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**Ques: What percentage of total MF AUM is held by individual investors as of March 2025?**

**मार्च 2025 तक कुल म्युचुअल फंड AUM का कितने प्रतिशत हिस्सा व्यक्तिगत निवेशकों के पास है?**

- A. 52.52%
- B. 27%
- C. 63.4%
- D. 48.22%
- E. 36.6%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- According to AMFI data, individual investors held 63.4% of total mutual fund assets under management (AUM) as of March 2025.
- The top five cities — Mumbai, New Delhi, Bengaluru, Pune, and Kolkata — account for over 52% of total MF AUM.
- Total AUM was Rs.65.74 lakh crore with 5.34 crore unique investors, including 25.91% women investors.
- Individual investors prefer equity (65%), hybrid (18%), and debt (9%) funds.
- There is a rising trend of women participation and young investors prefer equity while older ones prefer debt funds.

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**Ques: Under the new TN govt pact, what is the accidental death insurance cover provided to employees?**

तमिलनाडु सरकार के नए समझौते के तहत कर्मचारियों को कितनी राशि का दुर्घटनावश मृत्यु बीमा कवर मिलेगा?

- A. Rs.50 lakh
- B. Rs.1 crore
- C. Rs.10 lakh
- D. Rs.5 lakh
- E. Rs.25 lakh

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- The Tamil Nadu government signed agreements with 7 banks including Indian Bank, SBI, Axis Bank, and others to provide insurance and loan benefits to government employees.
- The key insurance provision includes Rs.1 crore cover for accidental death or permanent disability.
- Additionally, there is Rs.5 lakh marriage assistance for daughters of deceased employees and Rs.10 lakh higher education assistance for up to two daughters.
- Concessional personal, housing, and education loans are also part of the benefits under this pact.

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**Ques: According to RBI's new draft norms, what is the maximum collective investment allowed by all lenders in a single AIF scheme?**

**RBI के नए ड्राफ्ट नियमों के अनुसार, एक AIF स्कीम में सभी उधारदाताओं द्वारा कुल अधिकतम निवेश कितना हो सकता है?**

- A. 5%
- B. 10%
- C. 12%
- D. 15%
- E. 25%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- RBI's draft circular proposes that all lenders together can invest up to 15% in a single AIF scheme.
- A single lender's investment cap is 10% of the AIF corpus.
- Registered Entities (RE) can invest up to 5% without restrictions.
- 100% provisioning is required if downstream debt is made to the RE's borrower (excluding equity shares).
- Some AIFs may get strategic exemptions in consultation with the government.
- These proposed norms aim to boost capital inflow from RBI-regulated lenders while aligning with SEBI rules and preventing misuse.

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**Ques: Which foreign bank has recently received in-principle approval from RBI to set up a wholly owned subsidiary in India?**

**किस विदेशी बैंक को हाल ही में भारत में पूर्ण स्वामित्व वाली सहायक कंपनी स्थापित करने के लिए RBI से सैद्धांतिक मंजूरी मिली है?**

- A. DBS Bank / डीबीएस बैंक
- B. HSBC Bank / एचएसबीसी बैंक
- C. Emirates NBD Bank PJSC / एमिरेट्स एनबीडी बैंक पीजेएससी
- D. SBM Bank / एसबीएम बैंक
- E. Barclays Bank / बार्कलेज बैंक

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted in-principle approval to Emirates NBD Bank PJSC to establish a wholly owned subsidiary (WOS) in India.
- Emirates NBD will be the third foreign bank to enter India via the WOS route after DBS Bank and SBM Bank.
- Currently, Emirates NBD operates in India through branches in Chennai, Gurugram, and Mumbai.
- The minimum startup capital requirement for the WOS is Rs.300 crore with a minimum capital adequacy ratio of 10%.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- RBI based on the Economic Capital Framework (ECF), may transfer a record surplus ranging from Rs.2.5 lakh crore to Rs.3 lakh crore to the government for the financial year 2024-25
- As per RBI's latest data, UPI QR codes recorded the fastest growth in digital payment infrastructure in FY 2024-25
- RBI recently revealed data showing that American Express and HSBC were the top foreign banks with notable gains
- RBI approved the formation of an interim "Committee of Executives" to oversee IndusInd Bank's operations
- RBI has eased investment norms for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) in corporate debt securities via the general route
- RBI has officially recognised the Fixed Income Money Market and Derivatives Association of India (FIMMDA) as a Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) for financial markets
- RBI has sought the government's approval to remove the 30% cap on foreign banks using vostro accounts to purchase short-term sovereign debt, including treasury bills
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) purchased 57.5 tonnes of gold during the fiscal year 2024-25, making it the second-highest annual purchase since it began accumulating gold in December 2017
- According to RBI report, India's total exports in 2024-25 reached \$824.9 billion, which reflects a 6.01% increase over \$778.1 billion in 2023-24
- RBI has announced that starting 1st May 2025, all banks, financial companies, and regulated entities must use the PRAVAAH portal for submitting applications related to regulatory authorisations, licences, and approvals
- Zaak ePayment Services, a wholly owned subsidiary of Mobikwik, received final approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an Online Payment Aggregator
- RBI has launched three important surveys in May 2025 to collect inputs for future monetary policy decisions. These include the Inflation Expectations Survey of Households (IESH), Urban Consumer Confidence Survey (UCCS), and Rural Consumer Confidence Survey (RCCS)
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) revoked the license of Imperial Urban Co-operative Bank, located in Jalandhar, in 2025



**Ques: As per SEBI's new norms, who is barred from being part of the audit committee of MIs?**

**सेबी के नए नियमों के अनुसार, MIs की ऑडिट समिति का हिस्सा बनने से किसे रोका गया है?**

- A. Key Managerial Personnel / प्रमुख प्रबंधकीय कार्मिक
- B. Compliance Officers / अनुपालन अधिकारी
- C. Managing Directors / प्रबंध निदेशक
- D. Independent Directors / स्वतंत्र निदेशक
- E. Chief Financial Officers / मुख्य वित्तीय अधिकारी

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- SEBI has barred the Managing Directors (MDs) of Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIs) from being members of their audit committees to ensure independence and transparency in audits.
- Key Managerial Personnel (KMPs) may attend audit committee meetings only with the chairperson's approval but do not have voting rights.
- The new internal audit norms for MIs aim to strengthen governance and audit mechanisms, covering functions like operations, regulatory compliance, risk management, investor grievances, and business development.
- Internal auditors must report only to the audit committee, and institutions may consult the Industry Standards Forum to define the audit scope.
- These norms will become effective after three months from their notification, following findings of gaps in audit practices during inspections.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- SEBI and the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, through IEPFA, launched 'Niveshak Shivir', a nationwide investor assistance program
- 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.





**Ques: With whom has Uber partnered to launch B2B logistics services in India?**  
**उबर ने भारत में B2B लॉजिस्टिक्स सेवाएं शुरू करने के लिए किसके साथ साझेदारी की है?**

- A. NPCI
- B. TRAI
- C. ONDC
- D. SIDBI
- E. FICCI

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Uber is entering the B2B logistics market in India by partnering with ONDC (Open Network for Digital Commerce).
- It aims to utilize its 1.4 million driver network to expand logistics services beyond courier deliveries.
- The service will initially focus on food delivery and later expand to e-commerce, grocery, pharmacy, and heavy logistics segments.
- Competitors in this space include Shiprocket, Shadowfax, Porter, and Loadshare.

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**Ques: Which Indian ministry recently dedicated the country's first public-funded DST-ICGEB 'Bio-foundry'?**

**किस भारतीय मंत्रालय ने हाल ही में देश की पहली सार्वजनिक वित्त पोषित DST-ICGEB 'बायो-फाउंड्री' को समर्पित किया?**

- A. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare / स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय
- B. Ministry of Biotechnology / जैव प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय
- C. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change / पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय
- D. Ministry of Science & Technology / विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय
- E. Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers / रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Dr. Jitendra Singh, from the Ministry of Science & Technology, dedicated India's first public-funded DST-ICGEB 'Bio-foundry' in New Delhi during the 31st Board Meeting of Governors of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB).
- The Bio-foundry is a cutting-edge facility supporting biotechnology innovation, synthetic biology, and research.
- India's bio-economy grew from USD 10 billion in 2014 to USD 165.7 billion in 2024, with a goal of USD 300 billion by 2030.
- This milestone reflects India's growing emphasis on public-private partnerships, research infrastructure, and global collaboration in biotechnology.





**Ques: What is the main objective of the 'Indira Saura Giri Jala Vikasam' scheme launched in Telangana?**

**तेलंगाना में शुरू की गई 'इंदिरा सौर गिरि जल विकासम्' योजना का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?**

- A. Provide free electricity to all urban households / सभी शहरी परिवारों को मुफ्त बिजली उपलब्ध कराना
- B. Promote solar rooftop panels in cities / शहरों में सौर छत पैनलों को बढ़ावा देना
- C. Provide solar-powered irrigation to tribal farmers / आदिवासी किसानों को सौर ऊर्जा से सिंचाई उपलब्ध कराना
- D. Distribute solar cookers to rural women / ग्रामीण महिलाओं को सौर कुकर वितरित करना
- E. Create solar parks for industries / उद्योगों के लिए सौर पार्क बनाना

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The 'Indira Saura Giri Jala Vikasam' scheme launched by Telangana CM A. Revanth Reddy aims to provide solar-powered borewell irrigation facilities to tribal farmers.
- It covers about 6 lakh acres of tribal land without electricity connection, enabling irrigation through solar energy.
- The scheme supports empowerment of Scheduled Tribes farmers under the Forest Rights Act, benefiting 2.3 lakh farmers with land rights over 6.69 lakh acres.
- Additional initiatives include solar projects and bus ownership for women Self Help Groups (SHGs).

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## Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launched the 'Eti Koli Duti Paat' scheme during the 200th celebration of Assam Tea. Under this scheme, the Government of Assam will provide a one-time assistance of Rs.5,000 to each permanent and temporary tea garden worker
- The Government of Kerala launched the 'Jyothi' scheme in May 2025 to support the education of children of migrant workers
- The Adishakti Abhiyan is a women's empowerment initiative by the Maharashtra government that focuses on effective implementation and awareness of government schemes for women and children
- The Pandit Lakhmi Chand Kalakar Samajik Samman Yojana was launched by the Haryana government to financially support senior artists who have significantly contributed to arts like singing, acting, dance, drama, and visual arts
- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) launched the Cashless Treatment of Road Accident Victims Scheme, 2025. It is implemented by the National Health Authority (NHA). The scheme provides cashless treatment of up to Rs.1.5 lakh per accident per person
- The Mukhyamantri Neera Samvardhan Yojana has been launched by the Bihar Government to boost neera (palm nectar) production and support toddy tappers
- The SMILE Scheme (Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise) was launched in 2022 by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- The Maharashtra government has started the Pink E-Rickshaw Scheme to help women become financially independent

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**Ques: Which country recently saw an outbreak of wild polio virus declared by WHO?**  
**विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन (WHO) ने हाल ही में जंगली पोलियो वायरस के प्रकोप की घोषणा किस देश में की?**

- A. India / भारत
- B. Papua New Guinea / पापुआ न्यू गिनी
- C. Nigeria / नाइजीरिया
- D. Afghanistan / अफगानिस्तान
- E. Pakistan / पाकिस्तान

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The WHO declared an outbreak of wild polio virus in Papua New Guinea after two children were found infected.
- Papua New Guinea was declared polio-free in 2000, but low immunisation rates and a brief outbreak in 2018 posed challenges.
- Polio mainly affects children below 5 years and causes paralysis by attacking the nervous system.
- The disease spreads primarily via the faecal-oral route, including through contaminated food and water.
- The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), launched in 1988, has helped reduce wild poliovirus cases globally by 99%.
- The first polio vaccine was invented by Jonas Salk in 1952, followed by the oral polio vaccine by Albert Sabin, which uses a weakened live virus.

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**Ques: Which country did Myntra recently launch its international operations in?**  
**मित्रा ने हाल ही में किस देश में अपने अंतरराष्ट्रीय परिचालन की शुरुआत की है?**

- A. UAE / यूएई
- B. Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- C. Canada / कनाडा
- D. Singapore / सिंगापुर
- E. UK / यूके

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation :**

- Myntra has launched its international operations in Singapore, targeting the Indian diaspora of approximately 6.5 lakh people residing there.
- The platform offers over 35,000 styles from 100+ Indian brands, focusing on Indian ethnic wear, home décor, and fashion categories.
- Major brands available include Aurelia, Global Desi, Libas, FabIndia, and House of Pataudi.
- Delivery time in Singapore ranges from 4 to 7 days, with an average order value (AOV) between Rs.2,000 and Rs.3,000.

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**Ques: Who among the following served as the sixth President of India from 1977 to 1982?**

**निम्नलिखित में से किसने 1977 से 1982 तक भारत के छठे राष्ट्रपति के रूप में कार्य किया था?**

- A. Neelam Sanjiva Reddy / नीलम संजीव रेड्डी
- B. Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma / डॉ. शंकर दयाल शर्मा
- C. R. Venkataraman / आर. वेंकटरमण
- D. Giani Zail Singh / ज्ञानी जैल सिंह
- E. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed / फखरुद्दीन अली अहमद

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation :**

- Neelam Sanjiva Reddy was the sixth President of India, serving from July 25, 1977 to July 25, 1982.
- He was born on May 19, 1913, in Illur, located in present-day Andhra Pradesh.
- He also holds the distinction of being the first Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in 1956, following the States Reorganisation Act.
- Reddy passed away on June 1, 1996.
- On his birth anniversary, President Droupadi Murmu paid him floral tributes, honoring his contributions to the nation.

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**Ques: Which Indian-origin agricultural scientist was selected for the 2024 Crawford Fund Medal Award?**

**2024 क्रॉफर्ड फंड मेडल पुरस्कार के लिए किस भारतीय मूल के कृषि वैज्ञानिक को चुना गया है?**

- A. M.S. Swaminathan / एम. एस. स्वामीनाथन
- B. Ramesh Chand / रमेश चंद
- C. Kadambot Siddique / कदंबोत सिद्दीक
- D. Trilochan Mohapatra / त्रिलोचन महापात्र
- E. G.V. Ramanjaneyulu / जी. वी. रमंजनयालु

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation :**

- The 2024 Crawford Fund Medal was awarded to Kadambot Siddique, an agricultural scientist originally from Kodungalloor, Thrissur.
- He is currently serving as Hackett Professor and Director of Agriculture at the UWA Institute of Agriculture, University of Western Australia.
- Prof. Siddique was recognized for his significant and sustained contributions to international agricultural research through Crawford Fund's programmes and related initiatives.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- 58th Jnanpith Award : Jagadguru Rambhadracharya
- 52nd Karnataka State Lalitkala Academy Award : Rehman Patel, an artist from Kalaburagi
- INSA Distinguished Lecture Fellowship for the year 2025 : CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (CSIRIICT), Hyderabad, scientist Surya Prakash Singh
- 2025 World Food Prize : Brazilian microbiologist Dr. Mariangela Hungria
- International Buddha Peace Award 2025 : Dr. Mustafa Yusufali Gom
- Humanitarian Award 2025 : Sonu Sood
- UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2025 : La Prensa, one of Nicaragua's oldest newspapers
- 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





**Ques: Which state had the highest number of MPs among the recipients of the Sansad Ratna Awards 2025?**

**संसद रत्न पुरस्कार 2025 के प्राप्तकर्ताओं में से किस राज्य के सर्वाधिक सांसदों को यह सम्मान मिला है?**

- A. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- B. Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- C. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- D. Jharkhand / झारखंड
- E. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation :**

- Maharashtra led the Sansad Ratna Awards 2025 with 7 MPs out of the 17 awardees from Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.
- The awards will be presented in New Delhi during the 15th edition of the Sansad Ratna Awards in July 2025.
- The Jury Committee for nominations was chaired by Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, who is also the first recipient of the award.
- Instituted in 2010 by Prime Point Foundation and eMagazine PreSense, the awards were inspired by a suggestion from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, who also inaugurated the first ceremony in Chennai.

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**Ques: Which countries are participating in the Golden Dragon Military Exercise 2025?**

**गोल्डन ड्रैगन सैन्य अभ्यास 2025 में कौन-कौन से देश भाग ले रहे हैं?**

- A. China and Vietnam / चीन और वियतनाम
- B. China and Cambodia / चीन और कंबोडिया
- C. China and Thailand / चीन और थाईलैंड
- D. Cambodia and Philippines / कंबोडिया और फिलीपींस
- E. China and Sri Lanka / चीन और श्रीलंका

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Golden Dragon 2025 is a joint military exercise between China and Cambodia.
- It runs from May 14 to May 28, 2025, covering land, sea, and air operations.
- The exercise is held at the Ream Naval Base in Sihanoukville, Cambodia's southern coast.
- More than 900 Chinese soldiers and over 1,300 Cambodian troops participate.
- The theme focuses on joint counterterrorism and humanitarian relief operations.
- The Ream Naval Base was officially inaugurated in April 2025 with Chinese warships docking, reflecting China's growing naval presence in the Gulf of Thailand.
- The drills coincide with the U.S.-Philippines-led 'Balikatan' exercise involving U.S., Philippines, Australia, and Japan.
- China's access to dual-use ports in countries like Cambodia mirrors its presence in other strategic locations such as Sri Lanka (Hambantota) and Pakistan (Gwadar).





## Recent News Headlines Related to Defence Exercise :

- The Indian Army and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) jointly conducted Exercise Raahat in Assam, focusing on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) operations
- The Indian Army conducted 'Teesta Prahar', a large-scale integrated field exercise at the Teesta field firing range in West Bengal. The exercise was held under the Trishakti Corps, part of the Eastern Command
- India is set to join the Talisman Sabre 2025 military drill for the first time. This exercise is a biennial event. It aims to enhance strategic cooperation and defense collaboration in the Indo-Pacific region.
- Exercise "Aakraman," a significant military exercise, was carried out by the Indian Air Force (IAF) to simulate strikes on both ground and mountain targets
- The Indian Air Force contingent took part in Exercise Desert Flag-10, held at Al Dhafra Air Base, UAE
- The 1st edition of Africa India Key Maritime Engagement (AIKEYME 2025) was conducted in Tanzania
- Exercise Prachand Prahaa Held at High-altitude terrain of Arunachal Pradesh between Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force. It is Conducted by Indian Army's Kolkata, West Bengal-based Eastern Command
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to participate in the multinational air exercise INIOCHOS-25 in Greece. This 12-day exercise, hosted by Greece's Hellenic Air Force, will be held at Andravida Air Base and will continue until April 11, 2025
- The 14th edition of Exercise INDRA was conducted between the Indian Navy and the Russian Navy. The exercise was divided into two phases: the Harbour Phase, which took place off the coast of Chennai, and the Sea Phase, which was held in the Bay of Bengal
- The India-U.S. tri-service exercise 'Tiger Triumph' is a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise. The Harbour Phase of the exercise will take place in Visakhapatnam from April 1 to 7, 2025.





**Ques: Which new portal has been launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah to simplify the registration process for Indian-origin citizens abroad?**

**भारतीय मूल के विदेशों में रहने वाले नागरिकों के पंजीकरण को सरल बनाने के लिए गृह मंत्री अमित शाह ने कौन सा नया पोर्टल लॉन्च किया है?**

- A. Bharat Connect Portal / भारत कनेक्ट पोर्टल
- B. PIO Registration Portal / PIO रजिस्ट्रेशन पोर्टल
- C. OCI Portal / OCI पोर्टल
- D. Pravasi Mitra Portal / प्रवासी मित्र पोर्टल
- E. NRI India Link / NRI इंडिया लिंक

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched a revamped OCI (Overseas Citizen of India) Portal with an updated user interface.
- The new portal aims to simplify the registration process for Overseas Citizens of India, offering enhanced functionality, advanced security, and a user-friendly experience.
- Over 5 million existing OCI cardholders along with new users will benefit from this upgraded portal.
- The OCI scheme, introduced in 2005 through an amendment to the Citizenship Act, 1955, allows Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) to register as Overseas Citizens of India.
- Eligibility includes those who were Indian citizens on or after January 26, 1950, excluding those connected to Pakistan or Bangladesh citizenship.





## Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals

- Petologist App Launched by Karnataka Government to connect pet owners and farmers with licensed veterinarians, clinics, and hospitals. It is Developed by Bengaluru based Transduceideas Technologies LLP
- SBOF Agrosmart Private Limited launched SBOF Agrosmart, India's first AI-powered integrated agriculture app
- 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
- The PRASHAST app, launched by Delhi's Directorate of Education, is designed for the early identification of students with disabilities
- 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
- ECINET (Election Commission of India Network) is a single-point digital platform launched by the Election Commission of India for all electoral-related activities
- The Government of India will launch "Depot Darpan", a real-time monitoring portal for food storage depots, on May 20, 2025
- The Income Tax Department launched the 'e-Pay Tax' feature on its official online portal
- To make land record management easier, more transparent, and more publically available, the Telangana government launched the Bhu Bharati portal
- Startup QNu Labs introduces Q-Shield, the first platform of its kind in the world that enables businesses to safeguard vital infrastructure
- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched the dedicated digital portal developed by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) to facilitate private sector participation in building infrastructure (like jetties and terminals) on National Waterways, promoting Ease of Doing Business (EODB)





**Ques:** What is the frequency range proposed to be delicensed for unlicensed indoor use as per the draft rules?

ड्राफ्ट नियमों के अनुसार बिना लाइसेंस के इनडोर उपयोग के लिए किस फ्रीक्वेंसी रेंज को डीलाइसेंस करने का प्रस्ताव है?

- A. 4825-5000 MHz
- B. 5925-6425 MHz
- C. 6425-7125 MHz
- D. 5000-5825 MHz
- E. 5800-6000 MHz

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation :**

- The Government of India has proposed to delicense the 5925-6425 MHz frequency band for unlicensed indoor use of low and very low power wireless systems.
- This means no authorization or frequency assignment will be needed to operate devices in this band indoors, with power capped at 30 dBm.
- Usage is restricted and prohibited in land vehicles, boats, aircraft flying above 10,000 feet, and drones.
- The move aims to promote deployment of advanced Wi-Fi technologies like Wi-Fi 6E and Wi-Fi 7, enabling better data-intensive applications indoors.

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**Ques: Which Indian shooters won the bronze medal in the Trap Mixed Team event at the ISSF Shotgun World Cup 2025 in Cyprus?**

**साइप्रस में आयोजित ISSF शॉटगन वर्ल्ड कप 2025 में ट्रैप मिक्स्ड टीम इवेंट में कांस्य पदक जीतने वाले भारतीय निशानेबाज कौन हैं?**

- A. Ankur Mittal and Manisha Keer / अंकुर मित्तल और मनीषा कीर
- B. Kynan Chenai and Sabeera Haris / क्यानन चेनाई और साबीरा हारिस
- C. Mairaj Ahmad Khan and Ganemat Sekhon / मेराज अहमद खान और गणमत सेखों
- D. Prithviraj Tondaiman and Shreyasi Singh / पृथ्वीराज तोंडैमान और श्रेयसी सिंह
- E. Lakshay Sheoran and Maheshwari Chauhan / लक्षय श्योराण और महेश्वरी चौहान

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- Indian shooters Kynan Chenai and Sabeera Haris won a bronze medal in the Trap Mixed Team event at the ISSF Shotgun World Cup 2025, held in Nicosia, Cyprus.
- This tournament was the third World Cup of the 2025 season in the shotgun shooting category.
- The next ISSF World Cup for shotgun events is scheduled from July 4 to 14, 2025, at the Trap Concaverde range, Lonato del Garda, Italy.
- Their win adds to India's strong performance in global shooting events and enhances Olympic preparation.

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**Ques: What is the name of the operation launched by the Indian Coast Guard to protect Olive Ridley turtles during their nesting season?**  
**ओलिव रिडले कछुओं के अंडे देने के मौसम में उनकी सुरक्षा के लिए भारतीय तटरक्षक बल द्वारा शुरू किए गए अभियान का क्या नाम है?**

- A. Operation Turtle Watch / ऑपरेशन टर्टल वॉच
- B. Operation Ridley Safe / ऑपरेशन रिडले सेफ
- C. Operation Coast Nest / ऑपरेशन कोस्ट नेस्ट
- D. Operation Gahirmatha / ऑपरेशन गाहिरमाथा
- E. Operation Olivia / ऑपरेशन ओलिविया

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation :**

- Operation Olivia is an annual conservation initiative by the Indian Coast Guard in collaboration with the Odisha Forest Department to protect the Olive Ridley turtles during their nesting period from December to May.
- The operation began in December 2020 and focuses on key nesting beaches like Gahirmatha, Rushikulya, and Devi along the Odisha coast.
- The Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary is recognized as the world's largest rookery for these turtles.
- Olive Ridley turtles are known for mass nesting (arribada), traveling thousands of kilometers to lay eggs in Odisha.



## Recent News Headlines Related to Operations :

- Operation Black Forest : conducted in Kurraguttalu Hills on the Chhattisgarh–Telangana border is one of India's largest anti-Naxal operations, 31 Maoists were killed
- Operation Gideon Chariots : Israel launched to pressure Hamas into releasing the remaining hostages
- Operation Keller : The Indian Army launched a counter-terrorism operation in Shoekal Keller, Shopian, Jammu & Kashmir
- Operation Bunyan al-Marsus : launched by Pakistan against India in response to India's Operation Sindoor conducted on May 7, 2025
- Operation Sindoor : by the Indian Armed Forces post-midnight in retaliation to the terrorist attack on April 22, 2025, in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir
- 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.





**Ques: Recently, which Article of the Constitution did President Droupadi Murmu invoke to seek advice from the Supreme Court regarding the timeline for assent to bills passed by State Legislatures?**

हाल ही में, राष्ट्रपति द्रौपदी मुर्मू ने राज्य विधानसभाओं द्वारा पारित विधेयकों को मंजूरी देने की समय सीमा से संबंधित सुप्रीम कोर्ट से सलाह लेने के लिए संविधान के किस अनुच्छेद का प्रयोग किया?

- A. Article 142
- B. Article 143
- C. Article 200
- D. Article 201
- E. Article 32

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- President Droupadi Murmu invoked Article 143 of the Constitution, which allows the President to seek the Supreme Court's opinion on important legal or constitutional matters.
- The President sought clarification on the Supreme Court's earlier judgment that seemed to impose a timeline on Governors and the President to give assent to bills passed by State Legislatures.
- Articles 200 and 201 describe the roles of the Governor and President in giving assent to bills but do not specify any time limits.
- The President questioned whether the Judiciary can impose timelines when the Constitution is silent, and whether Article 142's "complete justice" power can override Articles 200 & 201.
- The President also raised concerns on the appropriateness of States approaching the Supreme Court under Article 32 for such federal disputes, suggesting Article 131 might be more suitable.





**Ques: Which veteran photojournalist and former Senior Special News Photographer of The Hindu passed away at the age of 66?**

**किस वरिष्ठ फोटो पत्रकार और द हिंदू के पूर्व वरिष्ठ विशेष समाचार फोटोग्राफर का 66 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया?**

- A. S. Paul / एस. पॉल
- B. P. V. Sivakumar / पी. वी. शिवकुमार
- C. Raghunath Rai / रघुनाथ राय
- D. Arko Datta / अर्पो दत्ता
- E. Sudharak Olwe / सुधारक ओल्वे

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- P. V. Sivakumar, a veteran photojournalist and former Senior Special News Photographer for The Hindu and Businessline, passed away at the age of 66.
- He was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the united Andhra Pradesh government, among several other accolades from photographers' associations.
- Sivakumar was widely respected in the Indian journalism community for his decades-long contribution to visual storytelling.

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**Ques: Under the CEPA agreement, how much gold can India import annually from the UAE at a concessional 1% tariff?**

**CEPA समझौते के तहत भारत UAE से प्रति वर्ष कितनी मात्रा में सोना 1% रियायती शुल्क पर आयात कर सकता है?**

- A. 100 tonnes
- B. 150 tonnes
- C. 180 tonnes
- D. 200 tonnes
- E. 250 tonnes

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Under the UAE-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), effective from May 1, 2022, India is allowed to import up to 200 tonnes of gold annually from the UAE at a concessional 1% tariff.
- The Indian government allotted a quota of 180 tonnes of gold import from the UAE for 2025-26 under this agreement.
- Earlier, gold imports from UAE were taxed at 5%, but CEPA reduced this to 1%.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) received 2,960 applications for the 180-tonne quota, but only limited quota and strict eligibility led to many rejections.
- Priority was given to applicants who used 80% of their quota the previous year, while scheduled commercial banks were excluded as they import directly.

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**Ques: Which glacier in Nepal was recently declared 'dead', marking one of the first such cases in the country?**

**नेपाल में हाल ही में कौन सा ग्लेशियर 'मृत' घोषित किया गया, जो देश का पहला ऐसा मामला माना जाता है?**

- A. Sarenne Glacier / सारेन ग्लेशियर
- B. Okjokull Glacier / ओकजोकुल ग्लेशियर
- C. Pico Humboldt Glacier / पिको हम्बोल्ड्ट ग्लेशियर
- D. Yala Glacier / याला ग्लेशियर
- E. Gangotri Glacier / गंगोत्री ग्लेशियर

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Yala Glacier in Nepal's Langtang Valley has shrunk by 66% since the 1970s and is now declared 'dead'.
- It is the only glacier from the entire Himalaya listed in the Global Glacier Casualty List (GGCL).
- The GGCL project was launched in 2024 by Rice University, University of Iceland, Iceland Glaciological Society, World Glacier Monitoring Service, and UNESCO.
- Glacial loss accelerates global warming due to less albedo effect, contributes to sea-level rise, disrupts freshwater supply, and increases natural disaster risks like Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs) and avalanches.
- Other recently declared dead glaciers include Sarenne Glacier (France, 2023) and Pico Humboldt Glacier (Venezuela, 2024).
- The first glacier funeral was held for Okjokull Glacier in Iceland in 2019 (officially declared dead in 2014).





## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Anurag Bhushan Appointed as Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Sweden. He Replaced Tanmaya Lal.

Former Chief Justice of India Dr. DY Chandrachud has joined National Law University, Delhi, as a Distinguished Professor. DY Chandrachud served as CJI from November 2022 to November 2024

The Ministry of Culture launched the 'Ek Desh Ek Dhadkan' campaign, which translates to "One Nation, One Heartbeat." The illumination activities were carried out under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

The Assam Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, has approved renaming Dibrugarh Airport after Bhupen Hazarika, a great singer and cultural figure, to commemorate his 100th birth anniversary.

Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India, launched the report on India's Priority Corridors for Zero Emission Trucking. The report identifies 10 critical highway corridors in India that are ideal for Zero-Emission Truck (ZET) deployment.

The Uttar Pradesh government has introduced a first-of-its-kind Vistadome coach service connecting the Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary to the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve in Pilibhit.





## महत्वपूर्ण एक पंक्ति वाली करेंट अफेयर्स

अनुराग भूषण को स्वीडन साम्राज्य में भारत का राजदूत नियुक्त किया गया। उन्होंने तन्मय लाल की जगह ली।

भारत के पूर्व मुख्य न्यायाधीश डॉ. डीवाई चंद्रचूड़ ने दिल्ली स्थित राष्ट्रीय विधि विश्वविद्यालय में प्रतिष्ठित प्रोफेसर के रूप में कार्यभार संभाला है। डीवाई चंद्रचूड़ नवंबर 2022 से नवंबर 2024 तक मुख्य न्यायाधीश के रूप में कार्यरत रहे।

संस्कृति मंत्रालय ने 'एक देश एक धड़कन' अभियान शुरू किया, जिसका अर्थ है "एक राष्ट्र, एक दिल की धड़कन।" रोशनी की गतिविधियाँ भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण (एएसआई) के तहत की गईं।

मुख्यमंत्री हिमंत बिस्वा सरमा के नेतृत्व में असम मंत्रिमंडल ने महान गायक और सांस्कृतिक हस्ती भूपेन हजारिका की 100वीं जयंती मनाने के लिए डिब्रूगढ़ हवाई अड्डे का नाम बदलकर उनके नाम पर रखने को मंजूरी दे दी है।

भारत सरकार के प्रधान वैज्ञानिक सलाहकार प्रो. अजय कुमार सूद ने शून्य उत्सर्जन ट्रकिंग के लिए भारत के प्राथमिकता वाले गलियारों पर रिपोर्ट लॉन्च की। रिपोर्ट में भारत में 10 महत्वपूर्ण राजमार्ग गलियारों की पहचान की गई है जो शून्य-उत्सर्जन ट्रक (ZET) तैनाती के लिए आदर्श हैं।

उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने कतर्नियाघाट वन्यजीव अभयारण्य को पीलीभीत में दुधवा टाइगर रिजर्व से जोड़ने वाली अपनी तरह की पहली विस्टाडोम कोच सेवा शुरू की है।

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