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Ques : What is the time frame allowed by the RBI for Indian exporters to realize and repatriate export proceeds from Bharat Mart warehouses? भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा भारत मार्ट गोदामों से निर्यात प्राप्तियों को प्राप्त और पुनःप्रेषित करने के लिए भारतीय निर्यातकों को कितने महीने का समय दिया गया है?

- (a) 3 months
- (b) 6 months
- (c) 9 months
- (d) 12 months
- (e) 15 months

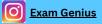
Answer: Option C

# **Explanation:**

• The RBI has loosened rules to make it possible for Indian exporters to more effectively reach international markets by using warehouses at Bharat Mart, a multimodal logistics hub located in the United Arab Emirates.

• Following the sale of items from Bharat Mart warehouses, banks are now permitted to assist exporters to realize and repatriate the whole export profits within nine months.

• Now, subject to simple verifications, Indian exporters with a valid Importer Exporter Code (IEC) can open or rent warehouses in Bharat Mart without any prior requirements and provide money for setup and operations.







RBI डिप्टी गवर्नर टी. रबी शंकर का कार्यकाल किस वर्ष तक बढ़ाया गया है?

- (a) 2025
- (b) 2026
- (c) 2027
- (d) 2028
- (e) 2029

Answer : Option B

#### **Explanation:**

- The government has extended T. Rabi Sankar's tenure as RBI Deputy Governor.
- His tenure has been extended by one more year, and he will remain in the position until May 2026
- This extension is his second consecutive one-year extension, approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.
- The extension will be effective from May 3, 2025, or until further orders.





Ques : Which bank unveiled its Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) policy on Earth Day 2025, setting a goal to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by the year 2057 ?

किस बैंक ने पृथ्वी दिवस 2025 पर अपनी पर्यावरण, सामाजिक और शासन (ईएसजी) नीति का अनावरण किया, जिसमें वर्ष 2057 तक शुद्ध-शून्य कार्बन उत्सर्जन प्राप्त करने का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है?

- (a) Punjab National Bank / पंजाब नेशनल बैंक
- (b) Union Bank of India / यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
- (c) Bank of India / बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
- (d) Bank of Baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा
- (e) Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक

Answer: Option D

# Explanation :

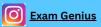
On Earth Day 2025, Bank of Baroda launched its Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) policy, aiming to attain net-zero carbon emissions by 2057.
As part of its "Plant a Tree" initiative, which is connected to home and vehicle loan

disbursements, the bank planted more than 30,000 trees in 2025

• The bank will prioritize financing renewable energy and provide products including green deposits, residential rooftop solar loans, and a green hydrogen financing scheme in keeping with the Earth Day 2025 theme, "Our Power, Our Planet."

• The bank further launched the 'BOB Earth' online platform and started green financing training workshops to raise awareness and build capacity within the organization.





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Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

• To enable Indian investors have exposure to global markets and high-growth industries like semiconductors and artificial intelligence (AI), Mirae Asset has introduced a new fund called the Mirae Asset Global Allocation Fund IFSC

• PhonePe has launched a 24x7 medicine delivery service through its PINCODE app, covering both OTC and prescription drugs

• The Tata Neu SBI Card is a co-branded credit card created by SBI Card and Tata Digital to give consumers a satisfying shopping experience. There are two types of the card: the Tata Neu Plus SBI Card and the Tata Neu Infinity SBI Card

• PhonePe has launched a new feature called 'UPI Circle' that allows a primary user to authorize trusted secondary users (like family members) to make payments using their UPI account

• Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance has launched the Superwoman Term (SWT) Plan, a women-exclusive term insurance policy

• NPCI BHIM Services Ltd. (NBSL), a subsidiary of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), launched the campaign 'Paison Ki Kadar' to position BHIM as 'Bharat Ka Apna Payments App'

- Axis Bank launched the 'In-App Mobile OTP' feature on its Open mobile banking platform. This new security measure addresses OTP-related frauds like SIM swap and phishing
- Bandhan Bank launched the Elite Plus Savings Account, specially designed for High Net-worth Individuals (HNIs)
- Bank of Baroda launched a new fixed deposit scheme called 'bob Square Drive Deposit Scheme', effective from April 7, 2025
- Karnataka Vikas Gramin Bank (KVGB), a leading rural bank in India, has launched e-Bank Guarantee (e-BG) services in partnership with National E-Governance Services Limited (NESL)
- Jio Finance Ltd (JFL), the NBFC arm of Jio Financial Services Ltd, has launched a new product called Loan Against Securities (LAS)

• Federal Bank has launched a new credit card named Fed StarBiz, aimed specifically at business customers







Ques : What is the new GDP growth forecast for India in FY26 according to IMF? IMF के अनुसार FY26 में भारत की नई GDP वृद्धि दर क्या है?

- a) 6.5%
- b) 6.4%
- c) 6.2%
- d) 6.7%
- e) 6.9%

**Answer** : Option C

# Explanation :

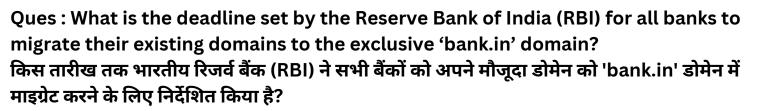
- Citing heightened trade tensions and global uncertainty, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has lowered its prediction for the Indian economy's growth rate in the fiscal year 2025–2026 to 6.2%.
- Additionally, the IMF has lowered its growth forecast for the Indian economy for 2026–2027 to 6.3%.
- The IMF projects that the global economy would expand by 2.8 percent in 2025. The projection for January had projected a 3.3% growth rate.
- In 2024, the global economy is predicted by the IMF to expand by 3.3%. In its most recent edition of the World Economic Outlook Report, the IMF made these predictions for the global economy and India.

# Updated GDP List :

- IMF 6.2% (FY26), 6.3% (FY27) 🛛 🕒 😑
- Fitch Rating -6.2% (FY25), 6.4% (FY26), 6.3% (FY27)
- UNCTAD 6.5% (CY25)
- Morgan Stanley 6.1% (FY26)
- CRISIL 6.5% (FY26)
- ADB -6.7%(FY26)







- (a) October 31, 2024
- (b) October 31, 2025
- (c) December 31, 2025
- (d) November 30, 2025
- (e) September 30, 2025

Answer: Option B

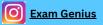
#### **Explanation:**

• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed all banks to migrate to the exclusive 'bank.in' domain by October 31, 2025.

• This migration will be facilitated by the Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT), authorized by the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI).

• The move is aimed at enhancing cybersecurity and ensuring secure and trusted digital banking operations, particularly in digital payments.

• Non-bank financial entities are also expected to adopt a similar 'fin.in' domain for added security and trust in digital financial services.







Ques: What was the name of the operation carried out by the Indian Army to foil the infiltration attempt along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Baramulla district? भारत सेना द्वारा बारामुला जिले में नियंत्रण रेखा (LoC) के पास घुसपैठ की कोशिश को नाकाम करने के लिए किस ऑपरेशन का नाम रखा गया था?

- (a) Operation Tikka / ऑपरेशन तिक्का
- (b) Operation Zafran / ऑपरेशन जाफरन
- (c) Operation Thunder / ऑपरेशन थंडर
- (d) Operation Black Eagle / ऑपरेशन ब्लैक ईगल
- (e) Operation Snowstorm / ऑपरेशन स्नोस्टॉर्म

Answer: Option A

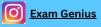
# Explanation:

• The Indian Army successfully conducted "Operation Tikka" on April 23, 2025, to foil an infiltration attempt along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Baramulla district.

• During the operation, two terrorists were neutralized in a heavy firefight as they tried to cross from the Sarjeevan area of Uri Nala.

• A large cache of weapons, ammunition, and war-like stores was recovered from the terrorists during the operation.

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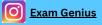






# **Recent News Headlines Related to Operations :**

- Operation Brahma : to assist victims of the earthquake in Myanmar
- Operation Dronagiri : to showcase how geospatial technologies can enhance citizens' quality of life and ease of doing business
- Operation Sadbhavana : to provide humanitarian assistance to the countries affected by Typhoon Yagi, which include Myanmar, Laos, and Vietnam
- Operation Nanhe Farishtey : launched by Railway Protection Force (RPF) to take care of the children who were perceived as at risk within the railway station premises.
- Operation Maryada : for the smooth conduct of Kedarnath Dham Yatra 2024 in Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand
- Operation Sadbhavana : launched by Indian Army Trishakti Corps to provided essential aid and healthcare to North Sikkim's Naga and Rangrang villages post-GLOF.
- Operation Sankalp launched in the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman with the aim of ensuring the security of Indian ships.
- Operation Kamdhenu : Jammu and Kashmir police launched to curb cattle smuggling.
- Operation Ajay To evacuate Indians from Israel
- Operation Broader Sword : India and the USA, jointly conducted to stop the illegal shipment of drugs through the International Mail System.
- Operation Kaveri To evacuate Indians from Sudan
- Operation Iron Sword : Israel has named the ongoing fight against Hamas as Operation Iron Sword. Hamas is a Palestinian militant group that controls some areas of the Gaza Strip.
- Operation Karuna To help Myanmar affected by cyclone Mocha
- Operation Dost Help to earthquake affected Turkey
- Operation Ganga To bring back Indians from Ukraine



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Ques : Which Indian cricketer was named the Leading Men's Cricketer in the World in the Wisden Cricketers' Almanack 2025 edition?

# कौन से भारतीय क्रिकेटर को Wisden Cricketers' Almanack 2025 संस्करण में दुनिया के सर्वश्रेष्ठ पुरुष क्रिकेटर का नाम दिया गया?

- (a) Rohit Sharma / रोहित शर्मा
- (b) Virat Kohli / विराट कोहली
- (c) Jasprit Bumrah / जसप्रीत बुमरा
- (d) Shubman Gill / शुबमन गिल
- (e) Mohammed Siraj / मोहम्मद सिराज

Answer: Option C

# **Explanation:**

• Jasprit Bumrah, India's pace spearhead, was named the Leading Men's Cricketer for his exceptional performance in 2024, especially in Test cricket, where he took 71 wickets at an average of 14.92, the best for any bowler in a single calendar year with that volume of wickets.

• Smriti Mandhana, the star Indian batter, was named the Leading Women's Cricketer for 2024 after scoring 1659 runs across formats, including four centuries in ODIs, making her the highest run-scorer in international women's cricket that year.

# Leading T20 Player in the World

• West Indian wicketkeeper-batsman Nicholas Pooran was named the Leading T20 Player in the World.

# Five Wisden Cricketers of the Year O O I U S

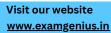
• Every year, Wisden selects five cricketers for their performance in the English domestic season. It is given only once to a cricketer. This year, the selected players were Gus Atkinson, Jamie Smith, Dan Worral, Liam Dawson, and Sophie Ecclestone.

# Wisden Trophy for the Year's Outstanding Performance :

• New Zealand's Mitchell Santner was named the Wisden Trophy for the Year's Outstanding Performance.









Ques : How much total stake has Ambuja Cements acquired in Orient Cement? Ambuja Cements ने Orient Cement में कुल कितनी हिस्सेदारी खरीदी है?

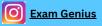
- a) 37.8%
- b) 46.66%
- c) 50%
- d) 55%
- e) 40%

Answer : Option B

# Explanation :

- Ambuja Cements acquired a total of 46.66% stake in Orient Cement.
- The acquisition includes 37.8% promoter stake from the CK Birla Group and 8.87% public stake from shareholders.
- This acquisition elevates Ambuja to the position of promoter of Orient Cement, enhancing its market position in the Indian cement industry.









Ques : The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched Fire Safety Week in collaboration with which organizations from 21st to 25th April 2025? केंद्र सरकार के स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय ने 21 से 25 अप्रैल 2025 तक किसके सहयोग से अग्नि सुरक्षा सप्ताह शुरू किया?

- (a) Only State Governments / केवल राज्य सरकारें
- (b) Only Central Ministries / केवल केंद्रीय मंत्रालय
- (c) Only Private Hospitals / केवल निजी अस्पताल
- (d) States/UTs and Central Ministries / राज्य/केंद्र शासित प्रदेश और केंद्रीय मंत्रालय
- (e) WHO / विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन

Answer: Option D

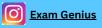
# Explanation:

• The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare organized Fire Safety Week from 21st to 25th April 2025 in collaboration with all States, Union Territories (UTs), and central Ministries/Departments.

• More than 3,000 participants from public and private hospitals joined virtually.

• Webinars and pledge ceremonies were held on topics like emergency evacuation, patient safety, and fire prevention in hospitals.







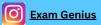
Ques : Which state government has launched the Pink E-Rickshaw Scheme to empower women and make them financially independent ? किस राज्य सरकार ने महिलाओं को सशक्त बनाने और उन्हें आर्थिक रूप से स्वतंत्र बनाने के लिए पिंक ई-रिक्शा योजना शुरू की है?

- (a) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (d) Kerala / केरल
- (e) Karnataka / कर्नाटक

Answer: Option A

#### Explanation :

- The Maharashtra government has started the Pink E-Rickshaw Scheme to help women become financially independent.
- The scheme was officially launched by Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar in Pune.
- It is managed by the Women & Child Development Department of Maharashtra.
- Kinetic Green Energy is partnering with the government to provide electric threewheelers.
- Under this scheme, 10,000 pink e-rickshaws will be distributed across eight districts: Nagpur, Ahmednagar, Solapur, Kolhapur, Amravati, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, Pune, and Nashik.







# **Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes**

• The Ministry of Education announced a 9.5% increase in the material cost under the PM POSHAN scheme, previously known as the Midday Meal Scheme. The revised cost is effective from May 1, 2025

• The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the inclusion of Bihar's Kosi Mechi Intra-State Link Project under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana – Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (PMKSY-AIBP). The central government will provide Rs.3,652.56 crore in financial support for the project, which has a total estimated cost of Rs.6,282.32 crore and is expected to be completed by March 2029

 The final budget for the Department of Fertilizers in 2024-25 was increased from Rs.1,68,130.81 crore to Rs.1,91,836.29 crore. The allocation for the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme also rose from Rs.45,000 crore to Rs.54,310 crore through Supplementary Demands for Grants

 The Union Cabinet, led by PM Modi, has approved the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme with a budget of Rs.22,919 crore to strengthen India's electronics supply chain and promote self-reliance

• As of February 28, 2025, the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) has established 15,057 Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) in India

- The Rs.22,919 crore Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme aims to boost domestic manufacturing of critical electronic components
- Central Government Employees Given Until June 30, 2025, to Opt for Unified Pension Scheme (UPS). It will officially launch on April 1, 2025, with a three-month window until June 30, 2025, for eligible employees to opt in.
- The Vigyan Dhara scheme was launched on 16 January 2025 by the Ministry of Science & Technology. The scheme has an outlay of Rs.10,579.84 crore for the 15th Finance Commission period (2021–22 to 2025–26)
- The 'Rajiv Yuva Vikasam' Scheme was launched by Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to provide financial assistance to unemployed youth from SC, ST, BC, and Minority communities
- The Union Cabinet has approved an increased budget for the Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM), raising the total outlay to Rs.3,400 crore





Ques : Which state has launched the Mahila Samvad campaign—an ambitious, statewide drive to connect women with welfare schemes and elevate their voices in governance?

किस राज्य ने महिला संवाद अभियान शुरू किया है - जो महिलाओं को कल्याणकारी योजनाओं से जोड़ने और शासन में उनकी आवाज को बुलंद करने के लिए एक महत्वाकांक्षी, राज्यव्यापी अभियान है?

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) Jammu and Kashmir / जम्मूऔर कश्मीर
- (c) Nagaland / नागालैंड
- (d) Bihar / बिहार
- (e) Chhattisgarh / छत्तीसगढ़

Answer : Option D

# Explanation :

• The Mahila Samvad campaign, an ambitious statewide initiative to link women with welfare programs and increase their voices in governance, was started by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

• The campaign is an outreach initiative spanning the entire state of Bihar with the goal of reaching over two crore women in 70,000 places.

• Eventually, all 38 districts and 48,000 villages in Bihar will be covered by 600 "Mahila Samvad raths."







Ques: Where is India's largest international cruise terminal located? भारत का सबसे बड़ा अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्रूज टर्मिनल कहाँ स्थित है?

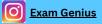
(a) Chennai / चेन्नई

- (b) Kochi / कोच्चि
- (c) Mumbai / मुंबई
- (d) Goa / गोवा
- (e) Kolkata / कोलकाता

**Answer**: Option C

# Explanation:

- The Mumbai International Cruise Terminal (MICT) is India's largest international cruise terminal, recently commencing operations.
- Located at Ballard Pier, Mumbai, it spans over 4.15 lakh square feet.
- Developed under the Cruise Bharat Mission, the terminal can handle five ships simultaneously and has state-of-the-art facilities, including 72 check-in and immigration counters.
- The total investment in the MICT project is Rs.556 crore, and it is expected to play a key role in boosting cruise tourism in India.
- Additionally, it can manage five ships with a draft of 11 meters and a maximum length of 300 meters at the same time. Over 300 cars can be parked at the same time at the parking spot.







# Ques : At which position did India finish in the medal tally at the ISSF World Cup Lima 2025?

# भारत ने आईएसएसएफ वर्ल्ड कप लीमा 2025 में पदक तालिका में कौन-सा स्थान हासिल किया?

- (a) First / पहला
- (b) Second / दूसरा
- (c) Third / तीसरा
- (d) Fourth / चौथा
- (e) Fifth / पाँचवाँ

Answer: Option C

# Explanation:

- Indian shooters won a total of seven medals at the ISSF World Cup Lima 2025 2 gold, 4 silver, and 1 bronze.
- With this, India finished third in the medal standings, behind China and the USA.
- The Lima event was the second ISSF World Cup of 2025, held in Peru from 13–22 April 2025.
- Earlier, at the Buenos Aires World Cup (Argentina) from 1–10 April 2025, India had finished second with eight medals 4 gold, 2 silver, and 2 bronze.

# Gold medal winners :

• Suruchi Singh in the women's 10m air pistol event. She had also won the gold at the Buenos Aires event.

• Saurabh Chaudhary & Suruchi Singh in the 10m air pistol mixed team event.

# Silver Medal winners :

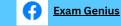
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• Manu Bhaker in the women's 10m air pistol event. She failed to win a medal at the Buenos Aires event.

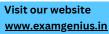
- Arjun Babuta in the men's 10m air rifle event
- Simranpreet Kaur Brar in the women's 25m pistol event. It was Simranpreet's firstever medal at the World Cup.
- Rudrannksh Patil & Arya Borse in the 10m air rifle mixed team event.

#### Bronze medal winner :

• Saurabh Chaudhary in the men's 10m air pistol event.









# **Recent News headlines related to Sports**

• In the 10m Air Pistol events, Suruchi Inder Singh claimed two gold medals — one in the women's individual category and another in the mixed team event with Saurabh Chaudhary, while Manu Bhaker secured silver in the women's final

• Arjun Babuta won a silver medal in the 10m Air Rifle final at the ISSF World Cup 2025 in Lima, Peru, finishing just 0.1 points behind Olympic champion Lihao Sheng of China in a thrilling match

• Simranpreet Kaur Brar of India won silver in the women's 25-meter pistol event at the International Shooting Sport Federation's ISSF World Cup in Lima, Peru, earning her first senior international medal

• At the 6th Asian U18 Athletics Championship 2025, the Indian athletes finished their campaign with 11 medals, including five silver, five bronze, and one gold

- The cricket tournament will take place in Pomona, South California, during the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles
- McLaren's Oscar Piastri delivered a commanding performance at the Bahrain International Circuit, clinching his second victory of the 2025 Formula One season
- Mohun Bagan Super Giant, based in Kolkata, won the 11th edition of the ISL 2024-25 by defeating Bengaluru FC with a score of 2-1
- Dubai has been officially named the host city for the 5th Asian Youth Para Games, scheduled from December 7–14, 2025, after Tashkent withdrew
- Shreyas Iyer of India and Georgia Voll, a young Australian batsman, were named the International Cricket Council's (ICC) March 2025 Men's and Women's Players of the Month, respectively
- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has officially confirmed that cricket will return to the Olympic Games in Los Angeles 2028
- Magnus Carlsen, the top-ranked player in the world of chess, won the 2025 Freestyle Chess Grand Slam in Paris, France. He won the match 1.5-0.5 over American Grandmaster Hikaru Nakamura

• Bihar will host the 7th Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2025 from 4th to 15th May 2025. The mascot is Gajsimha, symbolizing elephant's strength and lion's heart, inspired by the Pala dynasty's art and heritage







Ques : India signed four MoUs with which country to expand the Strategic Partnership Council to include two new committees ? भारत ने सामरिक साझेदारी परिषद का विस्तार कर दो नई समितियों को शामिल करने के लिए किस देश के साथ चार समझौता ज्ञापनों पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

(a) United States of America (USA) / अमेरिका

- (b) United Arab Emirates (UAE) / संयुक्त अरब अमीरात
- (c) China / चीन
- (d) Saudi Arabia / सऊदी अरब
- (e) Russia / रूस

Answer: Option D

# Explanation :

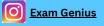
• In addition to signing four memorandums of understanding, Saudi Arabia and India decided to add two more committees to the India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council.

• The senior leaders of both nations reached a consensus on this during Prime Minister Modi's trip to Saudi Arabia.

• This was Prime Minister Narendra Modi's third visit to Saudi Arabia as the Prime Minister of India. He first visited Saudi Arabia in 2016 and again in 2019.

# The following are the MoUs :

- collaboration between the two nations' space organizations in the sphere of space,
- collaboration in the health sector. 🧵 😑 🦳
- An anti-doping cooperation agreement between NADA and the Saudi anti-doping agency.
- collaboration between the nations' postal authorities on the inward surface parcel.







# Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- India and Slovakia signed their first-ever Defence Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
- Coal India and Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) have signed an MoU to set up a 1,600 MW ultra-supercritical coal-fired power project in Jharkhand
- Godrej Capital Limited & Telangana signed MoU to boost growth and development of MSMEs in the state by enhancing access to credit facilities and business opportunities
- Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MoI&B) and Government of Maharashtra, the Maharashtra Film, Stage & Cultural Development Corporation Limited (MFSCDCL) signed MoU to develop India's first of its kind institute focused on Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics, and Extended Reality (AVGC-XR)
- The Ministry of Labour & Employment signed an MoU with Swiggy via the NCS portal to promote employment in the gig and logistics sectors, targeting urban and semiurban youth
- To begin a trial electric rapid transit (e-RT) project between Hubballi and Dharwad, the Karnataka government has inked a MoU with European businesses
- Government of India and the Government of Israel Forge Strategic Partnership to enhance bilateral cooperation in agriculture, aiming to boost agricultural productivity, innovation, and sustainability
- Tata Power Renewable Energy Ltd. (TPREL) has signed a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with NTPC for the development of a 200-MW clean energy project
- Samsung partnered with Google Cloud to integrate generative AI technology into its home companion robot, Ballie



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Ques : Who was awarded the Gurudev Kalicharan Brahma Award 2025 for contributions in education and social empowerment? शिक्षा और सामाजिक सशक्तिकरण में योगदान के लिए गुरुदेव कालिचरण ब्रह्म पुरस्कार 2025 किसे दिया गया?

- (a) Kailash Satyarthi / कैलाश सत्यार्थी
- (b) Abhijit Banerjee / अभिजीत बनर्जी
- (c) Sonam Wangchuk / सोनम वांगचुक
- (d) Achyuta Samanta / अच्युत सामंत
- (e) Anand Kumar / आनंद कुमार

Answer: Option D

# **Explanation:**

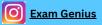
• Achyuta Samanta, the founder of KIIT and KISS, received the Gurudev Kalicharan Brahma Award 2025 in Kokrajhar, Assam.

• The award is given by the Gurudev Kalicharan Brahma Trust to individuals making major contributions to education and social upliftment.

• It was presented on the 166th birth anniversary of Gurudev Kalicharan Brahma, an important Bodo community leader.

• Dr. Samanta also donated the full Rs. 1 lakh cash prize back to the Trust for its development.







# Ques : Where was the Special Category National Panchayat Awards–2025 ceremony held?

# विशेष श्रेणी राष्ट्रीय पंचायत पुरस्कार–2025 समारोह कहाँ आयोजित किया गया?

- (a) Gondia, Maharashtra / गोंदिया, महाराष्ट्र
- (b) Lohna Uttar, Madhubani, Bihar / लोहना उत्तर, मधुबनी, बिहार
- (c) Hassan, Karnataka / हासन, कर्नाटक
- (d) Krishna, Andhra Pradesh / कृष्णा, आंध्र प्रदेश
- (e) Mayurbhanj, Odisha / मयूरभंज, ओडिशा

# **Answer**: Option B

# Explanation:

• The Ministry of Panchayati Raj organized the Special Category National Panchayat Awards–2025 for the first time.

- The award ceremony was held at Lohna Uttar Gram Panchayat, Madhubani, Bihar during the National Panchayati Raj Day celebrations.
- These awards recognize Gram Panchayats for excellence in Climate Action (CASPA), Self-Reliance (Atmanirbharta) (ANPSA), and Capacity Building Institutions (PKNSSP).
- A monetary incentive of Rs. 1 crore (for Rank 1), Rs. 75 lakh (for Rank 2), and Rs. 50 lakh (for Rank 3) is included with each award. Certificates and specially made trophies will be given to the winners.
- Notably, women Sarpanches are in charge of three of the six awardee Gram Panchayats: the Hatbadra Gram Panchayat in Odisha, the Motipur Gram Panchayat in Bihar, and the Dawwa S Gram Panchayat in Maharashtra.

# Climate Action Special Panchayat Award (CASPA) :

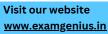
Rank 1: Dawwa S Gram Panchayat, Gondia District, Maharashtra Rank 2: Biradahalli Gram Panchayat, Hassan District, Karnataka Rank 3: Motipur Gram Panchayat, Samastipur District, Bihar

# Atma Nirbhar Panchayat Special Award (ANPSA) :

Rank 1: Mall Gram Panchayat, Rangareddi District, Telangana Rank 2: Hatbadra Gram Panchayat, Mayurbhanj District, Odisha Rank 3: Gollapudi Gram Panchayat, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh







Panchayat Kshamta Nirman Sarvottam Sansthan Puraskar (PKNSSP)

- Rank 1: Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA), Kerala Rank 2: State Institute for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Odisha
- Rank 3: State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development, Assam



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Ques : Which company has been approved by the Competition Commission of India (CCI) for the acquisition of Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages' business in North Gujarat and Diu?

कौन-सी कंपनी को भारतीय प्रतिस्पर्धा आयोग (CCl) द्वारा उत्तर गुजरात और दमन की हिंदुस्तान कोका-कोला बेवरेजेज के व्यवसाय के अधिग्रहण की मंजूरी मिली है?

(a) Kandhari Global Beverages Private Limited / कंधारी ग्लोबल बेवरेजेज प्राइवेट लिमिटेड

- (b) Coca-Cola India / कोका-कोला इंडिया
- (c) PepsiCo India / पेप्सिको इंडिया
- (d) Parle Beverages / पार्ले बेवरेजेज
- (e) Red Bull India / रेड बुल इंडिया

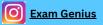
Answer: Option A

# Explanation:

• Kandhari Global Beverages Private Limited has received approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI) for the proposed acquisition of the Target Business, which involves the preparation, packaging, supply, and distribution of nonalcoholic beverages (NAB) in North Gujarat and the Union Territory of Diu.

• Kandhari Global Beverages is an authorized bottler for The Coca-Cola Company (TCCC) and Schweppes Holdings Limited (SHL), and operates in Rajasthan.









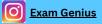
Ques : World Book and Copyright Day is observed every year on which day ? विश्व पुस्तक एवं कॉपीराइट दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 23 April
- (b) 24 April
- (c) 25 April
- (d) 26 April
- (e) 27 April

**Answer** : Option A

#### Explanation :

- Every year on April 23, we commemorate World Book and Copyright Day.
- UNESCO organized this international celebration with the goals of highlighting the worth of literature, promoting lifelong learning, and highlighting the necessity of reading.
- The day, which was created by UNESCO in 1995, celebrates writers, promotes literacy, and emphasizes the value of books in promoting creativity and knowledge.
- A legal concept known as copyright confers exclusive rights on writers' unique works, including plays, novels, music, and artwork.
- One form of intellectual property that safeguards the rights of writers of original works is copyright. It grants them the sole authority to manage the usage of their creations.







Ques : National Panchayati Raj Day is marked every year on which day ? राष्ट्रीय पंचायती राज दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

(a) 23 April (b) 24 April (c) 25 April (d) 26 April

(e) 27 April

Answer : Option B

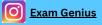
Explanation :

• National Panchayati Raj Day is celebrated every year on April 24 in India to mark the historic moment when the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 came into force on April 24, 1993.

• The day celebrates grassroots democracy and aims to empower rural communities through the Panchayati Raj system, which consists of three tiers of local governance.

• The first Panchayati Raj Diwas was celebrated in 2010, and it was officially declared by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.





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# **IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs**

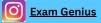
India's cricket captain Rohit Sharma Appointed as Brand ambassador for Season 3 of the Twenty20 (T20) Mumbai League. Season 3 will maintain an eight-team format, with two new additions.

The Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) has slapped a Rs.37 lakh penalty on Union Bank of India for discrepancies in reporting suspicious transactions for 2011-2014.

Oscar Jack Piastri, an Australian Formula 1 (F1) driver representing the United Kingdom (UK)-based McLaren won F1 Saudi Arabian Grand Prix(GP) 2025 held at Jeddah Corniche Circuit in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

In order to encourage women in higher education institutions to pursue jobs in artificial intelligence (AI), Microsoft and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish AI jobs for Women, a groundbreaking skilling program.

Neeraj Chopra, India's two-time Olympic medallist, started his 2025 season by winning a gold medal at the NWU Potch Invitational held in South Africa. With a throw of 84.52 meters, he took first place, surpassing both Duncan Robertson (71.22 meters) and Douw Smit (82.44 meters) of South Africa.



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# महत्वपूर्ण एक पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

भारत के क्रिकेट कप्तान रोहित शर्मा को ट्वेंटी-20 (टी-20) मुंबई लीग के सीजन 3 के लिए ब्रांड एंबेसडर नियुक्त किया गया। सीजन 3 में आठ टीमों का प्रारूप रहेगा, जिसमें दो नए खिलाड़ी शामिल होंगे।

वित्तीय खुफिया इकाई (एफआईयू) ने 2011-2014 के लिए संदिग्ध लेनदेन की रिपोर्टिंग में विसंगतियों के लिए यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया पर 37 लाख रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया है।

ऑस्कर जैक पियास्ट्री, यूनाइटेड किंगडम (यूके) स्थित मैकलारेन का प्रतिनिधित्व करने वाले एक ऑस्ट्रेलियाई फॉर्मूला 1 (एफ1) ड्राइवर ने सऊदी अरब के जेद्दाह में जेद्दाह कॉर्निश सर्किट में आयोजित एफ1 सऊदी अरब ग्रैंड प्रिक्स (जीपी) 2025 जीता।

उच्च शिक्षा संस्थानों में महिलाओं को कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (एआई) में नौकरी करने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए, माइक्रोसॉफ्ट और कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्रालय (एमएसडीई) ने महिलाओं के लिए एआई नौकरियों की स्थापना के लिए एक समझौता ज्ञापन (एमओयू) पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं, जो एक अभूतपूर्व कौशल कार्यक्रम है। भारत के दो बार के ओलंपिक पदक विजेता नीरज चोपड़ा ने दक्षिण अफ्रीका में आयोजित एनडब्ल्यूयू पोच आमंत्रण में स्वर्ण पदक जीतकर अपने 2025 सत्र की शुरुआत की। 84.52 मीटर के थ्रो के साथ, उन्होंने दक्षिण अफ्रीका के डंकन रॉबर्टसन (71.22 मीटर) और डौ स्मिट (82.44 मीटर) दोनों को पीछे छोड़ते हुए पहला स्थान हासिल किया।



