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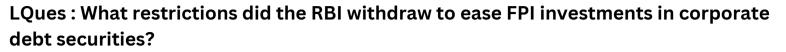
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- A. Minimum capital and reporting limit
- B. Short-term investment limit and concentration limit
- C. Tax-related disclosures
- D. Exchange rate cap
- E. Lock-in period and exit norms

Answer : Option B

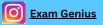
Explanation :

• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has eased investment norms for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) in corporate debt securities via the general route.

• Two key restrictions have been withdrawn : Short-term investment limit, which capped FPI holdings in short-term instruments. And Concentration limit, which restricted the FPI exposure to a single corporate issuer.

• These changes aim to simplify the investment process and boost FPI participation in India's corporate bond market.

• However, FPIs must still comply with overall investment ceilings and macroprudential regulations under the General Route 1 framework.







Ques: Why did the RBI approve the formation of a "Committee of Executives" at IndusInd Bank?

- A. To expand rural operations
- B. Due to RBI inspection findings
- C. To implement digital banking reforms
- D. For launching a new product line
- E. Following resignation of the CEO

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

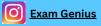
• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the formation of an interim "Committee of Executives" to oversee IndusInd Bank's operations.

• This step was taken after the resignation of the bank's Managing Director and CEO, Sumant Kathpalia.

• The committee includes Soumitra Sen (Head of Consumer Banking) and Anil Rao (Chief Administrative Officer), and will function for up to three months or until a new CEO is appointed.

• The committee will report to the Oversight Committee of the Board, chaired by Sunil Mehta, the Chairman of IndusInd Bank.





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Ques: According to SBI's report, what is the expected range of India's CPI inflation for Q1 FY26 (April–June 2025)?

- A. Above 6%
- B. Between 4% and 5%
- C. Below 3%
- D. Between 3% and 4%
- E. Between 5% and 6%

Answer : Option C

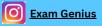
Explanation :

• According to the State Bank of India (SBI), India's retail inflation, measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), is expected to remain below 3% in Q1 FY26 (April to June 2025).

• This optimistic projection follows a drop in CPI inflation to 3.34% in March 2025, which was a 67-month low, driven by a notable decline in food prices.

• Additionally, SBI forecasts nominal GDP growth for FY26 to be between 9% and 9.5%, slightly below the Union Budget estimate of 10%.









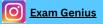
- A. Paytm
- B. Razorpay
- C. PhonePe
- D. CCAvenue
- E. Google Pay

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Razorpay Software Private Limited has launched India's first Model Context Protocol (MCP) server for a payment gateway.
- The MCP server, developed by Anthropic, enables AI systems (like AI Assistants) to Create payment links, Initiate refunds and Manage transactions
- These tasks can now be carried out without traditional dashboards or APIs, offering seamless AI-driven financial operations.
- This marks a major leap from earlier methods where businesses used the Razorpay dashboard for initiating and authorizing payments.









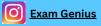
Ques: What is the maximum cashless treatment benefit provided per person under the Cashless Treatment of Road Accident Victims Scheme, 2025?

- A. Rs.50,000
- B. Rs.1 lakh
- C. Rs.1.5 lakh
- D. Rs.2 lakh
- E. Rs.75,000

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) launched the Cashless Treatment of Road Accident Victims Scheme, 2025, effective from May 5, 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.
- It covers medical treatment for up to 7 days from the date of the accident.
- The total outlay for FY26 is Rs.272 crore.







Ques: Who assumed the role of Acting President of South Korea after Han Ducksoo's resignation in 2025?

- A. Yoon Suk Yeol
- B. Park Jin
- C. Kim Dae-jung
- D. Lee Ju-ho
- E. Moon Jae-in

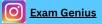
Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Han Duck-soo, the Acting President and Prime Minister of South Korea, resigned to contest in the upcoming presidential election set for June 3, 2025.
- This comes after the impeachment of President Yoon Suk Yeol in December 2024 due to his controversial martial law declaration.

• Following Han's resignation, Education Minister Lee Ju-ho was appointed as Acting President, marking the fourth leadership change in a short span since December 2024.

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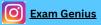
Ques : Which stadium will host the final match of the 2027 Women's World Cup in Brazil?

- A. Estádio Nacional
- B. Arena Corinthians
- C. Maracana Stadium
- D. Morumbi Stadium
- E. Arena da Baixada

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- FIFA has announced Brazil as the host of the 2027 Women's World Cup the firstever edition to be held in South America.
- Eight venues have been selected, with the final match scheduled at the iconic Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro.
- Other host cities include Belo Horizonte, Brasília, Fortaleza, Porto Alegre, Recife, Salvador, and São Paulo.
- Most of these stadiums were also used during the 2014 Men's FIFA World Cup, reaffirming Brazil's continued prominence as a global football hub.
- The event is expected to significantly boost the visibility and development of women's football across South America.



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Ques: Which flagship Indian scheme is being showcased at the World Bank Land Conference 2025 for digital land reforms?

- A. SVAMITVA Scheme
- B. MGNREGA
- C. PM-KISAN
- D. PM Fasal Bima Yojana
- E. UDAY Scheme

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- India is leading global dialogue on digital land reforms and climate-aligned governance at the World Bank Land Conference 2025, held from May 5 to 8 in Washington, D.C., USA.
- A high-level Indian delegation, led by Vivek Bharadwaj, Secretary of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, is participating.
- India is presenting its flagship SVAMITVA Scheme and Gram Manchitra platform at the event.
- The theme of the conference is "Securing Land Tenure and Access for Climate Action: Moving from Awareness to Action."

About SVAMITVA (Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas) scheme :

- Launched : Panchayati Raj Diwas (April 24th), 2020
- Implemented By : Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- Technology : Drone Surveying for property mapping
- Aim : To provide an integrated property validation solution for rural India
- The scheme has so far issued property cards to over 24.4 million households across
- 1.6 lakh villages, covering more than 100 million property parcels









Ques : What is the total foodgrain production target for 2025-26 crop year as set by the Indian government?

- A. 330.97 million tonnes
- B. 341.55 million tonnes
- C. 354.64 million tonnes
- D. 368.00 million tonnes
- E. 315.61 million tonnes

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Government of India has set a foodgrain production target of 354.64 million tonnes (MT) for the 2025–26 crop year (July–June).
- This represents a 4% increase from the 2024–25 target of 341.55 MT.
- The target was announced by the Union Agriculture Ministry during a national Kharif strategy conference chaired by Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- The revision follows the IMD's forecast of an above-normal monsoon, which is expected to support better Agri-GVA growth.
- Crop-wise targets : Rice: 147 MT (+8%), Wheat: 117 MT (+2%) and Kharif contribution: 168.88 MT
- Current year's foodgrain production so far stands at 330.97 MT, excluding summer crops.
- The agriculture sector's GVA growth is projected at 3.8% in FY25, compared to 1.4% in FY24.
- The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan (May 29–June 12) will promote awareness on modern farming techniques and seed varieties.





Ques: What is the purpose of the Multi-Influence Ground Mine (MIGM) recently validated by DRDO and the Indian Navy?

- A. Targeting modern stealth ships and submarines
- B. Neutralizing aerial threats
- C. Missile guidance in space warfare
- D. Surveillance in high-altitude terrains
- E. Intercepting ballistic missiles

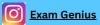
Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Multi-Influence Ground Mine (MIGM) is an advanced underwater naval mine developed by DRDO, led by the Naval Science & Technological Laboratory, Visakhapatnam.
- It is designed to enhance India's naval defence by targeting modern stealth ships and submarines.
- Collaborating DRDO labs include HEMRL (Pune) and TBRL (Chandigarh).
- Bharat Dynamics Limited (Visakhapatnam) and Apollo Microsystems Limited (Hyderabad) are the production partners.

About DRDO :

- Established : 1958
- HQ : New Delhi
- Chairman : Sameer V. Kamat







- A. National Informatics Centre (NIC)
- B. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- C. Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)
- D. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- E. Infosys

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

• The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched an upgraded version of its Health Management Information System (HMIS) under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS).

• The platform was developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), functioning under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

• Alongside HMIS, the CGHS mobile application was also re-launched with enhanced digital services and an upgraded interface.

Key features of the upgraded system include:

- Permanent Account Number (PAN)-based identification of beneficiaries
- Real-time tracking
- Automated payment verification G e n i U S
- Fully online application workflows







Ques: Who recently visited India to strengthen UK-India cultural ties and cooperation in creative sectors?

- A. Rishi Sunak
- B. David Cameron
- C. James Cleverly
- D. Suella Braverman
- E. Lisa Nandy

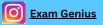
Answer : Option E

Explanation :

• In an effort to promote cooperation in a range of creative fields and deepen cultural links, Lisa Nandy, the UK's Secretary of State for Culture, Media, and Sport, traveled to India for three days.

The UK-India Programme of Cultural Cooperation seeks to foster long-term collaborations between creative enterprises and cultural institutions in both nations as well as to strengthen bilateral cultural interactions through the arts and heritage.
In accordance with this new agreement, the UK and India will collaborate closely to support best practices and knowledge in museum management, heritage conservation, and collection digitization.





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Ques: Who has been appointed as the 10th Chancellor of Germany, replacing Olaf Scholz?

- A. Olaf Scholz
- B. Annalena Baerbock
- C. Friedrich Merz
- D. Armin Laschet
- F. Frank-Walter Steinmeier

Answer : Option C

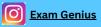
Explanation:

- Friedrich Merz, leader of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) party, has been appointed as the 10th Chancellor of Germany.
- He was elected by the Bundestag (German Parliament) and will serve a 4-year term.
- He replaces Olaf Scholz as Chancellor.

• Notably, this marks the first time since World War II that a German Chancellor was elected in the second round of parliamentary voting, reflecting a significant moment in German political history.

• Bundestag is the national Parliament of Germany, whose members are elected by the German public









Ques : What is the main objective of Mukhyamantri Neera Samvardhan Yojana launched by Bihar Government?

- A. Promote tourism in rural areas
- B. Ban toddy tapping
- C. Support toddy tappers and increase neera production
- D. Export neera to foreign countries
- E. Replace sugar with neera in all state products

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

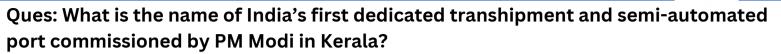
• The Mukhyamantri Neera Samvardhan Yojana has been launched by the Bihar Government to boost neera (palm nectar) production and support toddy tappers.

- Implemented by the Prohibition, Excise, and Registration Department in collaboration with Jeevika, this scheme offers livelihood support.
- Around 20,000 toddy tappers will receive Rs.8 per litre as incentive via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).
- The plan includes utilizing 2 lakh palm trees, with Rs.30 per tree for identification and Rs.15,600 for owners of 10+ trees.
- Districts like Nalanda, Gaya, Muzaffarpur, and Vaishali have the highest toddy tapper populations.
- Neera kiosks are being set up, especially in Nalanda, to promote its sale as a nutritious, non-alcoholic drink.
- The scheme aligns with Bihar's alcohol prohibition policy, offering neera as a healthy alternative and source of income.
- This move follows Tejashwi Yadav's call for amending the Prohibition Act, reflecting a shift toward sustainable livelihoods.



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- A. Cochin Port
- B. Tuticorin Port
- C. Vizhinjam Port
- D. Paradip Port
- E. Ennore Port

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Vizhinjam International Deepwater Multipurpose Seaport in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala was commissioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- It is India's first dedicated transhipment and semi-automated port.
- The port follows a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model under a landlord structure.
- Owned by the Government of Kerala and operated by Adani Ports & SEZ, the port will be fully operational by December 2024 and completely developed by 2028.
- It is located just 10 nautical miles from international shipping routes, offering major strategic advantages.
- Owned by the Government of Kerala and operated by Adani Ports & SEZ under a 40year concession.
- Adani Vizhinjam Port will pay the government a share of the revenue generated when all four phases are operational from 2034.





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Ques: Who inaugurated the 22nd edition of the Bharat Telecom event held in New Delhi?

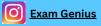
- A. Ashwini Vaishnaw
- B. Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- C. Jyotiraditya Scindia
- D. Devusinh Chauhan
- E. Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The 22nd edition of Bharat Telecom was held in New Delhi.
- It was inaugurated by Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, who handles the Ministry of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region.
- The event was jointly organized by the Telecom Equipment and Services Export Promotion Council (TEPC) and the Department of Telecommunications (DoT).
- TEPC was established in 2009, is headquartered in New Delhi, and its Chairman is Arnob Roy.









Ques: Who was appointed as the Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of the Indian Parliament in 2025?

- A. Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury
- B. Mallikarjun Kharge
- C. K C Venugopal
- D. Shashi Tharoor
- E. Rahul Gandhi

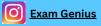
Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Senior Indian National Congress (INC) leader K C Venugopal was appointed as the Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), one of the most prominent parliamentary committees.
- He was appointed by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, and his tenure will last until April 2026.
- This appointment follows the long-standing 1967 convention that the PAC Chairperson is selected from the principal opposition party in the Lok Sabha.
- The PAC plays a crucial role in auditing the expenditure of the Government of India and ensuring accountability.

About Public Accounts Committee :

- Established : 1921 (pre-independence), reconstituted in 1950 (postindependence)
- Composition : 22 members (15 from Lok Sabha and 7 from Rajya Sabha)
- The PAC ensures accountability in the utilization of public funds by examining audit reports from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG)



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Ques: When is World Asthma Day observed in 2025, and what is its theme?

A. 4 May

- B. 6 May
- C.7 May
- D. 9 May
- E. 10 May

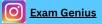
Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- World Asthma Day 2025 was observed on 6 May 2025, the first Tuesday of May.
- The theme for this year was "Make Inhaled Treatments Accessible for ALL".
- The day aims to raise awareness and improve care around asthma globally.











IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Jean-Lucien Kwassi Lanyo Savi de Tové Appointed as First President under Togo's new parliamentary system of Parliament of Togo (Togolese Republic) for Four-year Term. He Replaced Faure Gnassingbe.

India has successfully test-fired an advanced underwater naval mine designed to enhance the Navy's capabilities against modern stealth ships and submarines. It is developed by the Naval Science and Technological Laboratory, Visakhapatnam in collaboration with other DRDO laboratories.

In Tripura, Rangacherra village has earned the distinction of becoming the first green village in the state due to the efforts of the state government. The Tripura Renewable Energy Development Agency (TREDA) is the implementing authority of the green village.

Global Space Exploration Conference 2025 12th Edition Held at New Delhi and Inaugurated by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh. The Theme is Reaching New Worlds: A Space Exploration Renaissance. Last edition held in Oslo, Norway (2023)

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai laid the foundation stone for India's first Artificial Intelligence based Data Centre Park in Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The first phase will commence with a capacity of 5 MegaWatts with plans to expand up to 150 MW



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A. Rs.500 crore B. Rs.750 crore C. Rs.1,000 crore D. Rs.1,500 crore E. Rs.2,000 crore

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

• The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) released a consultation paper in May 2025 proposing enhanced disclosure norms for High Value Debt Listed Entities (HVDLE).

• Entities with listed non-convertible debt securities of ₹1,000 crore or more fall under the HVDLE category.

Key proposals include:

- Secretarial Compliance Report to be filed within 60 days of financial year-end.
- Periodic Compliance Report with all material Related Party Transactions (RPTs) to be submitted within 21 days of each half-year.
- Audit Committee review and approval of all long-term and recurring RPTs.
- Debenture Trustees must issue a No Objection Certificate (NOC) for RPTs.



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Ques: What is the name of the large-scale employee engagement and skill development initiative launched by the State Bank of India (SBI)?

- A. SBI Udaan and Skill India
- B. Digital Banker 2.0
- C. FutureSBI and SkillNext
- D. Next LEAP and SuPer SBI
- E. SBI Shakti and GrowthX

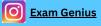
Answer: Option D

Explanation :

The State Bank of India (SBI) has launched two major initiatives—'Next LEAP' and 'SuPer SBI: Great to Greater'—aimed at employee engagement and skill development.
This is the largest such programme in India's banking sector, designed to train 2.3 lakh employees with future-ready skills.

• The initiative also seeks to boost organizational pride and align staff capabilities with evolving banking needs.

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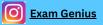


- A. Rs.2 crore
- B. Rs.1 crore
- C. Rs.1.72 crore
- D. Rs.75 lakh
- E. Rs.50 lakh

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- In May 2025, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) penalised State Bank of India (SBI) and Jana Small Finance Bank for non-compliance with regulatory norms.
- SBI was fined Rs.1.72 crore for failing to comply with certain RBI directions.
- Jana Small Finance Bank was fined Rs.1 crore for contravening provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- These penalties highlight RBI's strict enforcement of regulatory frameworks in India's banking system.





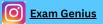
Ques: Which two foreign banks reported the highest net additions of credit cards in FY25, reflecting growth in India's digital economy?

- A. Citi Bank and Barclays
- B. HSBC and American Express
- C. Standard Chartered and DBS
- D. HSBC and Standard Chartered
- E. American Express and Citi Bank

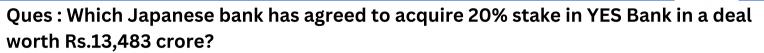
Answer: Option B.

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently revealed data showing that American Express and HSBC were the top foreign banks with notable gains.
- HSBC added 216,997 credit cards in FY25, recovering strongly from a net decline of 38,693 cards in the previous fiscal year.
- American Express also showed a sharp increase, adding 107,086 cards in FY25, compared to just 11,450 in FY24.
- This growth highlights rising consumer credit demand amid India's expanding digital economy.
- On the other hand, Standard Chartered experienced a net loss of 158,322 cards in FY25.







- A. Mizuho Bank
- B. Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation
- C. Bank of Japan
- D. Nomura Holdings
- E. Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC), the second-largest banking group in Japan, has agreed to acquire a 20% stake in YES Bank.
- The acquisition includes 13.19% stake from State Bank of India (SBI) for Rs.8,889 crore at Rs 21.50 per share and 6.81% from other banks like ICICI, HDFC, Axis, Kotak, Bandhan, etc.
- Total deal value: Rs 13,483 crore
- Post-transaction, SBI will retain over 10% stake, down from 23.97% (as of March 2025).
- The deal requires approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Competition Commission of India (CCI).
- SMBC's Indian operations include SMFG India Credit, and it has total assets of \$2 trillion (as of December 2024).

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Ques : Recently which Bank launched the Solitaire Credit Card ?

- (a) ICICI Bank
- (b) State Bank of India
- (c) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- (d) HDFC Bank
- (e) Axis Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Kotak Solitaire Credit Card Launched by Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited
- The target is High-Net-Worth Individuals (HNIs) under its Solitaire Program

• It is available exclusively to Solitaire Program customers with a Total Relationship

Value (TRV) of Rs. 75 lakh (savings accounts) or Rs. 1 crore (current accounts)

• Annual fee charge is Rs. 25,000 + taxes (waived for Solitaire Program customers) and no joining fee

About Kotak Mahindra Bank :

- Established : 2003
- HQ : Mumbai
- MD & CEO : Ashok Vaswani
- Tagline : Let's make money simple



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- A. China
- B. Russia
- C. Turkey
- D. Iran
- E. USA

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Songar drone is an armed Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) developed by Asisguard, a Turkish defense company.
- It was first launched in April 2019 and officially inducted by the Turkish Armed Forces in early 2020.
- Recently, it has been reportedly used by Pakistan against India, marking the first documented deployment of this drone in such a context.
- Equipped with weapons like 5.56 mm rifles, grenade launchers, and mortars, Songar drones are capable of conducting precision strikes and surveillance missions.
- These drones support GPS + GLONASS navigation, manual/autonomous operation, and have day/night combat capabilities.

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Ques : Which state government Laucnhed Pandit Lakhmi Chand Kalakar Samajik Samman Yojana ?

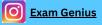
- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Madhya Pradesh
- (e) Rajasthan

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- 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.
- It offers monthly honorariums of Rs.10,000 (or Rs.7,000 based on income) to residents aged 60 or above with at least 20 years of artistic contribution. Annual income of up to Rs.1.80 lakh qualifies for full honorarium. Those earning between Rs.1.80 lakh and Rs.3 lakh will receive Rs.7,000 monthly.
- Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) will be used to verify age and income eligibility









A. NFC

- B. RFID
- C. QR Code
- D. Blockchain
- E. OTP-based Encryption

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

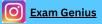
• The Government of India has launched chip-based e-passports nationwide to enhance document security and streamline the immigration process.

• These passports contain an embedded RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) chip that securely stores biometric data, including name, date of birth, photo, and fingerprints, in both printed and encrypted forms.

• This initiative complies with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards, ensuring global acceptance of the document.

• The e-passports were piloted in 12 cities, including Chennai, Hyderabad, Jaipur, and Goa, before the national rollout.

• Benefits include protection against tampering, faster immigration clearance, and stronger identity verification.







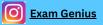
Ques: Which Indian cricketer announced his retirement from Test cricket in 2025 while continuing to play ODIs?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Cheteshwar Pujara
- C. Rohit Sharma
- D. Ravichandran Ashwin
- E. KL Rahul

Answer: Option C.

Explanation:

- Indian cricketer Rohit Sharma, aged 38, retired from Test cricket with immediate effect in 2025 after a run of underwhelming performances.
- He made his Test debut in 2013, scoring 177 against West Indies at Eden Gardens, the second-highest score by an Indian on debut.
- Rohit played 67 Tests, scoring 4,301 runs at an average of 40.57, with 12 centuries and 18 fifties; his highest score was 212 vs. South Africa (2019).
- He captained India in 24 Test matches from February 2022, winning 12. He continues to represent India in One Day Internationals (ODIs).
- He was honoured with the Arjuna Award (2015) and Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award (2020) for his contributions to Indian sports







Ques : Under the expanded Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS), what is the new maximum ceiling of guarantee cover per borrower?

- A. Rs.5 crore
- B. Rs.10 crore
- C. Rs.15 crore
- D. Rs.20 crore
- E. Rs.25 crore

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

• Under the expanded Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS), the maximum ceiling for guarantee cover per borrower has been increased from Rs.10 crore to Rs.20 crore.

• The new scheme provides 85% guarantee cover for loans up to Rs.10 crore and 75% guarantee cover for loans above Rs.10 crore.

• This move aims to provide enhanced credit support to startups, especially in 27 Champion Sectors under the Make in India initiative.









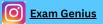
Ques : Which state Government Announces Biopic on Ahilyabai Holkar for 300th Birth Anniversary ?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Tamil Nadu
- (e) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- To mark the 300th birth anniversary of Maharani Ahilyabai Holkar, the Maharashtra Government, led by CM Devendra Fadnavis, announced several initiatives.
- These include the development of her memorial at Chaundi, welfare measures for the Dhangar community, and a biographical film (biopic) based on her life.
- Uniquely, the state cabinet met for the first time in Chondi, her birthplace, also now referred to as Ahilyanagar.
- Ahilyabai Holkar is celebrated for her patronage of temple architecture, just rule, and military leadership. Her renovation of the Kashi Vishwanath Temple in 1780 is one of her most famous contributions.
- British historian John Keay referred to her as "The Philosopher Queen."







Ques: What is the name of the advanced air defence missile system used by the Indian Air Force to intercept aerial threats on May 7–8, 2025?

A. Akash B. Barak 8 C. S-400 'Sudarshan Chakra' D. Prithvi Air Defence E. Iron Dome

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

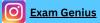
• The Indian Air Force (IAF) deployed its S-400 'Sudarshan Chakra' air defence missile systems, along with the indigenous Akash, during a combat operation on May 7–8, 2025.

• These systems successfully intercepted multiple Pakistani drones and missiles aimed at 15 military locations across northern and western India, including Srinagar, Jammu, Amritsar, and Bhuj.

• The S-400, developed by Russia's Almaz Central Design Bureau, is among the most advanced long-range SAM systems in the world, capable of targeting up to 36 aerial threats simultaneously.

• India signed the S-400 deal in 2018 and began receiving deliveries in late 2021.

• The Akash missile, with 96% indigenous content, is a short-range surface-to-air missile developed by DRDO, and operates at ranges from 4.5 km to 25 km and altitudes up to 20 km. It was inducted into the IAF in 2014 and in the Indian Army in 2015







Ques: What is the main objective of the 'AI Pragya' initiative launched by UP CM Yogi Adityanath?

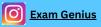
- A. Promote digital agriculture
- B. Train 10 lakh youth in Al
- C. Distribute AI tablets to farmers
- D. Build rural digital centers
- E. Promote robotics in industries

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- In May 2025, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched two new initiatives in collaboration with the World Bank.
- One of the key initiatives, AI Pragya, aims to digitally empower the youth of the state.
- Its main goal is to train 10 lakh youth in Artificial Intelligence (AI) to prepare them for the future job market and boost digital transformation in Uttar Pradesh.
- This initiative aligns with the state's broader ambition to become a \$1-trillion economy









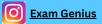
Ques: Who was appointed as the Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) with a one-year extension in 2025?

- A. Rakesh Asthana
- B. Alok Verma
- C. Praveen Sood
- D. Subodh Jaiswal
- E. Y C Modi

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Praveen Sood was appointed as the Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and has been given a one-year extension in 2025.
- CBI is neither a constitutional nor a statutory body, but derives its powers from the Delhi Special Police Establishment (DSPE) Act, 1946
- The appointment and extension of the CBI Director is made by a three-member committee consisting of The Prime Minister (as Chairman), The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, or if unavailable, the leader of the single largest party in the Lok Sabha and The Chief Justice of India
- This ensures transparency and non-partisan selection for the top investigative post in the country.
- Tenure of the CBI Director is Fixed for 2 years, extendable annually up to 5 years (as per DSPE Amendment Act, 2021).







- (a) IIT Guwahati (b) IIT Delhi
- (c) IIT Madras
- (d) IIT Kannur
- (d) IIT Kanpur (e) IIT Roorkee

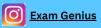
Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Delhi cabinet has approved five cloud-seeding trials to combat high pollution levels in the city.
- These trials, estimated at Rs.55 lakh each, involve the technique of cloud seeding, which encourages artificial rainfall by dispersing substances into the atmosphere.
- IIT Kanpur will lead the planning and execution of the project.
- The initiative is seen as an innovative step toward weather-based pollution control, especially during the winter smog season in Delhi.

Cloud Seeding Types :

- By speeding up the blending of droplets in liquid clouds, hygroscopic cloud seeding makes them big enough to fall as rain.
- By adding ice-forming agents to supercooled clouds, a process known as "glaciogenic cloud seeding," water vapor is transformed into ice crystals, which eventually melt into rain.
- The method of creating precipitation using cloud seeding, a weather modification technique, is known as "artificial rain." Its main purposes are to increase rainfall, fight drought, and lower air pollution.



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- A. 01 May 2025
- B. 05 May 2025
- C. 08 May 2025
- D. 10 May 2025
- E. 30 April 2024

Answer : Option C

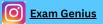
Explanation :

• On O8 May 2025, India and Chile officially signed the Terms of Reference (ToR) to begin negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).

• The ToR was signed by Chile's Ambassador Juan Angulo and India's Joint Secretary Vimal Anand in New Delhi.

• This move builds upon earlier frameworks like the 2005 Framework Agreement, 2006 PTA, and its 2017 expansion, aiming to broaden cooperation across digital services, MSMEs, critical minerals, and investments.

• The first round of CEPA talks is scheduled from 26–30 May 2025 in New Delhi, demonstrating a shared goal to deepen economic and strategic partnerships.





Ques: Which two foreign universities signed MoUs with the Maharashtra government to establish campuses in Navi Mumbai's EduCity?

- A. Harvard University and Oxford University
- B. University of York and University of Western Australia
- C. University of Cambridge and University of Sydney
- D. MIT and University of Melbourne
- E. Stanford University and University of Toronto

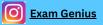
Answer : Option B

Explanation:

• The Maharashtra government signed MoUs worth ₹3,000 crore with University of York (UK) and University of Western Australia (UWA) to set up campuses in EduCity, Navi Mumbai.

• Each university has pledged Rs.1,500 crore for the project, supported by CIDCO (City and Industrial Development Corporation).

• The agreements were formalised during the WAVES 2025 summit in Mumbai in the presence of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, marking a major step in boosting global education infrastructure in India.







- A. Empower women and ensure awareness of welfare schemes
- B. Improve road infrastructure in tribal regions
- C. Promote digital literacy among rural youth
- D. Promote tourism in historical places
- E. Encourage organic farming in villages

Answer: Option A

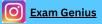
Explanation:

• 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.

• It tackles malnutrition, maternal and infant mortality, domestic violence, child marriage, and sexual harassment, while promoting women's participation in the Panchayati Raj system.

• The initiative also includes Adishakti Awards to recognize outstanding contributions at the taluka, district, and state levels, with a budget of ₹10.50 crore approved for the campaign.









Ques : Which loitering munition did India use against Pakistan?

A. Akash

- B. S-400
- C. HAROP
- D. Astra
- E. Pralay

Answer : Option C

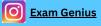
Explanation :

• India used Israeli-made IAI HAROP loitering munitions to strike Pakistani air defence systems, including one in Lahore.

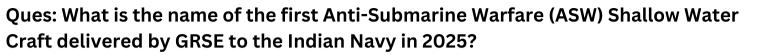
• The HAROP drone acts as a suicide drone – once it spots a target, it crashes into it, causing destruction.

• HAROP is an improved version of the older HARPY system, equipped with electrooptical targeting, which contributes to a 98% mission success rate.









- A. INS Kavaratti
- B. INS Kadmatt
- C. INS Kalvari
- D. INS Arnala
- E. INS Shivalik

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- INS Arnala is the first of eight ASW Shallow Water Craft delivered to the Indian Navy by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd, a Defence Public Sector Undertaking.
- Built in collaboration with L&T Shipyard, the ship exemplifies successful publicprivate partnership in Indian defence manufacturing.
- Named after the historic Arnala Fort off Vasai, Maharashtra, the vessel honors India's maritime legacy.
- It is 77 meters long and is the largest Indian Naval ship to use a Diesel Engine-Waterjet propulsion system.
- The craft is tailored for underwater surveillance, search and rescue, and Low Intensity Maritime Operations (LIMO).

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Ques: What is the objective of Kerala's newly launched 'Jyothi' initiative?

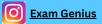
- A. Support migrant children's education
- B. Encourage digital learning
- C. Promote girl child education
- D. Provide midday meals
- E. Set up new government schools

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

• The Government of Kerala launched the 'Jyothi' scheme in May 2025 to support the education of children of migrant workers.

- The initiative aims to prevent dropouts among migrant students and ensure their continuous and inclusive education.
- The scheme addresses language barriers, academic gaps, and basic needs through collaboration with schools, NGOs, and local bodies.
- It includes special educational materials and bridge programs to help migrant children adapt and succeed.
- This initiative promotes equity in education and helps integrate migrant families into the mainstream schooling system.



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Ques: What is the name of the proposed greenfield airport to be developed in Puri, Odisha?

- A. Veer Surendra Sai Airport
- B. Kalinga International Airport
- C. Odisha Gateway Airport
- D. Bhubaneswar Civil Terminal
- E. Shree Jagannath Airport

Answer : Option E

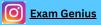
Explanation :

• The Ministry of Civil Aviation has granted in-principle approval for setting up greenfield airports in Kota (Rajasthan) and Puri (Odisha) under the UDAN scheme, which promotes affordable air connectivity.

• The greenfield airport in Puri will be named Shree Jagannath Airport, and will be developed over 1,164 acres at an estimated cost of Rs.5,631 crore. Once completed, it will have the capacity to handle 4.6 million passengers annually.

• Greenfield airport in Kota will be developed in 2 phases with a total investment of Rs.1, 507 crore.









- A. Embracing Humanity
- B. Be Human Kind
- C. Keeping Humanity Alive
- D. Together for Humanity
- E. Humanitarian Hope

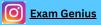
Answer: Option C

.Explanation:

• World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is observed on 8 May to commemorate the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

- The theme for 2025 is "Keeping Humanity Alive."
- In India, the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) was established in 1920 and is headquartered in New Delhi.
- The President of India serves as the president of the IRCS.









- A. Unite Against Lupus
- B. Lupus: Fight the Inflammation
- C. Healing Begins with Knowledge
- D. Awareness is Cure
- E. Let's bring lupus together
- Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- World Lupus Day is observed on May 10 each year to raise awareness about lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease where the immune system attacks healthy tissues.
- The 2025 theme is "Let's bring lupus together," emphasizing unity in the fight against lupus.
- Lupus can be mild to severe, affecting joints, skin, and even vital organs like the heart, lungs, brain, and kidneys.
- The disease occurs when the immune system cannot differentiate between harmful invaders and the body's own cells, leading to autoantibody production and tissue damage.







Ques: What is the primary objective of the PRASHAST app launched by Delhi's Directorate of Education?

- A. Monitor teacher performance
- B. Promote digital literacy in rural areas
- C. Identify students with disabilities early
- D. Conduct online board examinations
- E. Offer vocational courses to students

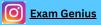
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The PRASHAST app, launched by Delhi's Directorate of Education, is designed for the early identification of students with disabilities.

• It aims to ensure inclusive and equitable education in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009.

• The app plays a critical role in recognizing special educational needs early on, helping create customized learning pathways and ensuring that no child is left behind in the educational system.



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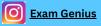
A MoU has been signed by the National Institute of Securities Markets and the International Financial Services Centers Authority (IFSCA) to strengthen training and capacity building programs in the securities markets at the Gujarat International Finance Tec-city International Financial Services Centre (GIFT-IFSC) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Retired Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer G. Chandrasekhar Reddy was sworn in as State Chief Information Commissioner, Telangana Information Commission. The State CIC shall hold the office for three years or till he attains the age of 65 years whichever is earlier

Adani Group has signed an agreement with Bhutan's Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC) to jointly develop 5,000 MW of hydropower projects.

Rakesh Verma assumed charge as the Director General of the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM). Ashish Goyal took charge as Director General Media in the ECI.







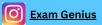


- (a) 75.2%
- (b) 81.3%
- (c) 91.5%
- (d) 87.9%
- (e) 95.0%

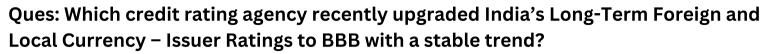
Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- As per RBI's latest data, UPI QR codes recorded the fastest growth in digital payment infrastructure in FY 2024–25.
- The number of UPI QR codes jumped by 91.5% over the previous year to reach 657.9 million.
- In contrast, credit card transactions grew by only 7.94%, and debit card additions saw a 2.7% growth to 991 million.
- The total number of banks live on UPI reached 668 as of April 2025, showing continued adoption of the platform.







- (a) S&P Global Ratings
- (b) Fitch Ratings
- (c) Moody's Investors Service
- (d) Morningstar DBRS
- (e) CARE Ratings

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Morningstar DBRS, a global credit rating agency, upgraded India's Long-Term Foreign and Local Currency – Issuer Ratings from BBB (low) to BBB, with a stable outlook.
- The Short-Term Ratings were also upgraded to R-2 (high).
- The upgrade reflects adequate credit quality and India's ability to meet obligations despite high public debt, which was 80.2% of GDP in FY25.
- The central government's debt ratio is expected to reduce from 57.5% in FY24 to 56.1% by FY26.



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Ques: What was the total cumulative net profit reported by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in FY25?

(a) Rs.1.41 lakh crore
(b) Rs.1.62 lakh crore
(c) Rs.1.78 lakh crore
(d) Rs.1.59 lakh crore
(e) Rs.1.69 lakh crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

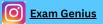
• Public Sector Banks (PSBs) recorded a cumulative net profit of Rs.1.78 lakh crore in FY25, registering a 26% increase over the previous year.

• In FY24, the total profit was Rs.1.41 lakh crore, so the profit jumped by approximately Rs.37,100 crore.

• State Bank of India (SBI) contributed over 40% of this, with a standalone net profit of Rs.70,901 crore in FY25, which is 16% more than FY24.

• Punjab National Bank reported the highest percentage growth of 102%, while Punjab & Sind Bank saw a 71% rise.

• Between FY17 and FY21, the government had infused Rs.3.11 lakh crore into PSBs as part of its recapitalisation strategy.







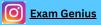
Ques: Where is the Anak Krakatau volcano, which triggered a deadly tsunami in 2018, located?

- (a) Philippines
- (b) Japan
- (c) Fiji
- (d) Papua New Guinea
- (e) Indonesia

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Anak Krakatau (meaning "Child of Krakatoa") is a stratovolcano situated in the Sunda Strait, between Java and Sumatra in Indonesia.
- It lies on a convergent tectonic boundary between the Indo-Australian and Eurasian plates and is part of the Pacific Ring of Fire, known for intense seismic and volcanic activity.
- In December 2018, a massive flank collapse during an eruption triggered a tsunami that killed over 400 people and injured thousands.
- A recent study suggests the volcano showed precursors to the collapse years in advance, indicating the importance of early warning systems in disaster-prone regions.







- (a) Visakhapatnam
- (b) Kochi
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Wandoor
- (e) Port Blair

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

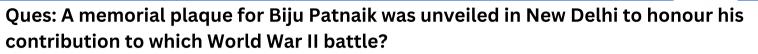
- The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) has launched the Submarine Cable Project to enhance long-term ocean monitoring.
- A 150-km-long submarine cable will be laid off the coast of Wandoor in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- It will feature two science nodes with oceanographic and geophysical sensors at depths of 2,000–2,500 meters.
- The landing station will be at Wandoor, and a real-time control centre will be located at INCOIS headquarters in Hyderabad.

About Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) :

- Established : 1999
- HQ : Hyderabad, Telangana
- Director : Dr. Balakrishnan Nair T.M







- (a) Battle of Berlin
- (b) Battle of El Alamein
- (c) Battle of Stalingrad
- (d) Battle of Midway
- (e) Battle of Britain

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• A memorial plaque was unveiled at the Russian Embassy in New Delhi in honour of Biju Patnaik, recognizing his heroic efforts during the Battle of Stalingrad in World War II.

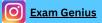
• The plaque was inaugurated by Odisha's former Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and Russian Ambassador Denis Alipov.

• Biju Patnaik, serving in the Royal Indian Air Force, flew supply missions to assist the Red Army, using aircraft like the Douglas C-47 Skytrain (Dakota).

• He later earned recognition from multiple nations; upon his death in 1997, his coffin was draped in the national flags of India, Indonesia, and Russia.



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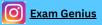
Ques: Where was the Columbia India Energy Dialogue 2025 held?

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

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Columbia India Energy Dialogue 2025 was held in New Delhi.
- It was organized by the Center on Global Energy Policy (CGEP) of Columbia University SIPA and Columbia Global Center Mumbai.
- The event was chaired by Union Minister Piyush Goyal and focused on the theme: "Energy Solutions for an Inclusive and Equitable Global Transition."
- Notably, India achieved its 2030 renewable energy target of 200 GW in 2022, eight years ahead of schedule.
- India has also seen a 30-fold increase in solar power capacity over the last decade and built a 500 GW interconnected national grid for renewable integration.
- "India accounts for only 3% of global carbon emissions despite supporting 17% of the world's population." Announcement made by Piyush Goel







Ques: Which country's origin is the 'Igla-S' missile system recently received by the Indian Army?

- (a) USA
- (b) Israel
- (c) Russia
- (d) France
- (e) Germany

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Igla-S is a Russian-origin man-portable air defence system (MANPADS) recently received by the Indian Army.

• It is a shoulder-fired missile system capable of targeting low-flying aircraft, UAVs, and helicopters, especially in forward and mountainous regions.

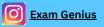
• The missiles were procured under emergency powers of the Government of India for approximately Rs 260 crore.

- Adani Defence Systems and Technologies Ltd. (ADSTL) in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, assembled these missiles in India.
- The assembly was carried out under a Technology Transfer (ToT) agreement with Rosoboronexport, a Russian state defense export agency.

About Igla-S Missile :

• It is a shoulder-launched Surface-to-Air Missile (SAM) weapon that locks onto targets' heat signatures in the air using infrared (IR) homing.

• It can engage targets up to 6 kilometers (km) away and up to 3.5 kilometers above the ground. The weight is 19 kg.







Ques: What is the title of the autobiography of Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatraya recently released?

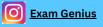
- (a) Meri Zindagi Ka Safar
- (b) Rajneeti ke Raaste
- (c) Janta Ki Awaaz
- (d) Janta Ki Kahani Meri Aatmkatha
- (e) Lok Seva Meri Pehchan

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatraya recently released his autobiography titled 'Janta Ki Kahani Meri Aatmkatha'.
- The book was originally written in Telugu and later translated into Hindi.
- The title reflects his public service journey and life experiences through the lens of the people's story









Ques: Which country's cricket board has banned transgender women from participating in women's cricket at all levels?

(a) Australia (b) South Africa (c) England (d) New Zealand (e) India

Answer: Option C

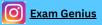
Explanation :

• The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) announced that transgender women will no longer be allowed to compete in women's cricket at any level.

• This decision follows a UK Supreme Court ruling that defines the legal recognition of women based on biological sex.

• The ECB's announcement came less than 24 hours after the Football Association (FA) made a similar move.

• Transgender individuals can still participate in open or mixed cricket formats.







Ques: Which company has Airtel Africa partnered with to provide satellite internet services across Africa?

- (a) Blue Origin
- (b) NASA
- (c) ISRO
- (d) SpaceX
- (e) OneWeb

Answer: Option D

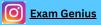
Explanation :

• Airtel Africa, a subsidiary of Bharti Airtel, has partnered with SpaceX, the aerospace company led by Elon Musk, to bring Starlink's Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite internet services to Africa.

• By May 2025, SpaceX had obtained operating licenses in 9 out of 14 countries where Airtel Africa operates.

• Starlink is already providing satellite internet in over 125 countries and territories across all seven continents.







Ques: Who was the first non-crop scientist to head the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)?

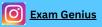
(a) M. S. Swaminathan
(b) Trilochan Mohapatra
(c) Subbanna Ayyappan
(d) Rajendra Prasad
(e) R.S. Paroda

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Dr. Subbanna Ayyappan, a renowned aquaculture scientist, became the first noncrop scientist to lead the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
- He contributed significantly to India's Blue Revolution and served in various key roles including as Director of Central Institute for Freshwater Aquaculture.
- In 2022, he was honored with the Padma Shri award for his contributions to agricultural science and aquaculture.

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Ques: On which date did former U.S. President Donald Trump declare "Victory Day" to commemorate the Allied win in World War II?

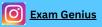
- (a) April 30 (b) May 7 (a) May 8
- (c) May 8
- (d) May 9
- (e) November 11

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Former U.S. President Donald Trump declared May 8 as Victory Day for World War II, marking the 80th anniversary of Nazi Germany's surrender in 1945.
- May 8 is widely recognized in Europe as Victory in Europe Day (V-E Day).
- Adolf Hitler died on April 30, 1945; Germany surrendered on May 7, and the surrender took effect on May 8.
- Victory Day commemorates the end of World War II in Europe.
- Trump also proposed recognizing November 11 as Victory Day for World War I, which is already observed as Veterans Day in the U.S.







Ques: What is the official theme of National Technology Day 2025 in India?

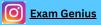
- (a) Tech India: Innovate to Lead
- (b) SHAKTI Strengthening Science and Innovation
- (c) VIKAS Vision for Knowledge and Science
- (d) YANTRA Yugantar for Advancing New Technology, Research & Acceleration
- (e) NAVACHAR Nurturing Advanced Vision and Creativity in Research

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- National Technology Day is observed on 11th May every year in India.
- The 2025 theme, as unveiled by the Technology Development Board (TDB) under the Department of Science and Technology, is "YANTRA – Yugantar for Advancing New Technology, Research & Acceleration".
- The word Yugantar signifies a major transformational shift, reflecting India's journey from technology adoption to global leadership.
- The day commemorates India's successful nuclear tests in 1998 (Operation Shakti) and the first flight of the Hansa-3 aircraft.
- Declared by PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee, this day honors India's scientific achievements.





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Ques : International Day of Plant Health observed every year on which day ?

(a) 9 May

- (b) 10 May
- (c) 11 May
- (d) 12 May
- (e) 13 May

Answer : Option D

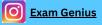
Explanation :

• International Day of Plant Health (IDPH) is observed on 12th May, as designated by the United Nations.

• The 2025 theme is "The importance of plant health in One Health", highlighting its link to human, animal, and environmental health.

• The day raises awareness about how plant health contributes to ending hunger, reducing poverty, and protecting biodiversity.









IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

The BrahMos missile manufacturing unit will be inaugurated on May 11, 2024, in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. This unit is part of the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor and aims to produce 80-100 missiles annually.

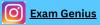
Paras Defence & Space Technologies Limited signed a MoU with Israel-based HevenDrones Limited to establish a Joint Venture (JV) for designing, manufacturing and supplying Hydrogen (H)-powered drones, marking the first of its kind in India

On May 7, 2025, the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), completed 66 years of service since its formation in 1960. Motto: "Shramena Sarvam Sadhyam" (Everything is achievable through hard work).

Ajoy Chawla (Present CEO in Tanishq) Appointed as Managing Director of Titan Company Ltd., a Tata Group enterprise. He Replaced C.K. Venkataraman

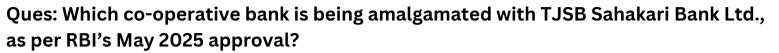
Vietnam is gearing up for a major leap in its global appeal with the launch of a 10year golden visa, aimed at attracting long-term tourists, foreign investors, and professionals.





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- (a) Kolhapur Urban Co-operative Bank
- (b) Sawantwadi Urban Co-operative Bank
- (c) Nashik District Co-operative Bank
- (d) Mumbai Urban Co-operative Bank
- (e) Nagpur Nagarik Sahakari Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- On May 9, 2025, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the voluntary amalgamation of Sawantwadi Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd., Maharashtra, with TJSB Sahakari Bank Ltd., Maharashtra.
- The merger becomes effective from May 13, 2025.
- This action was taken under Section 44A(4) read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- Following the merger, all branches of Sawantwadi Urban Co-operative Bank will operate as TJSB Sahakari Bank branches from the effective date.



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(a) Rohit Sharma
(b) Virat Kohli
(c) Ajinkya Rahane
(d) Cheteshwar Pujara
(e) R. Ashwin

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Virat Kohli, the former Indian captain, retired from Test cricket in January 2025, just before the England tour.
- His final Test appearance was during the 2024–25 Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Sydney against Australia.
- He debuted in 2011 against the West Indies at Jamaica.
- He averaged 46.85 and amassed 9230 runs in 123 Test matches. In 2019, he reached his highest score of 254 not out in a match against South Africa in Pune.
- He is fourth on the list with 30 Test hundreds, only after Rahul Dravid (36), Sunil Gavaskar (34), and Sachin Tendulkar (51 hundreds).
- The most centuries scored by an Indian captain was twenty, which Kolhi achieved while serving as captain.
- Virat Kohli took over the Indian team captaincy from Mahendra Singh Dhoni in 2014.
- Kohli is the fourth most successful Test captain in the world after South African Graeme Smith (53), Australian Ricky Ponting (48), and Steve Waugh (41).





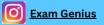


(a) El Nuevo Diario
(b) Hoy
(c) Confidencial
(d) La Prensa
(e) El 19 Digital

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- La Prensa, one of Nicaragua's oldest newspapers, founded in 1926, received the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2025.
- The award was announced on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day.
- The prize was established in 1997 and is named after Guillermo Cano Isaza, a Colombian journalist assassinated in 1986 for his stance against drug cartels.
- La Prensa was honoured for its courageous journalism amid ongoing government repression in Nicaragua.







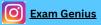
Ques: Who is the author of the book "Alone in the Ring: Decision-making in Critical Times"?

- (a) General MM Naravane
- (b) General NC Vij
- (c) General Bipin Rawat
- (d) Lt. Gen. Satish Dua
- (e) Raj Chengappa

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- "Alone in the Ring: Decision-making in Critical Times" is authored by General NC Vij, former Chief of Army Staff.
- The book presents deep insights into military leadership and strategic decisionmaking during national crises.
- It emphasizes the importance of jointness, integration, and theaterisation key reforms needed for a unified and agile Indian Armed Forces.
- General Vij draws upon his first-hand experience to detail the operational and administrative challenges faced by the defense establishment.
- Publisher: Bloomsbury India







- (a) Sonu Sood
- (b) Shah Rukh Khan
- (c) Nita Ambani
- (d) Deepika Padukone
- (e) Priyanka Chopra

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Sonu Sood, Bollywood actor and well-known philanthropist, won the Humanitarian Award 2025.
- He was recognized for his remarkable philanthropic efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The award was presented by the Miss World Organisation.
- The ceremony was held during the 72nd Miss World Festival at HITEX Arena, Hyderabad, Telangana.
- The 2024 winner of this award was Nita Ambani, founder and chairperson of the Reliance Foundation.



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Ques: As per reports dated May 11, 2025, how much wheat has been procured during the 2025–26 rabi marketing season so far?

(a) 26.2 MT (b) 26.6 MT (c) 29 MT (d) 33 MT (e) 37.48 MT

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• As per the May 11, 2025 government report, over 29 million tonnes of wheat have been procured so far in the 2025–26 rabi marketing season (April–June).

• This is the highest procurement in four years, surpassing previous years : 2024–25: 26.6 MT and 2023–24: 26.2 MT

• It marks a 16% increase from last year's procurement.

• This surplus supports Public Distribution System (PDS) operations and enables market intervention programs if required.







- (a) Geneva
- (b) Nairobi
- (c) Dehradun
- (d) New York
- (e) Bonn

Answer: Option D

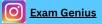
Explanation :

• The United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) is a functional commission under ECOSOC, created in 2000 through Resolution 2000/35.

• UNFF20 was held at the United Nations Headquarters, New York.

• India showcased its achievements in sustainable forest management, promoted the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA), and urged the inclusion of Dehradun CLI 2023 outcomes in global mechanisms.

• UNFF promotes global cooperation on forest conservation, management, and sustainable development.





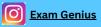
Ques: Which two states signed an MoU to implement the Tapti Basin Mega Recharge Project?

- (a) Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra
- (c) Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh
- (d) Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra
- (e) Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav and Maharashtra Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis signed an MoU to implement the Tapti Basin Mega Recharge Project.
- It is Finalized in the MP-Maharashtra Inter-State Control Board meeting.
- Total water: 31.13 TMC (Thousand Million Cubic Feet) : Madhya Pradesh to receive 11.76 TMC and Maharashtra to receive 19.36 TMC
- Irrigation Impact : MP: 1,23,082 hectares and Maharashtra: 2,34,706 hectares
- No displacement or rehabilitation of villages will occur. 90% of project cost funded by the Central Government.
- Fadnavis called it the "world's largest recharge scheme." It will Boosts regional water security, agriculture, and sustainable development.







- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Madhya Pradesh
- (e) Chhattisgarh

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Sample Registration System (SRS) 2021 report, released by the Registrar General of India (RGI), highlights that Bihar recorded the highest Total Fertility Rate (TFR) in India at 3.0.

- In contrast, Delhi and West Bengal reported the lowest TFR at 1.4.
- The national average TFR is 2.0, which is below the replacement level of 2.1, indicating population stabilization at the national level.
- Urban TFR stands at 1.6, while rural TFR is 2.2, reflecting higher fertility in rural regions.
- The demographic shift includes a growing elderly population and declining youth share, with key states like Tamil Nadu (14.4%) and Himachal Pradesh (12.3%) having high elderly percentages.
- As per the SRS 2021 Report by the Registrar General of India, India's Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) declined to 93 per 1 lakh live births for the period 2019–21, a 37-point improvement from 130 in 2014–16.
- The Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) dropped from 39 in 2014 to 27 per 1000 live births in 2021.
- Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) declined from 26 to 19, and Under-Five Mortality Rate (U5MR) fell from 45 to 31 per 1000 live births during the same period.



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Ques: When was the Territorial Army (TA) formally inaugurated in Independent India?

- (a) 15 August 1947
 (b) 26 January 1950
 (c) 9 October 1949
 (d) 1 April 1948
- (e) 2 October 1952

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Territorial Army (TA) is a part of the Regular Indian Army but consists of volunteer civilians who serve the nation during emergencies while pursuing their civilian careers.

• It serves as a second line of defence and supports in natural calamities, essential services, and internal security.

• Rule 33 of the Territorial Army Rule, 1948, authorizes the Chief of Army Staff to utilize TA units with Central Government approval.

• TA has played roles in wars of 1962, 1965, 1971, and operations like OP PAWAN, OP RAKSHAK, etc.

• The TA was formally inaugurated on 9 October 1949 by C. Rajagopalachari, and this day is celebrated as Territorial Army Day.







- (a) 35 feet
- (b) 60 feet
- (c) 75 feet
- (d) 91 feet
- (e) 100 feet

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Unveiled by: Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis
- Location: Rajkot Fort, Malvan, Sindhudurg District, Maharashtra
- Material: Bronze, capable of withstanding storms and cyclones for 100 years
- Context: Replaces a 35-ft statue that collapsed in August 2024, nine months after its inauguration by PM Modi.
- Political Impact: Sparked corruption allegations and became a major election issue.
- Tourism: Plans for development of the area as a major tourist site.
- Cultural Symbolism: A tribute to Shivaji Maharaj's strength, legacy, and cultural heritage









- (a) Justice DY Chandrachud
- (b) Justice BR Gavai
- (c) Justice Sanjiv Khanna
- (d) Justice Surya Kant
- (e) Justice Hima Kohli

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Supreme Court Judge Justice Surya Kant has been appointed as the Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).
- He was appointed under Clause (b) of sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, which allows appointment of the second senior-most SC judge.
- He replaced Justice BR Gavai, who is set to become the 52nd Chief Justice of India (CJI) on May 14, 2025.
- Justice Kant is a former Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court and judge of the Punjab & Haryana High Court.
- He will hold the post until November 23, 2025, and is expected to be elevated as the 53rd CJI after that.
- The appointment is made by the President of India, in consultation with the Chief Justice of India.

About NALSA :

• Established : 9 November 1995 under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987

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Ques: Who is the author of the book "The Thinking Machine: Jensen Huang, Nvidia and the World's Most Coveted Microchip"?

- (a) Michael Lewis
- (b) Stephen Witt
- (c) Walter Isaacson
- (d) Satya Nadella
- (e) Brad Stone

Answer: Option B

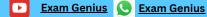
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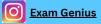
• It traces the rise of Jensen Huang and how he built Nvidia into a dominant force in AI, gaming, and supercomputing through its revolutionary microchips.

• The book is globally relevant due to the increasing importance of semiconductors, AI, and geopolitics.

• Stephen Witt is also known for his previous work, "How Music Got Free", and resides in Los Angeles, California.

• Publisher: Bodley Head / Penguin Random House; Price: ₹899 (Paperback).









- (a) Chandipur
- (b) Nagayalanka
- (c) Sriharikota
- (d) Visakhapatnam
- (e) Wheeler Island

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the DRDO Missile Test Range at Nagayalanka, Krishna district, Andhra Pradesh, with an investment of around Rs 1,460 crore.
- India already has two functional missile testing ranges at Chandipur and Wheeler Island, Odisha.
- The Cabinet Committee on Security approved this third testing site to meet growing defence requirements.
- The new testing range, called the Navdurga Testing Range, will support Phase 2 Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) interceptor missile testing — which is essential for defending against incoming missile threats.

About Phase 1 of the Ballistic Missile Defence System :

- Missiles within a range of less than 2000 kilometers can be intercepted by the DRDO's Phase 1 BMD.
- The Chinese missiles Dongfeng-21 and Pakistani missiles Shaheen and Ghauri can both be intercepted by the Phase-1.
- There are now hypersonic missile interceptors that can reach speeds of Mach 4-5.





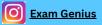


About Phase 2 of the Ballistic Missile Defence System :

• It is being designed to intercept intercontinental ballistic missiles with a range of more than 5,000 kilometers.

• Hypersonic interceptor missiles with a Mach 6-7 speed will also be produced





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Ques: Which state is the first to complete the seed value chain digitisation on the SATHI portal?

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Haryana

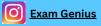
Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• 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.

- This move ensures greater transparency and traceability, helping reduce the circulation of fake or low-quality seeds.
- SATHI (Seed Authentication, Traceability & Holistic Inventory) portal is a major step towards a more efficient and transparent seed distribution system in India.









Ques: What is the primary objective of Mission Sankalp, a major anti-Naxal operation launched along the Chhattisgarh–Telangana border?

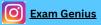
- (a) Infrastructure development in conflict zones
- (b) Rescue of kidnapped civilians
- (c) Eradication of drug trafficking networks
- (d) Elimination of top Maoist leadership and dismantling of their hideouts
- (e) Census of tribal population in Naxal-affected areas

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Mission Sankalp is a high-intensity, joint anti-Naxal operation launched by Chhattisgarh and Telangana Police, CRPF, CoBRA, and other forces.
- The operation targets Battalion 1 of the People's Liberation Guerrilla Army, the armed wing of the CPI-Maoist.
- It focuses on Karregutta hills on the Chhattisgarh–Telangana border.
- Over 24,000 personnel have been mobilized, and large quantities of explosives, weapons, and supplies have been recovered.

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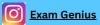


(a) Dr. Munir Khan
(b) Dr. Mustafa Yusufali Gom
(c) Dr. Zakir Naik
(d) Arvind Kejriwal
(e) Anna Hazare

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Dr. Mustafa Yusufali Gom, a renowned social worker and entrepreneur from Mumbai (Maharashtra), won the International Buddha Peace Award 2025.
- He was honoured for his exceptional social activism and leadership in the building repairs and restoration industry.
- The award was presented by Lakshman Prasad Acharya, the Governor of Assam, during a grand ceremony organized by the Maitri Peace Foundation in Guwahati, Assam.
- Another awardee was Dr. Munir Khan, a prominent structural engineer and founder of Avon Consulting Engineers
- International Buddha Peace Award Started in 2009 and It is given by Maitri Peace Foundation
- Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson of the Global Trade & Technology Council of India (GTTCI) was among the key recipients of the award last year.







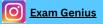
- (a) Singapore
- (b) Switzerland
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) El Salvador
- (e) Japan

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Bhutan has become the first country to launch a national-level crypto tourism payment system.
- The initiative is a collaboration between Binance Pay and DK Bank.
- Tourists can now use over 100 cryptocurrencies (including BNB, BTC, USDC) for services like airfare, visa fees, hotels, and local purchases.
- The system enables real-time payments using the Binance app, ensuring secure transactions and instant settlement in Bhutanese currency via DK Bank.
- This eliminates challenges like currency conversion issues and high international transaction fees.









IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

The Jenu Kuruba tribe returning to their ancestral village in the Nagarhole Tiger Reserve After being evicted 40 years ago. The Jenu Kuruba is recognized as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG), primarily found in the Kodagu and Mysore districts of Karnataka.

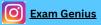
At the World Law Congress in the Dominican Republic, renowned child rights attorney and founder of Just Rights for Children Bhuwan Ribhu became the first Indian lawyer to receive the World Jurist Association's (WJA) "Medal of Honour."

A new report from The Himalayan Cleanup 2024 shows that over 70% of plastic waste in the Indian Himalayas is non-recyclable, with single-use food and beverage packaging being the dominant source of pollution.

National Award-winning makeup artist Vikram Gaikwad, known for his work in movies such as 83, Uri: The Surgical Strike and Ponniyin Selvan, died. He was 61.

The Gomti River in Lucknow is at risk of becoming ecologically dead due to rising untreated sewage, declining oxygen levels, and increasing faecal coliform levels.





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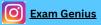
Ques: Which logistics platform became India's 3rd unicorn of 2025 after raising \$200 million in Series F funding?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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



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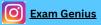
Ques : Archery World Cup Stage 2 held in which country ?

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

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







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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) organized its first-ever 'Sneh Milan Mela' in Surajpur, Chhattisgarh.

• The event brought together over 600 employees, their families, and villagers through cultural programs and traditional food, promoting goodwill and mutual trust.

• SECL is a subsidiary of Coal India, with headquarters in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, and was founded in 1985.









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

Answer: Option B

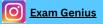
Explanation :

• 'Nayi Disha – A Path Back to Learning' is a community outreach program launched by the Delhi Police to help school dropouts rejoin the education system.

• Under this initiative, police personnel visit homes, speak with children and families, and address the reasons for leaving school.

• The aim is to reintegrate out-of-school children and ensure their right to education is upheld.









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

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

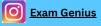
Answer : Option C

Explanation:

- Sarit Maheshwari has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NTPC Green Energy Limited, the renewable energy arm of NTPC Ltd.
- He replaces Rajiv Gupta in this role.

• Before this, he served as the CEO of NTPC Renewable Energy Limited, showcasing his leadership experience in the green energy sector.









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

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation:

• As per a study conducted by the Department of Wildlife Protection, Ladakh in collaboration with WII and NTCA, Hemis National Park in Ladakh has recorded the highest snow leopard density in the world, with approximately 2.07 individuals per 100 sq. km.

• This surpasses previous global records, including those from Tibet.

• Ladakh hosts 477 snow leopards, which is 68% of India's total snow leopard population.

• Globally, the average snow leopard density ranges between 0.92 and 1.8 individuals per 100 sq. km.

• In 2017, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) downlisted snow leopards from Endangered to Vulnerable.

• In India, snow leopards are protected under Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, granting it the highest level of legal protection



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

(a) DRDO

(b) ISRO

- (c) Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)
- (d) National Quantum Mission Authority

(e) CDAC

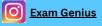
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), under the Department of Telecommunications, signed an MoU with Synergy Quantum India Private Limited.

- The goal is to collaborate on drone-based Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) systems.
- This partnership aims to boost indigenous development of secure quantum communication technology in India.

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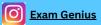


- (a) A rare species of deer
- (b) A type of wild goat
- (c) A critically endangered bovine
- (d) A subspecies of tiger
- (e) A bird found in Vietnam

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

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



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

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

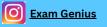
Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

About Fatah-II :

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







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

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

Answer: Option D

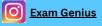
Explanation:

• Sarvam AI, an AI startup based in Bengaluru, has launched Bulbul-v2, its latest textto-speech model.

• The model supports 11 Indian languages with natural-sounding voices and authentic regional accents.

• It is the upgraded version of Bulbul-v1, which was launched in August 2024 with six preset voice personalities.





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

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

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





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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

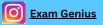
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• A Centre of Excellence for Space Technologies in Bengaluru to boost R&D and innovation.

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About IN-SPACe :

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

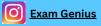
- (a) Meghalaya
- (b) Assam
- (c) Arunachal Pradesh
- (d) Sikkim
- (e) Manipur

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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









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

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• The 'Jan Suraksha' schemes, which include Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), and Atal Pension Yojana (APY), were launched on 9th May 2015 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Kolkata, West Bengal.

• As of April 2025, the schemes have seen massive participation with over 23.63 crore enrolments under PMJJBY, 51 crore under PMSBY, and 7.6 crore under APY.

About Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) :

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

About Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) :

- Launched : 9th May 2015
- Managed by : Ministry of Finance(MoF)
- Eligibility : Persons in the age group of 18-70 years having an individual bank or a post office account

• Benefits : Accidental death cum disability cover of Rs.2 lakh (Rs.1 lakh in case of partial disability) for death or disability due to an accident against a premium of







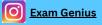
Rs.20/- per annum.

• Annual premium : Rs 20

About Atal Pension Yojana (APY) :

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





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

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

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

About the Lucknow Production Facility :

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

About BrahMos missile :

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



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



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

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

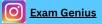
• International Nurses Day is observed every year on 12th May, marking the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale (1820–1910), known as the founder of modern nursing.

• She gained recognition for improving sanitary conditions and caring for soldiers during the Crimean War, earning the title "Lady with the Lamp."

• The United States officially declared the day in 1982.

• The theme for 2025 is: "Our Nurses. Our Future. Caring for nurses strengthens economies."

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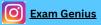
P. David Solomon won the men's long jump title in the UAE Athletics Grand Prix, a bronze-level World Athletics Continental Tour competition, in Dubai, while national record holder Animesh Kujur easily won the 200m.

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

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

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





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Ques: What new digital service has LIC launched for policyholders in 2025?

- (a) AI-based insurance advisory service
- (b) WhatsApp-based premium payment facility
- (c) QR code-based branch entry system
- (d) Voice assistant for customer support
- (e) Online loan disbursement platform

Answer: Option B

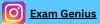
Explanation :

- In 2025, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) introduced a WhatsApp-based premium payment facility.
- Policyholders can now check policy details and pay premiums directly via WhatsApp bot using the number 8976862090.
- The facility supports UPI, Net banking, and Card payments.

• It was officially launched by LIC CEO and MD Siddhartha Mohanty along with other senior officials.

About Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) :

- Established : 1 September 1956
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : Siddhartha Mohanty



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Ques : Which company's stake has PNB agreed to sell for Rs.34 crore?

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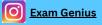
- **B. Edelweiss ARC**
- C. Reliance ARC
- D. Phoenix ARC
- E. ISARC

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Punjab National Bank (PNB) has signed an agreement to sell its entire stake in India SME Asset Reconstruction Company (ISARC).
- The deal is valued at rs.34.04 crore and was announced on May 14, 2025.
- After this divestment, PNB will exit completely from ISARC, as part of its strategy to optimize capital and exit non-core investments.







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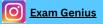
- (a) By granting a development loan of \$500 million
- (b) By donating medical equipment and supplies
- (c) Through the rollover of a \$50 million Treasury Bill
- (d) By funding a housing project in Malé
- (e) By offering a currency swap arrangement

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- In 2025, India extended financial support to the Maldives by rolling over a \$50 million Treasury Bill for another year.
- The support was provided interest-free and is part of India's ongoing assistance since March 2019 under a Government-to-Government arrangement.
- The State Bank of India (SBI) subscribed to the Treasury Bill at the request of the Maldivian government.
- This move aims to support Maldives' fiscal reform efforts and enhance economic resilience.
- Treasury Bill are short-term (up to a year) borrowing instruments issued by the Indian government or a central authority in any other nation that allow investors to park their excess short-term cash while lowering their exposure to market risk.
- They are Auctioned by Reserve Bank of India. At present, the active T-Bills are 91days T-Bills, 182-day T-Bills and 364-days T-Bills

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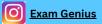


- (a) Infibeam Avenues Ltd
- (b) BillDesk
- (c) Paytm
- (d) PayU
- (e) Razorpay

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- PayU, backed by Prosus, received final approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an Online Payment Aggregator.
- The company was earlier asked to reapply in January 2023 due to a complex corporate structure.
- It received in-principle approval in April 2024, and now joins other RBI-approved aggregators such as Razorpay, CCAvenue, Cashfree, and BillDesk.
- With this approval, PayU can now legally onboard new merchants and offer digital payment solutions in India.





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:Ques: What was India's retail inflation rate based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in April 2025?

- (a) 3.34%
- (b) 3.15%
- (c) 3.50%
- (d) 3.16%
- (e) 3.25%

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• As per the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, India's retail inflation in April 2025 was 3.16%, a decline from 3.34% in March 2025.

- This is the lowest year-on-year inflation rate since July 2019, when it stood at 3.15%.
- It marks a 69-month low in CPI-based retail inflation.

Month-wise list of retail inflation :

- November 2024 : 5.48%
- December 2024 : 5.22%
- January 2025 : 4.31%
- February 2025 : 3.61%
- March 2025 : 3.34%



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Ques: As of May 9, 2025, what is LIC's total stake in Bank of India?

- A. 6.35%
- B. 10.00%
- C. 8.38%
- D. 7.25%
- E. 9.02%

Answer: Option C

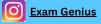
Explanation :

• Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has increased its stake in Bank of India (BoI) to 8.38% as of May 9, 2025.

- The previous stake held by LIC was 6.35% as of September 2, 2021.
- LIC acquired an additional 2.026% stake during this period.
- Bank of India disclosed this information to the stock exchange on May 9, 2025.

• This increase reflects growing institutional confidence in the public sector bank and may boost market sentiment.







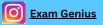
Ques : What is the revised MSP of middle grade jute as per JCI for the 2025-26 crop year?

- A. Rs.5,335
- B. Rs.5,500
- C. Rs.5,650
- D. Rs.5,850
- E. Rs.6,000

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Jute Corporation of India (JCI) increased the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of middle grade jute from Rs.5,335 to Rs.5,650 per quintal for the 2025–26 crop year.
- This revised MSP will be effective from July 1, 2025.
- The aim is to prevent distress selling, reduce farmer dependence on middlemen, and ensure better returns for jute growers.
- Other grades of jute will also see proportional increases in MSP.







Ques: What is the name of India's first AI-powered all-in-one agriculture app launched by SBOF Agrosmart Private Limited?

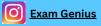
- (a) Krishi Al Mitra
- (b) SmartFarm India
- (c) AgriSathi
- (d) SBOF Agrosmart
- (e) Al Kisan Connect

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- SBOF Agrosmart Private Limited launched SBOF Agrosmart, India's first AI-powered integrated agriculture app.
- It combines Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), and precision farming tools.
- Features include 24/7 multilingual chatbot support, customized data-driven recommendations, and updates on government schemes and subsidies for better farming and financial planning.









Ques: Which renewable energy company became the world's first Independent Power Producer (IPP) to turn water positive with a 14 GW operational portfolio?

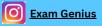
- (a) ReNew Power
- (b) Tata Power Renewable Energy
- (c) NTPC Green Energy Limited
- (d) Adani Green Energy Limited
- (e) JSW Energy

Answer: Option D

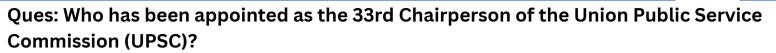
Explanation :

- Adani Green Energy Limited (AGEL) became the world's first Renewable Energy IPP to achieve water positivity with a 14 GW operational portfolio.
- Achieved a year ahead of the FY2025–26 target, this milestone was certified by Intertek, a London-based global assurance firm.
- Water positivity means restoring more freshwater to the environment than what is consumed.
- AGEL accomplished this through innovative practices like waterless robotic cleaning, rainwater harvesting, and clean water generation from air moisture.









- (a) Rajiv Gauba
- (b) Ajay Kumar
- (c) Preeti Sudan
- (d) Sanjay Mitra
- (e) Vinay Mohan Kwatra

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Ajay Kumar, a retired 1985-batch IAS officer from the Kerala cadre, has been appointed as the 33rd Chairperson of UPSC.
- He replaces Preeti Sudan and was appointed under Article 316(1) of the Constitution by the President of India.
- He previously served as Defence Secretary of India from August 2019 to October 2022.
- His term will continue till October 2027, when he attains the age of 65 years.

About Union Public Service Commission:

- Established : 1 October 1926
- HQ : New Delhi
- Ministery : Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions





Ques : What is the total value of the defence deal signed between the US and Saudi Arabia during Trump's visit?

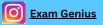
- A. \$60 billion
- B. \$142 billion
- C. \$300 billion
- D. \$500 billion
- E. \$600 billion

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

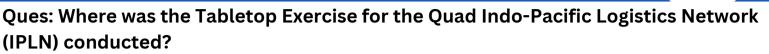
- During Donald Trump's visit to Saudi Arabia, a \$142 billion defence agreement was signed the largest such deal in US history.
- Additionally, Saudi Arabia promised \$600 billion in investments, of which \$300 billion were immediate deals.
- Major tech firms like Nvidia, AMD, and Humain will collaborate with Saudi on AI infrastructure.
- Elon Musk and top CEOs accompanied Trump, showcasing strong business diplomacy.





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(a) New Delhi, India
(b) Tokyo, Japan
(c) Canberra, Australia
(d) Honolulu, Hawaii
(e) Washington D.C., USA

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

• India, Australia, Japan, and the United States of America, partners in the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad), simulated the launch of the Quad Indo-Pacific Logistics Network at the AsiaPacific Center for Security Studies in Honolulu, Hawaii, through a tabletop exercise.

• The IPLN is a strategic effort designed to help civilian disaster response in the Indo-Pacific region by strengthening the Quad nations' joint logistics capabilities.

• From March 17 to 19, 2025, the Quad presidency hosted the Quad Pandemic Preparedness Workshop 2025 in New Delhi.

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• The Quad was first introduced by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in 2007 with assistance from Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Australian Prime Minister John Howard, and US Vice President Dick Cheney. It was then brought back to life in 2017.

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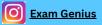
- A. Rajeev Kumar
- B. Suman Bery
- C. Manoj Kumar Jhawar
- D. Ajay Tyagi
- E. Alok Kumar

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Manoj Kumar Jhawar has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of PTC India Ltd.
- His appointment is effective from April 26, 2025, as per the announcement made on May 13, 2025.
- He will serve as CMD until superannuation at the age of 60.
- Previously, he was serving as a Whole-Time Director at the company.









Ques: As per the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, what percentage of total reported claims under PMFBY and RWBCIS has been settled across India?

(a) 85%

- (b) 90%
- (c) 97%
- (d) 100%
- (e) 75%

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• According to official data, 97% of all reported insurance claims (Rs.1,34,353 crore out of Rs.1,38,401 crore) under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) have been settled.

• The top-performing states with 100% claim settlement include Goa, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu.

• The scheme was launched in 2016 to protect farmers from crop loss due to natural calamities, and it provides risk coverage from pre-sowing to post-harvest.

• In March 2025, the Government of India approved the continuation of both schemes till FY26, with a total outlay of Rs.69,515.71 crore for FY22–FY26.

States with Highest Claim Shortfall :

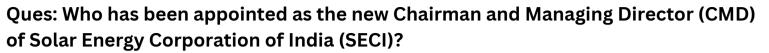
- 1. Andhra Pradesh : Rs.1,842 crore
- 2. Maharashtra : Rs.631 crore
- 3. Rajasthan : Rs.478 crore

Top 3 States with Highest Claims Paid (As of 31 March 2025) :

- 1. Maharashtra : Rs.32,628 crore
- 2. Madhya Pradesh : Rs.22,274 crore
- 3. Rajasthan : Rs.24,806 crore







- (a) Rameshwar Prasad Gupta
- (b) Bhupinder Bhalla
- (c) Alok Kumar
- (d) Santosh Kumar Sarangi
- (e) Tarun Kapoor

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• Santosh Kumar Sarangi, the Secretary of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), has been appointed as the new CMD of Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI).

• He replaces Rameshwar Prasad Gupta, a former IAS officer from the Gujarat cadre, who took charge in June 2023.

• SECI plays a central role in implementing India's solar and renewable energy projects.

• Solar Energy Corporation of India established in 2011and HQ in New Delhi





Ques: From which year will Ayurveda Day be observed on a fixed date of September 23 instead of varying with Dhanteras?

(a) 2023

- (b) 2024
- (c) 2025
- (d) 2026

(e) 2027

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Indian government has set September 23 as the annual date for Ayurveda Day celebrations.

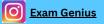
• Up till now, Dhanteras, a holiday celebrated during the Hindu month of Kartik (often October or November), has fallen on the same day as Ayurveda Day.

• Nevertheless, the celebration of Ayurveda Day lacked a set annual date because the day of Dhanteras varies every year.

• The selected day, September 23, falls on the autumnal equinox, when day and night are almost equal.

• The Narendra Modi government started observing Dhanteras Day as Ayurveda Day in 2016.









Ques: Where has the Union Cabinet approved a new semiconductor unit in India under the India Semiconductor Mission?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Pune
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Near Jewar Airport, Uttar Pradesh
- E. Gandhinagar

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved India's 6th semiconductor unit near Jewar Airport in Uttar Pradesh, under the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA).
- This unit is a joint venture between HCL and Foxconn.
- This move supports the Atmanirbhar Bharat Mission by enhancing India's selfreliance in semiconductor manufacturing.
- India already has 5 units under advanced construction and a growing design ecosystem involving 270 academic institutions and 70 startups.

Key features:

- Investment: Rs.3,700 crore
- Monthly capacity: 20,000 wafers
- Monthly output: 36 million display driver units
- The plant will produce chips for mobiles, laptops, automobiles, and other display devices.



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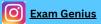
The Taliban government has officially suspended chess in Afghanistan, citing concerns over gambling and its compatibility with Islamic principles.

For its 810 Megawatt solar power plant, Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Renewables Limited and Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited inked a Power Purchase Agreement. The Pugal Solar Park in Rajasthan's Bikaner district would be the site of the solar power project's development.

Book "India@2047: Leading the Global Economic Order" Authored by Chief Economist of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Shyam Prakash Sharma and Published at Juniper Hall, India Habitat Centre in New Delhi

The Permanent Mission of India (PMI) in Geneva hosted the Group of Friends of Traditional Medicine's (GFTM) Sixth Meeting with great success. Ambassadors from a number of nations who were dedicated to enhancing the place of traditional medicine in international healthcare systems met.

The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has won three Fortuna Global Excellence Awards – 2025 (India edition) for its innovative initiatives and leadership in public transport.



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