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Ques: What is the purpose of the newly launched 'Niveshak Shivir' initiative by SEBI and the Ministry of Corporate Affairs?

- A. To increase FDI in India
- B. To promote digital banking
- C. To assist investors in reclaiming unclaimed dividends and shares
- D. To regulate stock market investments
- E. To monitor insider trading

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- SEBI and the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, through IEPFA, launched 'Niveshak Shivir', a nationwide investor assistance program.
- The initiative aims to educate and assist investors in reclaiming unclaimed dividends and shares.
- IEPFA is a statutory body under Section 125 of the Companies Act, 2013, focusing on investor protection, financial literacy, and refund of unclaimed amounts.

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Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- SEBI released a consultation paper in May 2025 proposing enhanced disclosure norms for High Value Debt Listed Entities (HVDLE)
- SEBI has introduced a regulatory framework for Specialized Investment Funds (SIFs), effective from April 1, 2025
- Capitalmind Financial Services has received final approval from SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) to launch its mutual fund business, branded as Capitalmind Mutual Fund
- SEBI has approved Aye Finance, a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), to raise Rs.1,450 crore through an Initial Public Offering (IPO)
- SEBI has formed a high-level committee (HLC) of six members to review rules on conflict of interest. The committee is headed by Pratyush Sinha, a retired IAS officer and former Chief Vigilance Commissioner
- SEBI has extended the deadline for regulated firms to implement the Cybersecurity and Cyber Resilience Framework (CSCRF) by three months, until June
- SEBI has introduced a framework for the Past Risk and Return Verification Agency (PaRRVA) to verify performance-related claims made by research analysts, investment advisors, and algorithm providers
- SEBI has approved increasing the disclosure threshold for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) from Rs.25,000 crore to Rs.50,000 crore in equity AUM.
- SEBI has extended the suspension of derivatives trading in seven agricultural commodities until March 31, 2026
- Paytm Money Limited, a subsidiary of One 97 Communications Limited (OCL), has been registered as a Research Analyst (RA) by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) under the 2014 Regulations
- The SEBI has reduced the minimum investment requirement for Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP) instruments on the SSE from Rs 10,000 to Rs 1,000
- The SEBI introduced Specialised Investment Funds (SIFs) to bridge the gap between mutual funds and portfolio management services
- The SEBI has decreased the timescale for completing rights issues from 126 days to 23 days.
- SEBI has collaborated with DigiLocker, a government-backed digital document storage platform, to address the issue of unclaimed assets and enhance investor protection





Ques: Which Indian public sector bank entered the list of the world's top 100 most profitable companies in FY 2024-25?

- A. Bank of Baroda
- B. Canara Bank
- C. Punjab National Bank
- D. State Bank of India
- E. Union Bank of India

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- State Bank of India (SBI) reported a net profit of USD 9.2 billion (Rs.77,561 crore) in FY 2024-25.
- With this, SBI ranked 98th globally in terms of annual earnings, as per Bloomberg data.
- SBI is now the third Indian company to join the world's top 100 most profitable companies, after ONGC (2009) and Reliance Industries (2021).
- The bank's strong position is attributed to a 31% CAGR in net profit over the last five years.
- Alphabet, the parent company of Google, tops the list with a profit of USD 111 billion, showing the strong earnings power of tech companies.
- Saudi Aramco comes next with USD 105 billion, proving that the energy sector continues to be very profitable
- With 43 companies, the United States of America (USA) tops the list, followed by China (19 companies) and Germany (5 companies).





Ques: What was India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation in April 2025, marking a 13-month low?

- A. 1.25%
- B. 2.05%
- C. 0.85%
- D. 3.16%
- E. 1.75%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's WPI inflation eased to 0.85% in April 2025, down from 2.05% in March, marking the lowest level in 13 months.
- The fall is attributed to a broad-based decline in prices across commodities.
- Additionally, retail inflation also eased to 3.16% in April, the lowest since July 2019.

Recent WPI-based Retail inflation in India :

- March 2025 : 2.05%
- February 2025 : 2.38%
- January 2025 : 2.31%
- December 2024 : 2.37%
- November 2024 : 1.89%

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Ques: Where was India's first design center for 3-nanometer chip technology inaugurated?

- (a) Hyderabad and Pune
- (b) Chennai and Gurugram
- (c) Noida and Bengaluru
- (d) Mumbai and Ahmedabad
- (e) Kochi and Indore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Renesas Electronics India Pvt Ltd inaugurated India's first design centers working on cutting-edge 3nm chip technology.
- These centers were inaugurated by Union Minister for Electronics & Information Technology, Railways, and Information & Broadcasting, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw at Noida and Bengaluru
- These centres are the first in India to design chips at the advanced 3nm node—marking significant technological progress from earlier 5nm and 7nm designs

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Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and world :

- Adani Green Energy Limited (AGEL) became the world's first Renewable Energy IPP to achieve water positivity with a 14 GW operational portfolio
- 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
- Scientists have compiled the first-ever pangenome of Asian rice by sequencing 144 varieties of wild and cultivated strains of *Oryza sativa* L
- South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) organized its first-ever 'Sneh Milan Mela' in Surajpur, Chhattisgarh
- 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."
- Bhutan has become the first country to launch a national-level crypto tourism payment system
- 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





Ques: How many total products are now covered under Uttar Pradesh's ODOP (One District, One Product) Scheme after the recent addition in 2025?

- A. 60
- B. 70
- C. 72
- D. 78
- E. 74

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- 12 more goods have been added to the Uttar Pradesh government's One District, One Product (ODOP) initiative, increasing the total to 74 products.
- Newly added items include agricultural implements (Baghpat), hosiery (Saharanpur), footwear and petha (Agra), sattu (Ballia), etc
- The scheme promotes district-specific products for economic development and employment generation

About ODOP Scheme :

- Launched : 24 January 2018
- Launched by : Uttar Pradesh government
- Aim : popularise and boost the sales of indigenous and specialised products/crafts in the 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh
- Target : create employment opportunities in the state, boost exports from the state, and help the state achieve a one-trillion-dollar economy by 2029





Ques: Who was Jose Mujica, who recently passed away at the age of 89?

- A. Former President of Argentina
- B. Former President of Uruguay
- C. Prime Minister of Spain
- D. Rebel Leader from Brazil
- E. President of Paraguay

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Jose Mujica, affectionately known as “Pepe,” was a former President of Uruguay, serving from 2010 to 2015. He passed away at the age of 89.
- A former guerrilla fighter, Mujica became globally known for his humble lifestyle and progressive policies.
- During his tenure, he legalized gay marriage, approved abortions in early pregnancy, and backed the legal sale of marijuana—a landmark move in Catholic Latin America.
- Uruguay is a South American nation with its capital at Montevideo, and the currency is the Uruguayan Peso (UYU).
- The country shares borders with Brazil and Argentina, and its official language is Spanish.

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Ques: What is the name of the potential cyclone likely to impact Odisha, West Bengal, and parts of Bangladesh as per IMD's forecast?

- A. Mon-Tha
- B. Fani
- C. Shakti
- D. Feinjal
- E. Vayu

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Cyclone Shakti is a potential cyclone expected to form over the Bay of Bengal, as per the India Meteorological Department (IMD).
- It could impact the eastern coast of India, especially Odisha and West Bengal, as well as Khulna and Chattogram in Bangladesh.
- The name Shakti was proposed by Sri Lanka, in accordance with the cyclone naming system used in the North Indian Ocean region.
- This system involves 13 member countries, each of which submits names in advance. Used names are then retired and not reused.

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Ques: Which satellite internet service provider recently received a Letter of Intent from the Department of Telecommunications to begin operations in India?

- A. OneWeb
- B. Amazon Kuiper
- C. Starlink
- D. HughesNet
- E. Viasat

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Starlink, the satellite internet company owned by Elon Musk, received a Letter of Intent from the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to begin commercial operations in India.
- Starlink already provides satellite communication services in over 100 countries using a constellation of 7,000+ low Earth orbit satellites.
- However, it still requires spectrum allocation and final approvals from IN-SPACe (Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre) before launching services.

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Ques: Which Indian state has announced a full property tax exemption for all defence personnel residing in gram panchayat areas?

- A. Telangana
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Punjab
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Haryana

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan announced a full property tax exemption for homes owned by defence personnel within gram panchayat limits.
- Earlier, this benefit was limited to retired soldiers or those posted at borders, but now it includes all active personnel, regardless of deployment location.
- The announcement followed the sacrifice of Agniveer Murali Naik, a 23-year-old soldier from Sri Sathya Sai district, who died in Jammu & Kashmir on May 9, 2025.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BRICS CCI) ahead of the 17th BRICS Summit in 2025?

- A. Ramesh K. Sharma
- B. Harvansh P. Chawla
- C. Anil Kumar Jain
- D. Pankaj Patel
- E. Rajeev Khurana

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Harvansh P. Chawla, a renowned senior corporate legal expert Appointed as Chairman of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BRICS CCI)
- The upcoming 17th BRICS Summit, scheduled to be held from 6th to 7th July 2025 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

About BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry :

- Established : 2012
- HQ : New Delhi
- Chairman : Harvansh P. Chawla

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Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Ajay Kumar : 33rd Chairperson of UPSC
- Manoj Kumar Jhavar : Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of PTC India Ltd.
- Santosh Kumar Sarangi : CMD of Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)
- Sarit Maheshwari : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NTPC Green Energy Limited
- 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)

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Ques: According to the SRS Statistical Report 2021, which Indian states are witnessing a decline in birth rates at twice the national average?

- A. Rajasthan, Bihar, Chhattisgarh
- B. Delhi, Kerala, Tamil Nadu
- C. Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand
- D. Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana
- E. Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Punjab

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report 2021, released in May 2024, shows a significant decline in birth rates in Delhi (2.23%), Kerala (2.05%), and Tamil Nadu (2.35%), which is nearly double the national decline rate of 1.12% per year.
- The national crude birth rate stood at 19.3 per 1,000 population in 2021.
- These southern and urbanized states are undergoing faster demographic transition, impacting future population, health, and employment policies.
- In contrast, states like Rajasthan (0.48%), Bihar (0.86%), and Chhattisgarh (0.98%) showed the slowest decline, while Uttarakhand was the only state to report an increase.

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Ques: Which organization has set up a new office in Srinagar to develop inland water transport infrastructure in Jammu & Kashmir?

- (a) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- (b) Central Water Commission
- (c) Inland Waterways Authority of India
- (d) National Highways Authority of India
- (e) Indian Ports Association

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, has opened a new office in Srinagar.
- It aims to boost inland water transport (IWT) by developing navigation infrastructure on three national waterways — NW-26 (Chenab), NW-49 (Jhelum), and NW-84 (Ravi).
- Projects include floating jetties, dredging, and future development of Dal and Wullar lakes for water navigation.
- IWAI took a step towards developing river cruise tourism in J&K, with an estimated budget of Rs.100 crore.

About Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) :

- Established : 1986
- HQ : Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- Chairman : Vijay Kumar





Ques: What is the primary purpose of India's upcoming EOS-09 (RISAT-1B) satellite?

- A. Deep space exploration
- B. Climate change monitoring
- C. Internet connectivity for remote areas
- D. Telecommunications improvement
- E. Border monitoring and defence capabilities

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- EOS-09 (RISAT-1B) is a radar imaging satellite scheduled for launch on May 18 aboard PSLV-C61 from Sriharikota.
- It will be placed in a Sun-synchronous orbit (SSO), enabling consistent imaging conditions.
- The satellite features a C-band synthetic aperture radar, allowing day-night and all-weather surveillance.
- It will boost India's border security, support anti-terror and infiltration detection, and also serve civilian applications like agriculture, forestry, and flood assessment.
- It is a successor to RISAT-1 and complements India's existing Earth observation fleet.

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Ques: What is the name of the statewide behavioural change campaign launched by Kerala for a garbage-free state under the ‘Malinya Muktham Nava Keralam’ mission?

- A. Vruthi Campaign
- B. Clean Kerala Drive
- C. Haritha Mission
- D. Nava Kerala Yatra
- E. Swachh Bharat Kerala

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- ‘Vruthi’ Campaign was launched by the Kerala government in October 2024 to address the growing waste crisis in the state.
- "Vruthi" means cleanliness of body and mind, emphasizing both physical and mental hygiene.
- It is part of the ‘Malinya Muktham Nava Keralam’ (Waste-Free New Kerala) mission.
- The campaign focuses on decentralized, tech-neutral waste management, mass public participation, and 100% garbage-free targets for local bodies.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the 52nd Chief Justice of India with a tenure of six months starting from 15 May 2025?

- A. Justice B.R. Gavai
- B. Justice Sanjiv Khanna
- C. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud
- D. Justice Ramana
- E. Justice N.V. Ramana

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai was sworn in as the 52nd Chief Justice of India on 15 May 2025 by President Droupadi Murmu. His tenure will last six months until November 2025.
- He is the first Dalit CJI from the Scheduled Caste (SC) community.
- Justice Gavai has contributed to major cases like abrogation of Article 370 and will oversee hearings on the Places of Worship Act and the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025.

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Ques: Which Indian film will be screened in the Classics section at the 78th Cannes Film Festival 2025?

- A. Aranyer Din Ratri
- B. Apu Sansar
- C. Pather Panchali
- D. Tanvi: The Great
- E. Homebound

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 78th Cannes Film Festival began on May 13, 2025, in Cannes, France, and will run till May 24.
- Robert De Niro was honoured with an honorary Palme d'Or, presented by Leonardo DiCaprio.
- Satyajit Ray's 1970 classic 'Aranyer Din Ratri' will be screened in the Classics section, starring Soumitra Chatterjee and Sharmila Tagore.
- Other Indian entries include 'A Doll Made Up of Clay' (La Cinéf section), 'Homebound' by Neeraj Ghaywan (Uncertain Regard), and Anupam Kher's 'Tanvi: The Great' (Marché du Film premiere).

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Ques: According to recent projections, what is the estimated value of the Indian drone market by 2030?

- A. \$5 Billion
- B. \$8 Billion
- C. \$11 Billion
- D. \$15 Billion
- E. \$20 Billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Indian drone market is projected to reach \$11 billion by 2030, accounting for 12.2% of the global drone market.
- This growth is fueled by rising demand in sectors like defence, surveillance, agriculture, logistics, and disaster management.
- India is rapidly advancing in the field with indigenous drones like TAPAS-BH-201, Rustom, Ghatak, and Nagastra, alongside imports such as Heron and Warmate.
- The “Make in India” initiative and strategic defence needs are major drivers behind this booming sector.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the President of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) for a one-year term starting October 1, 2025?

- A. Michael Vaughan
- B. Lord King of Lothbury
- C. Edward Thomas Smith
- D. Andrew Strauss
- E. Nasser Hussain

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Edward Thomas Smith, former Chief Selector of the England Men's Cricket Team (2018–2021), has been appointed as President of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC).
- His one-year term will begin on October 1, 2025, replacing Lord King of Lothbury.
- The appointment was confirmed at the MCC Annual General Meeting held at Lord's Cricket Ground, London.
- Notably, during his tenure as Chief Selector, England won the ICC Men's World Cup for the first time in 2019.

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Ques: According to the Brand Finance Tyre 2025 report, what is the global rank of MRF in terms of brand strength?

- A. 1st
- B. 2nd
- C. 3rd
- D. 4th
- E. 5th

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- MRF Ltd., headquartered in Chennai, has been ranked as the 3rd strongest tyre brand globally by the UK-based Brand Finance in its Tyre 2025 Report.
- It ranks just behind Michelin (BSI 92.6) and Goodyear (BSI 88.0), with a Brand Strength Index (BSI) score of 83.5.
- MRF has surpassed other well-known global tyre brands such as Yokohama, Bridgestone, Hankook, and Pirelli.
- The ranking highlights MRF's strong brand preference, customer trust, familiarity, and consistent product performance, reinforcing its leadership both in India and worldwide.

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India's Rankings in Different Indices

- World Press Freedom Index 2025 was published by Reporters Without Borders (RSF) : India (151th), Norway (1st)
- Human Development Index (HDI) 2023 : India (130th)
- 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)
- 2025 Hurun Global Rich List Edition 14th Published by Hurun Research Institute : Elon Musk (1st), Mukesh Ambani (17th)





Ques: Who is the author of the book “PMO Through the Ages”?

- A. Sanjaya Baru
- B. Himanshu Roy
- C. Rajdeep Sardesai
- D. Shashi Tharoor
- E. Vinay Sitapati

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The book “PMO Through the Ages” (full title: Prime Minister’s Office Through the Years) is authored by Himanshu Roy.
- It explores how India’s Prime Ministers have strengthened and expanded their secretariat (PMO) over the decades.
- The book is published by Rupa Publications.
- It offers an insightful look into the evolving role and power structure of the Prime Minister’s Office in India.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- "India@2047: Leading the Global Economic Order" : Shyam Prakash Sharma
- "The Thinking Machine: Jensen Huang, Nvidia and the World's Most Coveted Microchip" : Stephen Witt
- "Alone in the Ring: Decision-making in Critical Times" : General NC Vij, former Chief of Army Staff
- '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





Ques: Who won the Tri-Nation Women's ODI Series held in Sri Lanka in May 2025?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. South Africa
- C. Australia
- D. India
- E. England

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Indian women's cricket team, led by Harmanpreet Kaur, won the Tri-Nation ODI Series in Sri Lanka.
- The series featured India, Sri Lanka, and South Africa, and was held from 27 April to 11 May 2025 at the R Premadasa Stadium, Colombo.
- Smriti Mandhana was named Player of the Final, and Sneha Rana, who took 15 wickets, was awarded Player of the Series.

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Ques: As per the first official monthly labour force data released in April 2025, what was India's overall unemployment rate?

- A. 4.2%
- B. 6.5%
- C. 5.1%
- D. 3.9%
- E. 7.8%

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) data for April 2025, India's overall unemployment rate stood at 5.1%.
- Urban unemployment was higher at 6.5%, while rural unemployment was lower at 4.5%.
- The data was released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- From January 2025, PLFS is being released monthly to enable real-time tracking of employment patterns.
- Youth unemployment (15–29 yrs) was reported at 13.8%, with female youth unemployment at 14.4% and male youth at 13.6%.

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- 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
- India clinched gold in the men's compound team event at the Archery World Cup Stage 2 in Shanghai
- 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
- 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



Ques: When is the International Day of Light observed annually?

- A. 14 May
- B. 16 May
- C. 18 May
- D. 20 May
- E. 21 May

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The International Day of Light is observed every year on 16th May, marking the first successful operation of the laser by Theodore Maiman in 1960.
- The United Nations first observed the International Year of Light in 2015 to raise global awareness about light science.
- Theme for 2025: “Light, Innovation, Society”.

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Leading online marketplaces have received thirteen notices from the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) prohibiting the listing and sale of walkie-talkies on e-commerce platforms without the required equipment type approval (ETA), frequency disclosure, or licensing information. This is a violation of the Consumer Protection Act of 2019.

Qatar National Bank (QNB), headquartered in Doha, Qatar, is the largest financial institution in the MEA region. It became the first bank from the MEA region to open a branch in GIFT-IFSC, Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Autobiography “Janta Ki Kahani – Meri Aatamkatha” Authored by Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatraya. It is Launched by Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar

President of India pays Tributes to Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed on his birth anniversary on 13 May. He was the fifth President of India from 1974 to 1977 and also the second President of the country to die in office after Zakir Hussain

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh appealed to the scientific community to come forward and voluntarily donate blood, emphasizing the creation of a "Blood Bank for National Service"

Adani Enterprises Limited introduced India's first hydrogen-powered fuel cell truck for mining logistics in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, to promote cleaner transportation and replace diesel vehicles in its logistics operations.

