61 वर्ष के थे।

लखनऊ में गोमती नदी में अनुपचारित सीवेज की मात्रा बढ़ने, ऑक्सीजन के स्तर में गिरावट और फेकल कोलीफॉर्म के स्तर में वृद्धि के कारण पारिस्थितिकी रूप से मृत होने का खतरा है।

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