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**Ques : Which financial services company partnered with NPCI to launch the National Common Mobility Cards (NCMC) enabled Rupay cards ?**

- (a) Airtel Payments Bank
- (b) Jio Financial Services
- (c) FINO Payments Bank
- (d) Paytm Payments Bank
- (e) Jio Payments Bank

**Answer :** Option A

**Explanation :**

- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Airtel Payments Bank, a division of Bharti Airtel, have teamed together to introduce Rupay cards that are compatible with National Common Mobility Cards (NCMC).
- The "One Nation, One Card" concept of the Government of India (GoI), which seeks to offer smooth and compatible digital payments throughout India, is supported by this effort.

**About Airtel Payments Bank :**

- Established : 23 November 2016
- HQ : New Delhi
- MD & CEO : Anubrata Biswas

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**Ques: Which subsidiary of Mobikwik received RBI's approval to operate as an Online Payment Aggregator?**

- (a) PayZapp
- (b) Zaak ePayment Services
- (c) BharatPay
- (d) PhoneZaak
- (e) eZaak Solutions

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- 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.
- This approval is granted under the Payment Aggregator framework that RBI has implemented for securing and regulating digital payments.
- The move will help in promoting merchant payment services and offer a faster, more secure payment experience for users.

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**Ques: What is Bandhan 2.0, launched by Axis Max Life Insurance Limited in 2025?**

- A. A digital claims settlement tool
- B. A customer chatbot for insurance queries
- C. An AI-enabled AR platform for onboarding
- D. A policy comparison mobile app
- E. A financial literacy portal for rural India

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- Bandhan 2.0 is an AI-enabled Augmented Reality (AR) platform launched by Axis Max Life Insurance Limited in 2025.
- It is designed to transform the onboarding process for new hires through immersive storytelling, interactive gamification, and real-time leadership engagement.
- The platform is available in English and Hindi and can be accessed via both mobile and desktop devices.
- It aims to enhance employee experience and integration into the company culture from day one.

**About Axis Max Life Insurance :**

- Established : 2001
- HQ : New Delhi
- Chairman : Rajiv Anand

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**Ques: From which date has the RBI mandated the use of the PRAVAAH portal for all applications for regulatory authorisations, licences, and approvals?**

- (a) 1 March 2025
- (b) 1 April 2025
- (c) 1 May 2025
- (d) 1 June 2025
- (e) 1 July 2025

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (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.
- PRAVAAH stands for Platform for Regulatory Application, Validation And AuthHorisation.
- It is a centralised, secure web-based portal launched in May 2024 to streamline and digitise communication with the RBI.
- So far, the portal has handled nearly 4,000 applications/requests, reflecting its early adoption and effectiveness.

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**Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago in 2025, marking a political comeback?**

- (a) Paula-Mae Weekes
- (b) Kamla Persad-Bissessar
- (c) Christine Kangaloo
- (d) Carolyn Seepersad-Bachan
- (e) Marlene McDonald

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- Kamla Persad-Bissessar, leader of the United National Congress (UNC), has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago in 2025.
- She replaced Stuart Young.
- At 73 years old, this marks a comeback for Persad-Bissessar, who previously served as Prime Minister from 2010 to 2015.
- She remains the only woman to have held the Prime Minister's office in Trinidad and Tobago.
- Her victory marks a significant return to leadership in the Caribbean nation.

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**Ques: Bihar recently set two Guinness World Records (GWR). One was for the world's largest Madhubani painting. What was the other record for?**

- (a) Largest yoga session
- (b) Longest folk dance performance
- (c) Largest singing bowl ensemble
- (d) Biggest human chain for environment
- (e) Longest painting marathon

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

**Bihar earned two Guinness World Records:**

- World's largest Madhubani painting: Measuring 18.69 sqm (201.17 sqft), created by 50 women led by Padma Shri Bauaa Devi as a tribute to Padma Shri Jagdamba Devi. It was created over 50 continuous hours at the Madhubani Painting Institution and will be unveiled at the Khelo India Youth Games on May 4, 2025.
- Largest Singing Bowl Ensemble: 375 Buddhist monks, aged 5 to 70, performed at Bodh Gaya, Bihar, setting a record for the largest singing bowl performance.

The event was organised by the Bihar State Sports Authority (BSSA). CM Nitish Kumar received the certificates from GWR officials at Patliputra Sports Complex, Patna.





**Ques: Which Indian badminton players received the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award on 1st May 2025?**

- (a) Lakshya Sen and Kidambi Srikanth
- (b) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty
- (c) PV Sindhu and HS Prannoy
- (d) Saina Nehwal and Parupalli Kashyap
- (e) B. Sai Praneeth and Chirag Shetty

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation :**

- Satwik-Chirag received the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award on 1st May 2025 in New Delhi, presented by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports.
- They were shortlisted in 2023 after becoming World No. 1 in BWF rankings and winning gold at the 2023 Asian Games in Hangzhou.
- They couldn't attend the ceremony earlier due to tournament schedules.
- Currently ranked World No. 11, they are the first Indian men's doubles pair to reach the top spot in world badminton.
- Dr. Mandaviya lauded their achievements as a source of national pride and sporting excellence.

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**Ques: Who has been appointed as the President of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) for the 2025–2029 term?**

- (a) Poul-Erik Høyer Larsen
- (b) Etienne Thobois
- (c) Richard Perot
- (d) Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul
- (e) Atsuko Taka

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

- Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul of Thailand was appointed as the President of BWF for the 2025–2029 term. She replaces Poul-Erik Høyer Larsen of Denmark.
- She was elected during the 86th BWF AGM held in Xiamen, China.
- Etienne Thobois of France has been appointed as Deputy President-elect.
- Richard Perot of France has been appointed as Vice President for Para Badminton.
- Leeswadtrakul is the second woman to serve as President of BWF.

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**Ques: Which organisation has been granted income tax exemption under clause (46A) of Section 10 of the Income Tax Act, 1961, starting from AY 2024–25?**

- (a) Central Pollution Control Board
- (b) National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)
- (c) National Water Development Agency
- (d) Ganga Flood Control Commission
- (e) Inland Waterways Authority of India

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has granted income tax exemption to the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) under clause (46A) of Section 10 of the Income Tax Act, 1961.
- This exemption is applicable starting from the Assessment Year (AY) 2024–25.
- NMCG, based in New Delhi, operates under the Ministry of Jal Shakti and is the implementing agency of the Namami Gange Programme (NGP).
- This status helps in ensuring tax-free operations to aid the Ganga river rejuvenation efforts.

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**Ques: India renewed an energy cooperation pact with which country in 2025 to achieve net-zero emissions by 2070?**

- A) Germany
- B) Sweden
- C) Norway
- D) Denmark
- E) Finland

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation :**

- India renewed its energy cooperation pact with Denmark in 2025.
- The initial Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in June 2020, and this agreement extends their collaboration towards achieving net-zero emissions by 2070.
- The pact continues bilateral efforts in clean energy, sustainability, and technology transfer.
- Future plans include long-term cooperation in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and green hydrogen.

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**Ques: Which city is the focus of Rs.58,000 crore infrastructure projects recently restarted by PM Modi?**

- A) Vishakhapatnam
- B) Amaravati
- C) Vijayawada
- D) Guntur
- E) Tirupati

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation :**

- PM Modi restarted infrastructure projects worth Rs.58,000 crore in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh, focusing on the completion of unfinished projects from 2015.
- The projects include capital city institutions, highways, railway upgrades, and defence installations.
- Andhra CM N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan joined the event, emphasizing the need for socio-economic empowerment of farmers, women, youth, and the poor.

**Future Plans are :**

- Rs.9,000 crore allocated for railway projects.
- Missile Testing Range established in Nagayalanka (Krishna district).
- Amaravati will be developed as a hub for IT, green energy, education, and clean industries. Focus on linking rivers and completing the Polavaram Project.





**Ques: Which two premier film institutes in India were recently granted "Deemed to be University" status by the Union Education Ministry?**

- (a) National School of Drama and FTII
- (b) FTII Pune and SRFTI Kolkata
- (c) IIMC Delhi and NSD
- (d) NFAI and SRFTI Kolkata
- (e) Jamia Millia Islamia and FTII Pune

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- The Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune and the Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI), Kolkata have been notified as Institutions Deemed to be Universities under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.
- This status allows them to offer doctoral, research, and innovative academic programmes beyond diploma courses.
- They must meet criteria such as staying in the top 200 of NIRF rankings for three years and maintaining a minimum accreditation score of 3.01.

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**Ques: What is the name of India's largest indigenously developed electric rope shovel handed over by BEML to Northern Coalfields Ltd?**

- (a) BRS15
- (b) BRS18
- (c) BRS21
- (d) ERS20
- (e) BMS22

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- BEML (Bharat Earth Movers Limited) has developed and handed over the BRS21, India's largest indigenously developed electric rope shovel, to Northern Coalfields Ltd, a subsidiary of Coal India.
- BRS21 weighs 720 tonnes and is equipped with a 21 cubic metre bottom dump bucket, making it suitable for large-scale open cast mining.
- It was developed in just 24 months, reflecting India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat mission to enhance self-reliant manufacturing capabilities.
- This milestone is a testament to BEML's engineering excellence and supports the move toward sustainable, high-capacity mining solutions.

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**Ques: Which multilateral military exercise will India join for the first time in 2025 alongside the US, Australia, and Japan?**

- A) Malabar Exercise
- B) Talisman Sabre
- C) RIMPAC
- D) Cobra Gold
- E) Indo-Pacific Shield

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation :**

- 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
- The 2025 edition marks the eleventh iteration of Talisman Sabre, a military exercise jointly developed by Australia and the United States.
- Dubbed the 'Olympics of military exercises', Talisman Sabre provides armed forces to carry out complex operations across land, air, sea, cyber, and space domains.

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**Ques: Which Indian airport received the Platinum Recognition, the highest honour, under the Green Airports Recognition 2025 (9th Edition)?**

- (a) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
- (b) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad
- (c) Hubballi Airport, Karnataka
- (d) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
- (e) Mangalore International Airport

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- Hubballi Airport in Karnataka was honoured with Platinum Recognition, the highest honour under the Green Airports Recognition 2025 (9th Edition).
- The award was presented by the Airports Council International (ACI) Asia-Pacific and Middle East.
- It was given during the ACI Regional Assembly held in New Delhi.
- The recognition was for outstanding efforts in the “Sustainable Energy at Airports” category.
- The award was received by Rajesh Nilkanth Shinde, Executive Director (Technical).

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**LQues: India recently signed an MoU with Nepal to develop cross-border power transmission infrastructure. Which two entities signed this agreement?**

- (a) NTPC & NEA
- (b) NHPC & NEA
- (c) Power Grid & NEA
- (d) REC Ltd & Nepal Power Authority
- (e) SJVNL & NEA

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- India and Nepal signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to build cross-border power transmission infrastructure for better electricity cooperation.
- The MoU was signed during the visit of Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar to Nepal.
- It will help in evacuation of power from Nepal to India.
- The MoU was signed between Power Grid Corporation of India Limited and Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA).
- During his visit, the minister also visited the Arun 3 Hydropower Project and inaugurated electromechanical works.

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**Ques: Which initiative has been launched by Intel India and IndiaAI Mission to enhance AI capabilities and skill development across India?**

- (a) DigitalIndiaAI
- (b) StartupAI
- (c) YuvaAI
- (d) IndiaAI Mission
- (e) Bhashini

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- Intel India and IndiaAI Mission have launched a joint initiative to enhance AI capabilities and skill development across India.
- Future plans focus on developing AI technologies to meet local and global needs, strengthening AI literacy and workforce across India, and promoting innovation and inclusion, especially in rural and underdeveloped areas.

The initiative includes four key programs:

- YuvaAI: Training youth in AI.
- StartupAI: Supporting AI-based startups.
- IndiaAI Dialogues: Promoting discussions and policymaking for AI.
- Bhashini: Bridging language barriers to enable digital access in remote areas.

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**Ques: Which DRDO unit successfully conducted a 1,000-second ground test of an Active Cooled Scramjet Subscale Combustor in 2025?**

- (a) Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad
- (b) Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL), Hyderabad
- (c) Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE), Bengaluru
- (d) Advanced Systems Laboratory (ASL), Hyderabad
- (e) Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), Bengaluru

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL), a unit of DRDO based in Hyderabad, successfully conducted a 1,000-second ground test of an Active Cooled Scramjet Subscale Combustor.
- The test was conducted at its newly established Scramjet Connect Test Facility (SCPT).
- This marked a significant milestone in India's Hypersonic Cruise Missile Development Programme, following an earlier 120-second test in January 2025.
- Hypersonic Cruise Missiles (HCMs) fly at speeds exceeding Mach 5 (>6,100 km/h) and are powered by air-breathing scramjet engines using supersonic combustion.

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The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), operating under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, has partnered with Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL)

‘All We Imagine As Light’ director Payal Kapadia receives French honour ‘Officier dans l’Ordre des Arts et des Lettres’ (Officer of the Order of Arts and Letters) at French Consulate in Mumbai

Tejpaal Bhatia, an executive of Indian origin Appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Texas based Axiom Space Inc.. He Replaced Dr. Kam Ghaffarian

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.

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Australia launched the world’s largest electric-powered catamaran, named Hull 096. The 130-metre long vessel can carry 2,100 passengers and is powered by more than 250 tonnes of batteries.

