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**Ques: Which logistics platform became India's 3rd unicorn of 2025 after raising \$200 million in Series F funding?**

- (a) Delhivery
- (b) Rivigo
- (c) Shadowfax
- (d) Porter
- (e) Shiprocket

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

- Porter, an on-demand logistics platform, became India's 3rd unicorn of 2025 after raising USD 200 million (approx. Rs.1700 crore) in a Series F funding round.
- The funding round was led by Kedaara Capital Investment Managers Limited and Wellington Management Company.
- The funding was a mix of primary and secondary investments, and it valued Porter at USD 1.1–1.2 billion, surpassing the \$1 billion threshold to become a unicorn.
- This followed unicorn declarations of Netradyne and Juspay earlier in 2025.

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**Ques : Archery World Cup Stage 2 held in which country ?**

- A. Shanghai, China
- B. Beijing, China
- C. Sunan County, Hebei Province
- D. Shenzhen, China
- E. None of these

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- India clinched gold in the men's compound team event at the Archery World Cup Stage 2 in Shanghai.
- The team comprised Abhishek Verma, Ojas Deotale, and Rishabh Yadav, who defeated Mexico 232–228 in the final.
- In the women's compound team, India (Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Madhura Dhamangaonkar, Chikitha Taniparthi) won silver, losing to Mexico in the final.
- India also secured a bronze in the mixed team event, with Verma and Dhamangaonkar defeating Malaysia.
- At the Archery World Cup Stage 2, India finished its campaign with seven medals, including two gold, one silver and four bronze medals in Shanghai, China

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## Recent News headlines related to Sports

- FIFA has announced Brazil as the host of the 2027 Women's World Cup – the first-ever edition to be held in South America
- China secured their 14th Sudirman Cup title by defeating South Korea in the final held in Xiamen, China
- The Kerala Cricket Association (KCA) suspended S. Sreesanth for three years from all association-related cricketing activities
- 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



**Ques: What is the name of the community event organized by SECL in Surajpur, Chhattisgarh to strengthen local relations?**

- (a) Jan Samvad
- (b) Sneh Milan Mela
- (c) Gram Milan Utsav
- (d) Parivartan Sammelan
- (e) Coal Sampark

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) organized its first-ever 'Sneh Milan Mela' in Surajpur, Chhattisgarh.
- The event brought together over 600 employees, their families, and villagers through cultural programs and traditional food, promoting goodwill and mutual trust.
- SECL is a subsidiary of Coal India, with headquarters in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, and was founded in 1985.

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**Ques: What is the name of the Delhi Police initiative launched to reintegrate school dropouts into the education system?**

- (a) Shiksha Udaan
- (b) Nayi Disha
- (c) Vidya Jyoti
- (d) Padho India
- (e) Disha Shakti

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- ‘Nayi Disha – A Path Back to Learning’ is a community outreach program launched by the Delhi Police to help school dropouts rejoin the education system.
- Under this initiative, police personnel visit homes, speak with children and families, and address the reasons for leaving school.
- The aim is to reintegrate out-of-school children and ensure their right to education is upheld.

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**:Ques: Who has been appointed as the CEO of NTPC Green Energy Limited, the renewable energy arm of NTPC Ltd?**

- (a) Rajiv Gupta
- (b) Gurdeep Singh
- (c) Sarit Maheshwari
- (d) Suman Sharma
- (e) Praveer Sinha

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation:**

- Sarit Maheshwari has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NTPC Green Energy Limited, the renewable energy arm of NTPC Ltd.
- He replaces Rajiv Gupta in this role.
- Before this, he served as the CEO of NTPC Renewable Energy Limited, showcasing his leadership experience in the green energy sector.

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## Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Supreme Court Judge Justice Surya Kant : Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)
- 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)







**Ques: According to the latest study by the Department of Wildlife Protection, which location has recorded the highest snow leopard density in the world?**

- (a) Tibet
- (b) Spiti Valley
- (c) Hemis National Park, Ladakh
- (d) Sikkim Himalayas
- (e) Gilgit-Baltistan

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation:**

- As per a study conducted by the Department of Wildlife Protection, Ladakh in collaboration with WII and NTCA, Hemis National Park in Ladakh has recorded the highest snow leopard density in the world, with approximately 2.07 individuals per 100 sq. km.
- This surpasses previous global records, including those from Tibet.
- Ladakh hosts 477 snow leopards, which is 68% of India's total snow leopard population.
- Globally, the average snow leopard density ranges between 0.92 and 1.8 individuals per 100 sq. km.
- In 2017, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) downlisted snow leopards from Endangered to Vulnerable.
- In India, snow leopards are protected under Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, granting it the highest level of legal protection





**Ques: Which organisation has signed an MoU with Synergy Quantum India for the development of drone-based Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) systems?**

- (a) DRDO
- (b) ISRO
- (c) Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)
- (d) National Quantum Mission Authority
- (e) CDAC

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), under the Department of Telecommunications, signed an MoU with Synergy Quantum India Private Limited.
- The goal is to collaborate on drone-based Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) systems.
- This partnership aims to boost indigenous development of secure quantum communication technology in India.

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**Ques: What is the Saola (*Pseudoryx nghetinhensis*), often referred to as the “Asian unicorn”?**

- (a) A rare species of deer
- (b) A type of wild goat
- (c) A critically endangered bovine
- (d) A subspecies of tiger
- (e) A bird found in Vietnam

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Saola is a critically endangered bovine species, also known as the "Asian unicorn" because of its extreme rarity and elusive nature.
- It was first scientifically described in 1993, following the discovery of a skull in Vietnam in 1992.
- Though closely related to cattle, it visually resembles an antelope.
- The Saola is endemic to the Annamite Mountains on the Laos–Vietnam border, thriving in evergreen, humid forests with minimal dry seasons.
- As per the IUCN Red List, it is Critically Endangered, with an estimated population of only 50–300 individuals as of 2015.
- Major threats include habitat destruction, poaching, and the use of indiscriminate snares in forests.
- Recently, an international team of scientists mapped its genome, paving the way for genetic rescue and captive breeding to aid its conservation.





**Ques: What was the name of the Pakistani military operation launched against India in May 2025?**

- (a) Operation Sindoor
- (b) Operation Zarb-e-Azb
- (c) Operation Bunyan al-Marsus
- (d) Operation Ghazwa
- (e) Operation Nasr

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- Operation Bunyan al-Marsus was launched by Pakistan against India in response to India's Operation Sindoor conducted on May 7, 2025.
- The operation targeted military installations in Jammu, Kashmir, Pathankot, and Bhuj, among others.
- The term "Bunyan al-Marsus" means "a wall of molten lead", symbolizing unity and unbreakable strength.
- A Fatah-II hypersonic ballistic missile was launched toward Delhi but was intercepted by India's Air Defence System in Sirsa, Haryana.
- A ceasefire was declared on May 11, 2025, and Major General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry, DG of ISPR, briefed the media about the operation's conclusion.

**About Fatah-II :**

- Type : Multi-Launch Rocket System(MLRS)
- Developed by : Pakistan
- Strike range : 450 km
- Successor of : Fatah-I which has a strike range of 140 km



**Ques: What is the name of the latest text-to-speech (TTS) model launched by Bengaluru-based AI startup Sarvam AI?**

- (a) Bulbul
- (b) Bulbul-v1
- (c) SarvamVoice
- (d) Bulbul-v2
- (e) BhashaAI

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

- Sarvam AI, an AI startup based in Bengaluru, has launched Bulbul-v2, its latest text-to-speech model.
- The model supports 11 Indian languages with natural-sounding voices and authentic regional accents.
- It is the upgraded version of Bulbul-v1, which was launched in August 2024 with six preset voice personalities.

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**Ques: What is the significance of the recently developed pangenome of Asian rice (*Oryza sativa* L.)?**

- (a) It represents the full set of genetic variation in rice
- (b) It captures complete human genetic diversity
- (c) It helps map forest diversity across Asia
- (d) It enables wheat breeding for arid regions
- (e) It replaces the Human Genome Project in agriculture

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation :**

- Scientists have compiled the first-ever pangenome of Asian rice by sequencing 144 varieties of wild and cultivated strains of *Oryza sativa* L.
- A pangenome includes all genes found across a species, offering complete genomic variation—much like the Human Genome Project, but specific to rice.
- This will help develop rice varieties with improved disease resistance, climate resilience, and yield.
- ICAR has also developed two genome-edited rice lines — Samba Mahsuri and MTU 1010 — that show promise for drought tolerance and high yield, though not yet released for farming

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**Ques: The Government of Karnataka signed an MoU with IN-SPACe to boost which sector?**

- (a) Defence Manufacturing
- (b) Electric Mobility
- (c) Semiconductor Industry
- (d) Artificial Intelligence
- (e) Commercial Space Sector

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of Karnataka signed an agreement with the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) to strengthen the state's presence in India's commercial space sector.

Two major initiatives under this agreement include:

- A Centre of Excellence for Space Technologies in Bengaluru to boost R&D and innovation.
- A Space Manufacturing Park, under a public-private partnership model, focusing on building next-generation satellites and launch vehicles.

**About IN-SPACe :**

- Established : 2020
- HQ : Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Chairman : Dr. Pawan Goenka







**Ques: In which Indian state is the Nongkhylllem Wildlife Sanctuary located, recently in news due to opposition to an ecotourism project?**

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation :**

- Nongkhylllem Wildlife Sanctuary is located in the Ri-Bhoi district of Meghalaya and was established in 1981 under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
- It lies within the Eastern Himalayan Global Biodiversity Hotspot, a region known for rich ecological diversity.
- The Umtrew River forms the western boundary of the sanctuary.
- A proposed Rs.23.7 crore ecotourism project has faced local and environmental opposition due to concerns about potential threats to the fragile ecosystem.

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**Ques: When were the 'Jan Suraksha' schemes (PMJJBY, PMSBY, and APY) launched by the Government of India?**

- (a) 9 May 2015
- (b) 26 January 2015
- (c) 1 January 2014
- (d) 15 August 2016
- (e) 2 October 2014

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation:**

- The 'Jan Suraksha' schemes, which include Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), and Atal Pension Yojana (APY), were launched on 9th May 2015 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- As of April 2025, the schemes have seen massive participation with over 23.63 crore enrolments under PMJJBY, 51 crore under PMSBY, and 7.6 crore under APY.

**About Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) :**

- Launched : 9th May 2015, in Kolkata
- Implementing Agency : Life Insurance Corporation
- Eligibility : Persons in the age group of 18-50 years having an individual bank or a post office account
- Benefits : Life cover of Rs. 2 Lakh in case of death due to any reason

**About Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) :**

- Launched : 9th May 2015
- Managed by : Ministry of Finance(MoF)
- Eligibility : Persons in the age group of 18-70 years having an individual bank or a post office account
- Benefits : Accidental death cum disability cover of Rs.2 lakh (Rs.1 lakh in case of partial disability) for death or disability due to an accident against a premium of



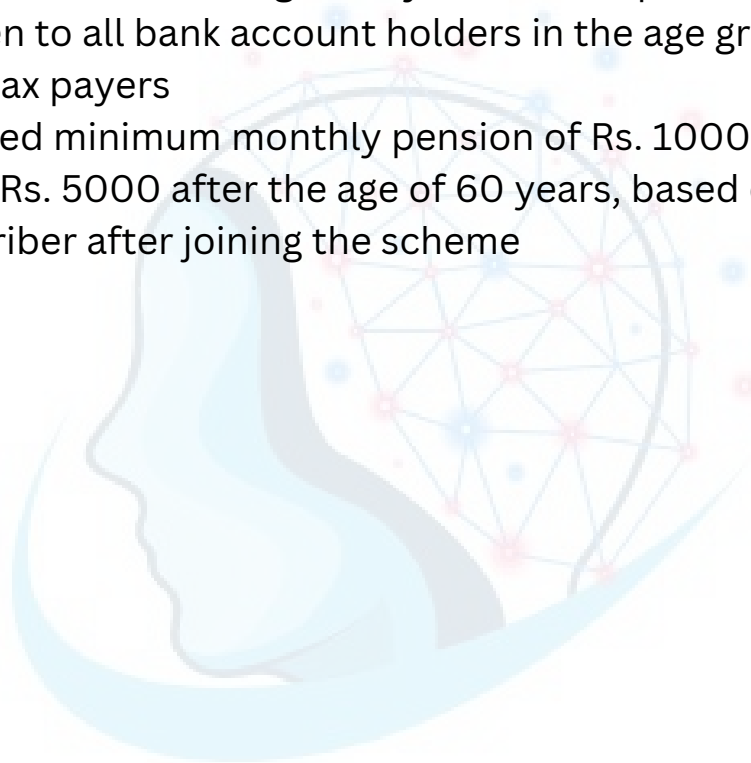


Rs.20/- per annum.

- Annual premium : Rs 20

### About Atal Pension Yojana (APY) :

- Launched : 9th May 2015, It Replaced Swavalamban Scheme
- Regulating Body : Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
- Eligibility : APY is open to all bank account holders in the age group of 18 to 40 years who are not income tax payers
- Benefits : Guaranteed minimum monthly pension of Rs. 1000 or Rs. 2000 or Rs. 3000 or Rs. 4000 or Rs. 5000 after the age of 60 years, based on the contributions
- made by the subscriber after joining the scheme



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**Ques: Where did Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurate the new BrahMos Aerospace Integration and Testing Facility on National Technology Day 2025?**

- a) Jaipur
- b) Lucknow
- c) Ghaziabad
- d) Varanasi
- e) New Delhi

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :**

- On May 11, 2025, National Technology Day, Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh virtually inaugurated a new BrahMos Aerospace Integration and Testing Facility in Lucknow.
- The day marks the 1998 Pokhran nuclear tests and celebrates India's achievements in science and technology.
- Other BrahMos production facilities are located in Hyderabad, Thiruvananthapuram, Pillani, and Nagpur.
- In India, there are two Defence Industrial corridors dedicated to the production of Defence and allied equipment. One is in Tamil Nadu and the other is in Uttar Pradesh

**About the Lucknow Production Facility :**

- Built in : Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor
- Cost : Rs 300 crore
- Spread over : 80 hectares of land in Lucknow
- Capacity : Produce 80-100 BrahMos missiles per year Produce 150 BrahMos NG (New Generation) per year

**About BrahMos missile :**

- Named from : Brahmaputra (India) and the Moskva River of Russia
- Developed by : BrahMos Aerospace Limited (Joint venture between DRDO and the



- Speed : 2.8 -3.5 Mach
- Range : 290 to 400 km
- The Philippines was the first country to buy BrahMos missiles from India. It signed a NPO Mashinostroyenia of Russia)  
\$375 million deal with India in 2022 to buy BrahMos



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**Ques: When is International Nurses Day celebrated?**

- (a) 5 May
- (b) 8 May
- (c) 12 May
- (d) 15 May
- (e) 10 May

**Answer:** Option E

**Explanation :**

- International Nurses Day is observed every year on 12th May, marking the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale (1820–1910), known as the founder of modern nursing.
- She gained recognition for improving sanitary conditions and caring for soldiers during the Crimean War, earning the title “Lady with the Lamp.”
- The United States officially declared the day in 1982.
- The theme for 2025 is: “Our Nurses. Our Future. Caring for nurses strengthens economies.”

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### Important days :

- 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)
- 26 April (Last Saturday of April) : World Veterinary Day (Theme 2025 – Animal Health Takes a Team)
- 28 April : World Day for Safety and Health at Work (Theme 2025 – Revolutionising health and safety: The role of AI and digitalisation at work)
- 29 April : International Dance Day
- 30 April : International Jazz Day (Theme 2025 – Learning for Lasting Peace – SDG Goal 4: Quality Education)
- 30 April : Ayushman Bharat Diwas
- 1 May : International Labour Day (Theme 2025 Safety and health of workers)
- 2 May : 9th World Tuna Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Our Ocean, Our Tuna, Our Future)
- 3 May : World Press Freedom Day (Theme 2025 Reporting in the Brave New World – The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Press Freedom and the Media)
- 3 May : International Leopard Day
- 4 May : World Laughter Day (theme for 2025 was “Laugh for Health, Peace and Happiness.”)
- 4 May : International Firefighters Day
- 5 May : World Portuguese Language Day
- 5 May : 17th World Hand Hygiene Day 2025 (Theme 2025 It might be gloves. It's always hand hygiene)
- 5 May : International Day of the Midwife (IDM) (theme for 2025 was “Midwives: Critical in Every Crisis”)
- 12th – 18th : May 8th UN Global Road Safety Week



## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

India's First Geothermal Production Well Drilled by the Centre for Earth Sciences and Himalayan Studies (CESHS) at Dirang in Arunachal Pradesh under the support of Ministry of Earth Sciences and Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh

P. David Solomon won the men's long jump title in the UAE Athletics Grand Prix, a bronze-level World Athletics Continental Tour competition, in Dubai, while national record holder Animesh Kujur easily won the 200m.

Former IAS officer Rameshwar Prasad Gupta Terminated from Chairman and Managing Director of Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd (SECI)

Netradyne has become the first Indian unicorn of 2025 after raising \$90 Mn in its Series D funding round at a valuation of \$1.34 Bn.

Musa indandamanensis, a wild banana species, has been observed to have a 4.2-meter infructescence (fruit-bearing structure). This is the longest infructescence in bananas that has ever been seen worldwide. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands are home to the endemic Musa indandamanensis.

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