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

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

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

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

About Airtel Payments Bank :

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Zaak ePayment Services, a wholly owned subsidiary of Mobikwik, received final approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an Online Payment Aggregator.
- This approval is granted under the Payment Aggregator framework that RBI has implemented for securing and regulating digital payments.
- The move will help in promoting merchant payment services and offer a faster, more secure payment experience for users.

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

About Axis Max Life Insurance :

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced that starting 1st May 2025, all banks, financial companies, and regulated entities must use the PRAVAAH portal for submitting applications related to regulatory authorisations, licences, and approvals.
- PRAVAAH stands for Platform for Regulatory Application, Validation And AuthHorisation.
- It is a centralised, secure web-based portal launched in May 2024 to streamline and digitise communication with the RBI.
- So far, the portal has handled nearly 4,000 applications/requests, reflecting its early adoption and effectiveness.

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

Bihar earned two Guinness World Records:

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

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

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

Future Plans are :

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- India is set to join the Talisman Sabre 2025 military drill for the first time. This exercise is a biennial event
- It aims to enhance strategic cooperation and defense collaboration in the Indo-Pacific region
- The 2025 edition marks the eleventh iteration of Talisman Sabre, a military exercise jointly developed by Australia and the United States.
- Dubbed the 'Olympics of military exercises', Talisman Sabre provides armed forces to carry out complex operations across land, air, sea, cyber, and space domains.

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

The initiative includes four key programs:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

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

Barcelona defeated Real Madrid 3-2 in a thrilling Copa del Rey final at Estadio de La Cartuja, winning a record-extending 32nd Spanish Cup title.

Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India & Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIM Kozhikode) Partners to improve the quality and impact of performance audits

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





Ques : Why did RBI impose a monetary penalty of Rs.29.60 lakh on Axis Bank Limited in April 2025?

- A) Delay in credit card statement dispatch
- B) Violation of priority sector lending norms
- C) Unauthorised operation of internal/office accounts
- D) Improper KYC verification
- E) Non-reporting of cyber frauds

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.29.60 lakh on Axis Bank Limited on April 29, 2025, for violating regulatory guidelines under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- The penalty was imposed due to unauthorised operations and unrelated entries in internal/office accounts.
- The action was based on findings from an inspection of the bank's financial position as of March 31, 2024 (ISE 2024).
- Relevant legal provisions invoked: Section 47A(1)(c) and 46(4)(i) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- RBI clarified that the penalty pertains solely to regulatory compliance issues and does not question the validity of customer transactions or agreements.

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Ques : As per the RBI update on May 2, 2025, what percentage of Rs.2000 banknotes issued as of May 19, 2023, have been returned to the banking system?

- A) 74.12%
- B) 88.10%
- C) 91.76%
- D) 98.24%
- E) 100%

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- RBI announced the withdrawal of Rs.2000 denomination banknotes on May 19, 2023, with the last date for depositing or exchanging them at banks being October 07, 2023.
- As of April 30, 2025, Rs.6,266 crore worth of Rs.2000 notes remain in circulation, which is about 8.24% of the total value originally issued.
- 91.76% of the Rs.2000 notes have been returned to the banking system.
- The Rs.2000 banknotes continue to be legal tender, and their withdrawal process remains in place.
- The exchange of Rs.2000 notes is still available through 19 RBI Issue Offices and India Post.

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Ques: Who resigned as the MD & CEO of IndusInd Bank following internal investigation findings?

- (a) Uday Kotak
- (b) Sandeep Bakhshi
- (c) Sumant Kathpalia
- (d) Amitabh Chaudhry
- (e) Shyam Srinivasan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sumant Kathpalia has resigned as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of IndusInd Bank.
- The resignation followed findings from an internal investigation and an external audit by Grant Thornton, revealing discrepancies in the derivatives portfolio.
- These lapses resulted in a cumulative loss of nearly Rs.1979 crore to the bank.

About IndusInd Bank :

- Established : 1994
- HQ : Pune
- Tagline : We Make You Feel Richer





Ques : Why did RBI impose a monetary penalty of Rs.31.80 lakh on IDBI Bank Limited in April 2025?

- A) Charging excess interest in KCC accounts
- B) Delayed reporting of NPA
- C) KYC norms violation
- D) Non-submission of audit reports
- E) Misuse of digital lending apps

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.31.80 lakh on IDBI Bank Limited on April 30, 2025, for non-compliance with regulatory directions.
- The penalty was levied for charging excess interest on short-term agricultural loans under the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Interest Subvention Scheme.
- Findings were based on the bank's financial position as of March 31, 2023, during the Statutory Inspection for Supervisory Evaluation.
- Relevant legal provisions: Section 47A(1)(c) and 46(4)(i) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

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Ques : What is the minimum amount required to start a Digital Gold SIP weekly as per Aditya Birla Capital Digital's latest launch?

- A) Rs.10
- B) Rs.50
- C) Rs.100
- D) Rs.500
- E) Rs.1000

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Aditya Birla Capital Digital Limited (ABCDL) launched a Digital Gold SIP facility on its ABCD mobile app in May 2025.
- Investors can start weekly SIPs from Rs.50 and monthly SIPs from Rs.100, making it highly accessible.
- The initiative enables systematic investment in digital gold, promoting disciplined savings among users through a trusted fintech platform.
- This launch aligns with the broader trend of digitizing gold investments and integrating them with retail financial services.

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Ques : Why did RBI impose a penalty of ₹31.80 lakh on Bank of Maharashtra in April 2025?

- A) Delay in crediting interest
- B) Violation of Priority Sector Lending norms
- C) Non-compliance with KYC guidelines
- D) Providing incentives for insurance sales
- E) Misreporting of financial statements

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.31.80 lakh on Bank of Maharashtra on April 30, 2025, for non-compliance with regulatory KYC norms.
- The bank opened several deposit accounts using Aadhaar OTP-based e-KYC without face-to-face verification, violating RBI's prescribed customer identification procedures.
- Findings were based on the bank's financial position as of March 31, 2024, under the ISE 2024 (Inspection for Supervisory Evaluation).
- Legal provisions invoked: Sections 47A(1)(c), 46(4)(i), and 51(1) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

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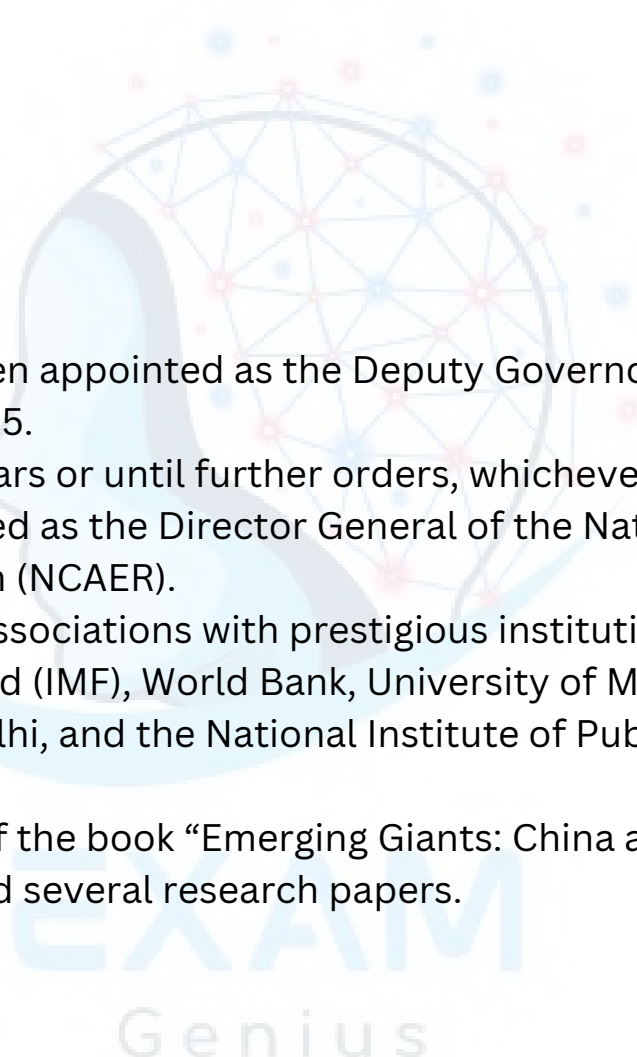
Ques : Who has been appointed as the new Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India in April 2025?

- A) Dr. Urjit Patel
- B) Dr. Poonam Gupta
- C) Dr. Viral Acharya
- D) Dr. Shaktikanta Das
- E) Dr. Nirmala Banerjee

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Dr. Poonam Gupta has been appointed as the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on April 2, 2025.
- Her tenure will be for 3 years or until further orders, whichever comes first.
- Dr. Gupta previously served as the Director General of the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER).
- Her career also includes associations with prestigious institutions like the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank, University of Maryland, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Delhi, and the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP).
- She is also the co-editor of the book “Emerging Giants: China and India in the World Economy” and has authored several research papers.





Ques : Which of the following was NOT a reason for RBI's penalty on ICICI Bank in April 2025?

- A) Failure to report cyber incident timely
- B) Not implementing KYC norms
- C) No alert software for certain accounts
- D) Charging late fees without sending credit card bills
- E) Excess interest charged on KCC accounts

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.97.80 lakh on ICICI Bank Ltd. on April 29, 2025, for non-compliance with regulatory directions.
- The violations included failure to report a cybersecurity incident in time, lack of proper alert systems for certain accounts, and charging late fees without sending credit card statements.
- Relevant provisions invoked: Section 47A(1)(c) and 46(4)(i) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- The findings were based on an inspection of ICICI Bank's operations as of March 31, 2023 (ISE 2023).
- RBI clarified that the penalty is strictly for regulatory compliance failures and does not impact the validity of customer transactions or agreements with the bank.

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Ques : How much monetary penalty did RBI impose on Bank of Baroda in April 2025?

- A) Rs.51.50 lakh
- B) Rs.75.00 lakh
- C) Rs.45.20 lakh
- D) Rs.61.40 lakh
- E) Rs.69.90 lakh

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.61.40 lakh on Bank of Baroda on April 29, 2025, for non-compliance with directions related to financial services, customer service, and deposit interest rates.
- The bank failed to ensure that its employees did not receive non-cash incentives from an insurance company and did not credit interest on inactive/suspended savings accounts at regular intervals.
- Findings were based on the bank's financial position as of March 31, 2023, under ISE 2023 (Inspection for Supervisory Evaluation).
- Legal provisions invoked: Sections 47A(1)(c), 46(4)(i), and 51(1) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

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Ques: Who launched the "AI Kiran" initiative to mentor and support Indian women in Artificial Intelligence (AI)?

- (a) Roshni Nadar Malhotra
- (b) Kirthiga Reddy
- (c) Nivruti Rai
- (d) Debjani Ghosh
- (e) Aruna Jayanthi

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Kirthiga Reddy, the first employee and former Managing Director of Facebook India (now Meta), launched the AI Kiran initiative.
- The program aims to connect, mentor, fund, and certify Indian women in AI, with a strong focus on healthcare, education, and sustainability.
- This initiative seeks to empower women and increase their participation in India's growing AI ecosystem

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA) for the financial year 2025–26?

- (a) Rajeev Khushu
- (b) Navin Bishnoi
- (c) Ruchir Dixit
- (d) Sanjeev Keskar
- (e) Ashok Chandak

Answer : Option C

Explanation:

- Ruchir Dixit has been appointed as the Chairperson of India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA) for the financial year 2025–26, taking leadership of the electronics system design and manufacturing sector.
- Six new members have joined the Executive Council.
- Continuing members include Navin Bishnoi (Vice Chairperson), Rajeev Khushu, Sanjeev Keskar (Treasurer), Veerappan VV (Advisor), and Ashok Chandak (President).

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Ques: In the 2025 Special 301 Report, which list has the United States retained India on due to concerns over intellectual property rights?

- (a) Watch List
- (b) Observation List
- (c) Intellectual Violation List
- (d) Priority Watch List
- (e) Restricted Trade List

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Due to its inability to adequately and effectively safeguard and enforce intellectual property (IP) rights on American goods and services, the United States has kept India in the Priority Watch List category of the 2025 Special 301 list.
- 26 of the United States of America's trading partners, including India, were designated as nations of concern due to insufficient protection of the intellectual property rights of American goods and services.
- Every year, the US Congress must receive a report from the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) detailing the state of intellectual property rights protection for US goods abroad.
- The USTR looked into the nations that were on the Priority Watch List and Watch List in accordance with Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974.
- China, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Argentina, Chile, Russia, and Venezuela are among the nations on the Priority Watch list.
- Algeria, Egypt, Barbados, Belarus, Paraguay, Turkey, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Pakistan, Peru, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, and Vietnam are among the nations on the Watch list.





Ques : What is the name of the new portal launched by the Government of India for real-time monitoring of food storage depots?

- A) FoodSecure
- B) Bharat Storage Net
- C) Depot Darpan
- D) Grain Watch
- E) Suraksha Store

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Government of India will launch “Depot Darpan”, a real-time monitoring portal for food storage depots, on May 20, 2025.
- Developed by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, it will cover over 2,278 warehouses including FCI, CWC, and other state/private agencies.
- The portal aims to ensure quality, safety, and operational efficiency in food grain storage for the benefit of 80 crore+ people.
- Key features include geo-tagged uploads, AI-based bag counting, ANPR vehicle tracking, facial recognition access, and IoT sensors for fire, gas, and humidity monitoring.
- Each depot will receive a star rating based on infrastructure quality, stock turnover, loss management, and compliance.

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:Ques: Who has been appointed as the head of the reconstituted National Security Advisory Board (NSAB)?

- (a) Lt General AK Singh
- (b) Alok Joshi
- (c) B. Venkatesh Varma
- (d) Rajiv Ranjan Verma
- (e) Air Marshal PM Sinha

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The National Security Advisory Board (NSAB) has been reconstituted by the Government of India following the terror attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir, which claimed 26 lives.
- Alok Joshi, the former chief of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), has been appointed as the new head of the NSAB.
- Other notable members include high-ranking former officials from the Army, Navy, Air Force, IPS, and IFS, such as Air Marshal PM Sinha, Lt Gen AK Singh, Rear Admiral Monty Khanna, and B. Venkatesh Varma.

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Ques: Under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM), how many supercomputers have been deployed across India as announced by MeitY?

- (a) 24
- (b) 28
- (c) 30
- (d) 34
- (e) 40

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) announced that 34 supercomputers have been deployed across India.
- These supercomputers have a combined computing power of 35 Petaflops (equivalent to 10 lakh gigabytes).
- Institutions like IISc, IITs, C-DAC, and several from Tier-II and Tier-III cities host these machines.
- Usage exceeds 85%, with some systems being used more than 95%, reflecting high efficiency.

About National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) :

- Launched in : 2015
- Managed by : Department of Science and Technology (DST) and MeitY
- Implemented by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Pune, and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- Outlay : Rs. 1874 crore
- NSM has established five dedicated training centers located in Pune (Maharashtra), Kharagpur (West Bengal), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Palakkad (Kerala), and Goa





Ques: Which Indian state has become the first to implement an AI-based real-time alert system for forest management on a pilot basis?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Himachal Pradesh
- (e) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Madhya Pradesh is the first state in India to implement an AI-based real-time alert system for active forest management.
- The system uses satellite images, mobile feedback, and machine learning to detect land encroachment, land use changes, and forest degradation.
- The pilot is being run in five forest divisions: Shivpuri, Guna, Vidisha, Burhanpur, and Khandwa.

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Ques: Which state topped the overall composite rankings in the 2nd edition of the 2025 CareEdge State Rankings?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The 2nd edition of the 2025 CareEdge State Rankings was published by CareEdge Ratings.
- Maharashtra secured the top spot in the overall composite rankings with a score of 56.5, followed by Gujarat (52.4) and Karnataka (51.9).
- The rankings were based on 7 pillars: Economic, Fiscal, Infrastructure, Financial Development, Social, Governance, and Environment, using a total of 50 indicators.

Ranking of top 5 states in Group A (Large States) with scores :

- 1 Maharashtra 56.5
- 2 Gujarat 52.4
- 3 Karnataka 51.9
- 4 Telangana 51.4
- 5 Tamil Nadu 50.1
- 17 (Last) Bihar 34.8

Ranking of top 5 states in Group B (North-East, Hilly & Small States) with scores :

- 1 Goa 62.1
- 2 Uttarakhand 48.2
- 3 Sikkim 47.2
- 4 Himachal Pradesh 46.8
- 5 Assam 44.2
- 11 (Last) Nagaland 38.2





Ques : Which international fusion project is installing the world's most powerful magnet to confine plasma for clean energy production?

- A) CERN
- B) ISRO Fusion Lab
- C) IAEA Reactor
- D) ITER
- E) LHC

Answer : Option D

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Explanation :

- The International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER), a global fusion energy project located in southern France, is preparing to install the world's most powerful magnet.
- This magnet is designed to create an invisible magnetic cage that will confine superheated plasma, enabling nuclear fusion.
- Fusion technology mimics the process of the Sun, fusing light elements to release vast amounts of clean, limitless energy.
- ITER is a collaboration among USA, China, Japan, Russia, the European Union, and over 30 partner countries.
- The magnet is a key step toward building a reactor that could demonstrate the viability of fusion as a sustainable energy source for the future.

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Ques: Which legendary tabla maestro is being honoured with a commemorative postage stamp on his centenary by the Department of Posts?

- (a) Pandit Chatur Lal
- (b) Zakir Hussain
- (c) Alla Rakha
- (d) Anindo Chatterjee
- (e) Kishan Maharaj

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Department of Posts will issue a commemorative stamp in honour of Pandit Chatur Lal, marking his centenary.
- Born in Udaipur, he came from a family of court musicians.
- He began his career at All India Radio in 1947.
- He was nominated for an Oscar in 1957 with Pandit Ravi Shankar for the Canadian short film “A Chairy Tale”, which also won a Special BAFTA Award.
- In 1962, he performed for Queen Elizabeth II at Rashtrapati Bhawan.

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Ques : International Jazz Day is celebrated on which day ?

- (a) 28 April
- (b) 29 April
- (c) 30 April
- (d) 1 May
- (e) 2 May

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Every year on April 30, International Jazz Day is observed to use the international language of jazz to further diversity, peace, cultural exchange, and respect for human rights.
- Through jazz music, International Jazz Day seeks to bring people together globally and promote intercultural communication, understanding, and collaboration.
- 2011 saw UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.
- Theme 2025 – Learning for Lasting Peace – SDG Goal 4: Quality Education

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Ques : On which date is Ayushman Bharat Diwas observed annually in India?

- (a) 28 April
- (b) 29 April
- (c) 30 April
- (d) 1 May
- (e) 2 May

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- India celebrates Ayushman Bharat Diwas on April 30 of each year. The purpose of the day is to raise awareness of the Ayushman Bharat Yojana, one of the biggest healthcare programs in the world.
- The purpose of this unique day is to raise awareness of the value of maintaining good health and the advantages of using the government's free healthcare system.
- Under the National Health Policy, the Indian government introduced the Ayushman Bharat Yojana in 2018. The Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) is another name for it.
- This program's primary objective is to give low-income and impoverished families free health insurance.
- It enables patients to receive medical care in hospitals without having to pay out of pocket. Up to Rs 5 lakh might be given annually to each qualified family for medical care.

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Ques : International Labour Day 2025 celebrated on which day ?

- (a) 28 April
- (b) 29 April
- (c) 30 April
- (d) 1 May
- (e) 2 May

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- International Labour Day celebrated every year on 1st May.
- Theme 2025 Safety and health of workers
- May 1st commemorates the Haymarket Affair of 1886 in Chicago, where workers protesting for better conditions were met with violence
- Both the US and Canada celebrate Labor Day on the first Monday in September, not May 1, even though International Labor Day honors events that occurred in the US.
- The Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan celebrated the inaugural Labour Day in India in 1923 in Chennai, which was then Madras.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) report, India's total exports in 2024–25 reached \$824.9 billion, which reflects a 6.01% increase over \$778.1 billion in 2023–24.

Meesho's board has approved the renaming of its Indian entity from Fashnear Technologies to Meesho Pvt Ltd.

Department of Posts (DoP) also known as India Post has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SBI Funds Management Limited (SBIFM) to simplify the customer on-boarding process for Mutual Fund(MF) investors.

National Archives of India Acquires Private Papers of Late Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. It includes Original correspondences, passport, Aadhar card, Pan card, tour reports, and lectures delivered by Dr. Kalam. It is Donated by Shri APJMJ Sheik Saleem (grandnephew).

Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoL&E) & Rapido Private Limited Signed MoU to enhance employment opportunities in the logistics sector through the National Career Service (NCS) portal in New Delhi

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Ques: State Bank of India (SBI) signed an MoU with which authority to enhance banking services at 26 land ports along India's borders?

- (a) National Highway Authority of India (NHAI)
- (b) Border Security Force (BSF)
- (c) Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI)
- (d) Ministry of External Affairs
- (e) Shipping Corporation of India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- SBI signed an MoU with Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) to boost banking infrastructure at 26 land ports across borders with Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Myanmar.
- SBI will offer Forex services, LC/BG facilities, bulk cargo insurance, and digital banking solutions.
- 1,900 LPAI employees will benefit from enhanced salary packages and financial services.
- The partnership aims to grow border trade from Rs.80,000 crore to Rs.2 trillion by 2030.

About Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) :

- Established : 2012
- HQ : New Delhi
- Chairman : Aditya Mishra

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Ques : Where is the 58th Annual Meeting of the ADB being held in 2025?

- A. Manila
- B. Tokyo
- C. Milan
- D. Bangkok
- E. New Delhi

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is leading the Indian delegation to the 58th Annual Meeting of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Board of Governors, held in Milan, Italy from May 4–7, 2025.
- The meeting focuses on regional economic challenges, sustainable development, and financial cooperation among member countries.
- The event offers opportunities for global investment visibility and alignment with regional development initiatives.
- The ADB Board of Governors includes finance ministers from all member nations and serves as its highest decision-making body.

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Ques: Which MakeMyTrip Group entity launched the ‘Global Forex Card’ offering zero currency conversion charges for international travelers?

- (a) Thomas Cook
- (b) BookMyForex
- (c) ForexMart
- (d) Paytm Forex
- (e) Western Union

Answer: Option b

Explanation:

- BookMyForex, part of the MakeMyTrip Group, introduced the ‘Global Forex Card’, a USD-denominated prepaid card.
- It allows users to transact in over 180 currencies with no currency conversion fees.
- No issuance, reload, or maintenance charges.
- Comes with ATM withdrawal benefits (though local ATM providers may charge).
- Offers up to Rs.7,500 cashback under its Crazy Cashback Sale, and is especially beneficial for students paying tuition fees abroad.

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Ques : Which bank sign an MoU with Sa-Dhan, a Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) to enhance financial access for small, micro, and women-led enterprises ?

- (a) UCO Bank
- (b) Axis Bank
- (c) Bank of India
- (d) J&K Bank
- (e) Bank of Baroda

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- In order to improve financial access for small, micro, and women-led businesses, particularly in rural and semi-urban areas of India, Sa-Dhan, a Self-Regulatory Organization (SRO) designated by the RBI for microfinance, signed MoU with Bank of India (BoI).
- The two organisations will collaborate to achieve key National Financial Inclusion and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Enterprise Finance for SHGs and Non-SHG Members, Climate-Resilient Technologies and Green Financing, WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Financing, Co-lending to MFIs, Digital Transformation and Adoption of Technologies, and—above all—Financial Literacy and Awareness about Government Schemes are just a few of the important areas of collaboration that will be covered by the non-commercial agreement.

About Bank of India :

- Established : 7 September 1906
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : Rajneesh Karnatak
- Tagline : Relationship Beyond Banking





Ques : Which general insurance company launched 'ClimateSafe' , a first-of-its-kind parametric climate risk insurance product in India ?

- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- (b) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- (c) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance
- (d) Shriram General Insurance Company
- (e) PNB MetLife India Insurance

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- A first-of-its-kind parametric climate risk insurance product called "ClimateSafe" was introduced in India by Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Limited and Germany-based Allianz SE.
- The product is intended to provide immediate financial assistance to people impacted by weather events linked to climate change, such as intense heat, freezing temperatures, or heavy precipitation.
- If the daily Air Quality Index rises beyond 400 after two strikes, it would offer financial assistance of up to Rs 6,000 per employee.
- When the AQI surpasses 400 for three or more of the preceding five days, it is considered a strike.
- Covers additional costs (such as increased electricity bills and transportation expenses) and lost income (such as daily wage workers and gig workers).
- Protects against supply chain delays, event cancellations, and damage to household items due to floods/heatwaves





Ques : What is the new name of Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh?

- A. Rani Avantibai Tiger Reserve
- B. Gondwana Wildlife Reserve
- C. Shaheed Bhagat Singh Tiger Reserve
- D. Veerangana Rani Durgavati Tiger Reserve
- E. Maharani Ahilyabai Tiger Park

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh has been renamed as Veerangana Rani Durgavati Tiger Reserve.
- It becomes India's 3rd cheetah reintroduction site after Kuno National Park and Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Selected for its large habitat and rich prey base, spanning districts like Sagar, Damoh, Narsinghpur, and Raisen.
- Renaming honours Rani Durgavati, a 16th-century Gond queen known for her resistance against the Mughals.
- Part of Project Cheetah, launched to reintroduce cheetahs from Namibia and South Africa after their extinction in India in 1952.

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Ques : Which Indian Naval ship recently participated in the HADR exercise held in Maldives in May 2025?

- A. INS Sumitra
- B. INS Sharda
- C. INS Vikramaditya
- D. INS Sunayna
- E. INS Kolkata

Answer : Option B

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Explanation :

- INS Sharda participated in a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise held from 04–10 May 2025 at Maafilaafushi Atoll, Maldives.
- The exercise was conducted jointly with the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) to enhance disaster response coordination and maritime cooperation.
- Key focus areas included search & rescue, medical aid, logistical support, and joint drills aimed at strengthening bilateral operational readiness.
- This engagement aligns with India's "MAHASAGAR" vision – Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.
- The initiative further deepens India–Maldives strategic ties in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

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Ques: What new step has the Election Commission of India taken to improve the accuracy of electoral rolls?

- (a) Introduced blockchain technology for voter data
- (b) Started electronic sharing of death registration data with BLOs
- (c) Allowed online voting for all citizens
- (d) Made voter ID optional for elections
- (e) Replaced Voter Information Slips with Aadhar cards

Answer : Option b

Explanation:

- The Election Commission of India will now electronically receive death registration data from the Registrar General of India, improving the timely removal of deceased voters from electoral rolls.
- This process is aligned with Rule 9 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, and Section 3(5)(b) of the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 (amended in 2023).
- Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will verify this data through field visits.
- The Voter Information Slip (VIS) will now have an improved design with larger font sizes for easier identification.
- Standard photo identity cards will be issued to BLOs under Section 13B(2) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, to enhance public trust.

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Ques : Aryna Sabalenka won her third Madrid Open title in 2024 by defeating which player?

- A. Iga Swiatek
- B. Petra Kvitova
- C. Naomi Osaka
- D. Coco Gauff
- E. Elena Rybakina

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka defeated Coco Gauff 6-3, 7-6(3) to win the Madrid Open 2024 title.
- This marks Sabalenka's third Madrid Open title, equalling the record held by Petra Kvitova. This was Sabalenka's third WTA title in 2024
- With this win, Sabalenka has now secured six straight victories over Top-10 players in 2024.
- After the final, Sabalenka praised Gauff as a "fighter" during the post-match ceremony.
- The match showcased Sabalenka's dominance and further solidified her position at the top of women's tennis.

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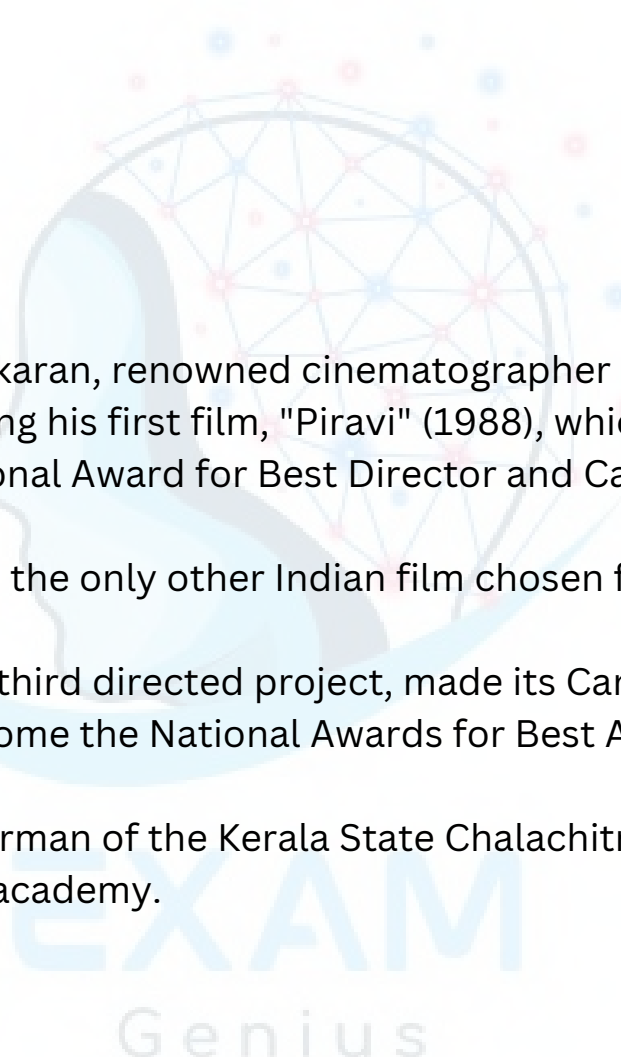
Ques: Which renowned Indian filmmaker and cinematographer, known for films like Piravi and Vanaprastham, recently passed away?

- (a) Adoor Gopalakrishnan
- (b) Shaji N. Karun
- (c) Girish Kasaravalli
- (d) Mrinal Sen
- (e) Santosh Sivan

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Shaji Neelakandan Karunakaran, renowned cinematographer and filmmaker, died
- He is renowned for directing his first film, "Piravi" (1988), which won him the 1989 Cannes Film Festival's National Award for Best Director and Camera d'Or-Mention d'honneur.
- His 1994 film Swaham was the only other Indian film chosen for the Cannes competition.
- Vanaprastham (1999), his third directed project, made its Cannes Film Festival debut. In addition, it took home the National Awards for Best Actor, Best Editing, and Best Feature Film.
- He served as the first Chairman of the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy, India's first cinema and television academy.





Ques : Which temple site from Karnataka is being proposed for UNESCO's Tentative List in 2025?

- A. Hampi
- B. Belur-Halebidu
- C. Lakkundi
- D. Pattadakal
- E. Shravanabelagola

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Lakkundi temples in Gadag district, Karnataka, have been proposed for inclusion in UNESCO's Tentative List of World Heritage Sites.
- The site showcases Chalukyan-era temple architecture from the 11th to 13th century, highlighting India's rich cultural and historical heritage.
- The proposal has been submitted by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) as part of efforts to conserve and promote ancient Indian monuments.
- Inclusion in the Tentative List is expected to boost tourism, secure international funding, and enhance global awareness of India's temple architecture

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Ques : What is the name of the new single-point app launched by the Election Commission of India for electoral-related activities?

- A. VOTERSETU
- B. ECINET
- C. CHUNAV-ONE
- D. eBallot
- E. MyVoteHub

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- ECINET (Election Commission of India Network) is a single-point digital platform launched by the Election Commission of India for all electoral-related activities.
- It will integrate over 40+ existing EC mobile and web apps, simplifying processes for voters, officials, political parties, and civil society.
- Key features: user-friendly interface, single login, access via desktop and smartphone, with data input restricted to authorized EC officials to maintain accuracy.
- Proposed by Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, and announced at the Chief Electoral Officers Conference (March 2025).

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Ques: Who among the following has been recently appointed as a Member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)?

- (a) Preeti Sudan
- (b) Sujata Chaturvedi and Anuradha Prasad
- (c) Raj Shukla and Anil Sahasrabuddhe
- (d) Smita Sabharwal and Arvind Panagariya
- (e) P K Sinha and Vinay Kumar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Former Sports Secretary Sujata Chaturvedi and former bureaucrat Anuradha Prasad have been appointed as Members of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
- Their term will last for six years or until they attain 65 years of age, whichever is earlier.
- The oath of office was administered by Lt Gen Raj Shukla, the senior-most member of UPSC.
- Currently, UPSC has no chairman, as Preeti Sudan's term has ended.
- Articles 315 to 323 of Part XIV of the Indian Constitution contain the provisions pertaining to the UPSC's membership, composition, appointment and removal procedures, and authority and duties.
- The UPSC is normally composed of nine to eleven members, including the Chairman, who are all chosen by the Indian President.
- The Chairman and the other members serve for six years or until they become sixty-five, whichever comes first.





Ques : Under which section of the Companies Act is the RoC authorized to strike off companies from official records?

- A. Section 234
- B. Section 199
- C. Section 210
- D. Section 275
- E. Section 248

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) is set to remove 3,300 companies from official records.
- The companies were either voluntarily applied for strike-off or were identified by the Registrar of Companies (RoC) for non-compliance.
- This action will be taken under Sections 248 to 252 of the Companies Act, which provides for both voluntary and suo motu strike-off.
- Major states affected: Maharashtra (700), Delhi (500), Karnataka (350+), Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal (200+ each).
- Grounds for removal include:
 - Failure to commence business within a year
 - Not raising capital within 180 days
 - Inactivity for two consecutive financial years
- Under Section 248(1), the RoC can remove companies without their application; Section 248(2) allows voluntary strike-off by companies themselves.





Ques : Who will succeed Warren Buffett as the CEO of Berkshire Hathaway at the end of 2025?

- A. Charlie Munger
- B. Peter Buffett
- C. Tim Cook
- D. Jamie Dimon
- E. Greg Abel

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Warren Buffett will step down as CEO of Berkshire Hathaway at the end of 2025, concluding a legendary 60-year tenure.
- Greg Abel, who has served as Vice-Chairman since 2018, will succeed him as CEO.
- Buffett transformed Berkshire Hathaway from a failing textile company into a \$868.2 billion conglomerate.
- Known for his modest lifestyle, Buffett still lives in the same house he bought in 1958 for \$31,500.
- He has pledged to donate nearly all his wealth to philanthropy.
- Nicknamed the “Oracle of Omaha”, Buffett is revered for his investment insights and ethical business conduct.

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Ques : What are the names of the two genome-edited rice varieties recently unveiled by India?

- A. IR-64 and Swarna
- B. Sona Masoori and Rasi Hybrid
- C. Basmati Gold and Shakti
- D. Pusa Basmati 1 and MT-9
- E. Kamala and Pusa DST Rice 1

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- India launched the world's first genome-edited rice varieties – Kamala (by IIRR Hyderabad) and Pusa DST Rice 1 (by IARI Delhi) – on May 4, 2025, unveiled by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- These are non-GMO varieties (no foreign gene insertion), so they do not require GEAC approval.
- Key benefits: 25–30% higher yield, reduced cultivation area, water savings, and lower methane emissions.
- Expected to support a second green revolution; suitable for commercial cultivation within 4–5 years.
- Target cultivation states include Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, and several others.
- India is the second-largest rice producer globally, with 137 million tonnes in 2023–24 and \$12+ billion in FY25 exports.





Ques: Where will the 28th National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG) be held in June 2025?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Visakhapatnam
- (d) Hyderabad
- (e) Bhopal

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The 28th National Conference on e-Government (NCeG) is scheduled to occur in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, on June 9 and 10, 2025.
- Together with the Government of Andhra Pradesh, the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) of the Government of India are organizing the event.
- The conference will be held over two days with the theme "Viksit Bharat: Civil Service and Digital Transformation."

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Ques : Which northeastern state has set a target to produce 150 MW of solar energy by March 2027?

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Tripura government has set a target to generate 150 MW of solar power by March 2027.
- The announcement was made by Tripura Power Minister Ratan Lal Nath on a Sunday.
- The goal is aligned with the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, a central scheme promoting rooftop solar for households.
- It also contributes to India's green energy transition and supports the national Net Zero Emissions goal.
- Solar power refers to electricity generated from sunlight using photovoltaic panels.
- 1 Megawatt (MW) equals 1,000 kilowatts and can power hundreds of homes depending on usage.

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Ques: Which major change has been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs (CCPA) for the upcoming population census in India?

- (a) Online-only census process
- (b) Inclusion of caste enumeration
- (c) Census every 5 years
- (d) Combining census with local elections
- (e) Dropping household economic data

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The inclusion of caste enumeration in the upcoming national population census has been accepted by the Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs (CCPA).
- The census, which was supposed to start in 2021, is now anticipated to start in 2025.
- The British carried out the country's first census in several regions in 1872. At the time, Lord Mayo served as India's governor general.
- Under Lord Rippon's rule, the first synchronous census was carried out in 1881, and it continued to be undertaken every ten years until 1931.
- Caste enumeration was a common practice in censuses conducted between 1881 and 1931, when Britain was in power.
- However, the government stopped the practice in 1951 after India gained its independence and conducted its first census.
- The final caste census was conducted in 1931.





Ques: Under which mission has the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare released recommendations for the establishment of Bio-Input Resource Centers (BRCs)?

- (a) National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture
- (b) National Mission on Edible Oilseeds
- (c) National Mission on Natural Farming
- (d) PM-KISAN Yojana
- (e) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Bio-Input Resource Centers (BRCs) are being established under the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF).
- Each BRC will get Rs 1 lakh in two installments of Rs 50,000 to promote chemical-free natural farming.
- These centers aim to empower cluster-level businesses for local input production and distribution.
- The initiative aligns with other government schemes like the National Mission on Edible Oilseeds and 10,000 FPOs.
- In the Union Budget 2024-25, 10,000 BRCs are proposed to be established.
- Up to the 15th Finance Commission period (2025-26), the initiative will cost a total of Rs 2,481 crore, of which Rs 1,584 crore will come from the Government of India and Rs 897 crore from the States.

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Ques: Which two sports have been officially included in the 2026 Asian Games by the Olympic Council of Asia and AINAGOC?

- (a) Baseball and Kabaddi
- (b) Cricket and Mixed Martial Arts
- (c) Squash and Karate
- (d) Wrestling and Polo
- (e) Tennis and Esports

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games Organizing Committee (AINAGOC) have officially confirmed the inclusion of Cricket and Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) in the 2026 Asian Games.
- The event will be held from September 19 to October 4, 2026, in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- Cricket will return for its 4th appearance (previously in 2010, 2014, and 2022), played in the T20I format.
- MMA will make its debut with six medal events.

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Ques: What recent step has the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) taken to boost rupee-denominated trade using vostro accounts?

- A. Introduced a new digital currency linked to vostro accounts
- B. Requested government approval to remove the 30% cap on buying short-term sovereign debt
- C. Banned the use of vostro accounts for treasury bills
- D. Allowed foreign banks to withdraw funds from vostro accounts in cash
- E. Limited vostro account usage to trade in commodities only

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has sought the government's approval to remove the 30% cap on foreign banks using vostro accounts to purchase short-term sovereign debt, including treasury bills.
- Vostro accounts allow foreign banks to hold rupee-denominated balances with Indian banks, facilitating trade in Indian currency.
- In 2022, the RBI allowed foreign banks to open Special Vostro Rupee Accounts (SVRAs) to promote rupee-based trade settlements, as part of a broader push to internationalise the Indian rupee.
- The existing rule capped the use of vostro balances for buying securities with less than one year maturity to 30%, which the RBI now wants to lift to enhance rupee trade flows.
- As of December 2024, 156 SRVAs were being opened with 26 Indian banks by 123 correspondent banks from 30 other nations.
- All vostro accounts, including SRVAs, had a total balance of 134.55 billion rupees, or around \$1.60 billion.





Ques: How much gold did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) purchase during the fiscal year 2024–25?

- A. 27.5 tonnes
- B. 50.1 tonnes
- C. 57.5 tonnes
- D. 62.3 tonnes
- E. 45.8 tonnes

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) purchased 57.5 tonnes of gold during the fiscal year 2024–25, making it the second-highest annual purchase since it began accumulating gold in December 2017.
- With this addition, RBI's total gold reserves reached 879.6 tonnes as of March 2025, compared to 822.1 tonnes in March 2024.
- In 2023–24, the RBI had added 27.47 tonnes to its gold reserves.
- The increase aligns with a global trend, as central banks worldwide have been boosting gold reserves due to the continued weakness of the US dollar amid global economic uncertainties.

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Ques: Who was awarded the AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year for 2024-25?

- A. Sunil Chhetri
- B. Sahal Abdul Samad
- C. Subhasish Bose
- D. Gurpreet Singh Sandhu
- E. Brandon Fernandes

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- At the award ceremony in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) declared the winners of the AIFF annual awards for 2024-2025.
- The Subhasish Bose, a defender with the West Bengal (WB) Mohun Bagan Super Giants (MBSG), was selected as the AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year for 2024-2025. Since Nabi (2012), he became the first WB player to win this title.

List of Winners of AIFF Awards 2024-25 :

- AIFF Promising Men's Player of the Year : Brison Fernandes
- AIFF Promising Women's Player of the Year : Toijam Thoibisana Chanu
- AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year : Subhasish Bose
- AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year : Soumya Guguloth (Telangana)
- AIFF Men's Coach of the Year : Khalid Jamil
- AIFF Women's Coach of the Year : Sujata Kar
- President's Special Honour for Coaching Excellence : Ranjan Chowdhury
- AIFF Best Men's Goalkeeper : Vishal Kaith
- AIFF Best Women's Goalkeeper : Elangbam Panthoi Chanu
- AIFF Male Referee of the Year : Venkatesh
- AIFF Female Referee of the Year : Tekcham Ranjita Devi
- AIFF Male Assistant Referee of the Year : Vairamuthu
- AIFF Female Assistant Referee of the Year : Riiohlang Dhar

About All India Football Federation (AIFF) :

- Established : 1937
- HQ : New Delhi
- President : Kalyan Chaubey





Ques: What is the purpose of the AIM4NatuRe initiative launched by the FAO in 2025?

- A. Promoting organic farming worldwide
- B. Restoring 30% of degraded ecosystems by
- C. Ending deforestation by 2028
- D. Reducing plastic waste in oceans
- E. Promoting renewable energy in agriculture

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Accelerating Innovative Monitoring for Nature Restoration (AIM4NatuRe) initiative was launched by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in 2025.
- It is a four-year initiative (2025–2028) supported by the United Kingdom with funding of 7 million GBP (approximately USD 9.38 million).
- The initiative supports Target 2 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, which aims to restore 30% of degraded ecosystems by 2030.
- Pilot projects are being conducted in Brazil and Peru, in collaboration with FAO's Indigenous Peoples Unit, to integrate traditional knowledge with modern monitoring systems for ecosystem restoration.

About Food and Agriculture Organization :

- Established : 16 October 1945
- HQ : Rome, Italy
- Director-General : Qu Dongyu





Ques : Angola became the ___ member of the International Solar Alliance after signing the Framework Agreement in 2025.

- A. 121st
- B. 122nd
- C. 123rd
- D. 124th
- E. 125th

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The India–Angola collaboration in 2025 marks a significant step in strengthening bilateral ties across various sectors.
- India approved a \$200 million Line of Credit for Angola to facilitate defense procurement under the signed MoUs.
- Angola joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA) by signing the Framework Agreement, becoming the 123rd member, a move that emphasizes the global shift towards renewable energy and solar power cooperation.
- The partnership opens economic opportunities for Indian industries in infrastructure and energy projects within Angola, while enhancing strategic ties in the Global South context.
- Angola's ISA membership aligns with its efforts to adopt clean energy solutions and India's leadership in promoting solar energy through the ISA.

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Ques: What is the name of the report released in 2025 to honor exceptional self-made women leaders across various sectors?

- A. Women of Honor 2025
- B. Shakti Icons 2025
- C. W-Power 2025
- D. Nari Shakti List
- E. Bharat Women Achievers

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The W-Power 2025 list was jointly published by Forbes India and France-based L'Oréal Paris.
- The initiative was originally launched in 2017 to celebrate women making remarkable strides without inherited positions or wealth.
- The 2025 edition honors 20 self-made women for their achievements in fields such as business, finance, sports, entertainment, and public service.
- The list is compiled based on a rigorous selection process by the Forbes India team using primary and secondary sources, focusing on entrepreneurs and professionals who have built their success independently.

Highlights of W-Power 2025 list :

Business & Finance :

- Dr. Gita Gopinath, First Deputy MD of the International Monetary Fund
- Renuka Ramnath, Founder of Multiples Alternate Asset Management
- Sonia Dasgupta, MD & CEO (Investment Banking) JM Financial Services Limited
- Kaku Nakhate – India CEO of USA based Bank of America
- Leena Nair – Global CEO of France based Chanel
- Sonal Desai – Chief Investment Officer (CIO) of Franklin Templeton Fixed Income Group
- Vishakha Mulye – CEO of Aditya Birla Capital Limited(ABCL)





Sports :

- Manu Bhaker, won two bronze medals in shooting at the 2024 Paris Olympics
- Smriti Mandhana, emerged as 2024's highest runscore in women's cricket
- Pusarla Venkata Sindhu of Badminton

Entrepreneurship :

- Anamika Khanna – Creative Director and Founder of
- Anamika Khanna and AK|OK Mira Kulkarni – Founder and MD of Forest Essentials
- Rohini Iyer – Founder and Director of Rain Reign Group
- Prerna Singh – CEO of Bhansali Productions

Public Service & Academia :

- Mona Khandhar – Principal Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Gujarat
- Dr. Pratima Murthy – Director, National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) in Karnataka

Arts & Entertainment :

- Payal Kapadia – Filmmaker, her debut feature All We Imagine As Light won the Grand Prix at the 2024 Cannes Film Festival
- Sunidhi Chauhan – Singer

Corporate Leadership :

- Savitha Balachandran – CFO of Tata Technologies Limited
- Shefali Goradia – Chairperson of Deloitte South Asia



Ques: What is the title of the book authored by Arun Singhal and Devendra Kumar Sharma, recently launched in New Delhi?

- A. Genius of Numbers
- B. The Mathematical Mind
- C. Ramanujan: Journey of a Great Mathematician
- D. Numbers Never Lie
- E. Legacy of Ramanujan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The book titled "Ramanujan: Journey of a Great Mathematician" is authored by Arun Singhal and Devendra Kumar Sharma.
- It was launched by the National Archives of India (NAI) in collaboration with Vani Prakashan Group.
- The launch event took place at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi.
- The book chronicles the extraordinary life and contributions of Srinivasa Ramanujan, one of India's greatest mathematical minds.

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:Ques: Which historic artifact did the Maharashtra Government recently purchase at an auction in London?

- A. Shivaji Maharaj's Armor
- B. Bajirao's War Helmet
- C. Raghuji Bhonsle's Sword
- D. Holkar's Battle Shield
- E. Peshwa's Signet Ring

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Maharashtra Government recently purchased the historic sword of Raghuji Bhonsle at an auction in London.
- Raghuji Bhonsle I was a prominent Maratha leader in the 18th century.
- Following the Battle of Sitabuldi in 1817, the British defeated the Nagpur Bhonsles, and many valuables, including weapons, were looted from the Bhonsle Palace.
- The recovery of the sword is part of efforts to reclaim India's lost heritage and artifacts taken during colonial times.

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Ques: Which Indian city recently joined the WHO's Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC)?

- A. Thiruvananthapuram
- B. Kochi
- C. Kozhikode
- D. Mysuru
- E. Chennai

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Kozhikode, a city in Kerala, has officially become a member of the WHO's Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC).
- It is the second Indian city to join this network after Kochi (Kerala), which became a member in 2024.
- It is also the second city in the WHO South-East Asia Region (SEAR) after Wellawaya, Sri Lanka, to receive this recognition.
- This marks Kozhikode's second international honor, the first being its 2023 recognition by UNESCO as a City of Literature.

About WHO GNAFCC :

- Established : 2010
- Objective : To connect cities, communities and organisations across the world with common vision of making their community a great place to grow old in
- Members : At present, WHO GNAFCC includes 1,705 cities and communities in 60 countries covering more than 330 million people across the world





Ques : What is the name of the surface-to-surface missile Pakistan test-launched in its training exercise in 2025?

- A. Shaheen-III
- B. Ghauri
- C. Nasr
- D. Babur
- E. Fatah Series

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- In 2025, Pakistan conducted a training launch of its 'Fatah Series' surface-to-surface missile, with a range of 120 km.
- The launch was part of military exercise "INDUS" and aimed to ensure troop readiness and validate key technical parameters.
- Senior officers from the Pakistan Army, along with scientists and engineers from strategic organizations, witnessed the test.
- The missile test highlights Pakistan's military preparedness amidst regional tensions, and reflects its continued focus on strategic and technological advancements in missile capabilities.
- The Fatah Series adds to Pakistan's arsenal of short-range battlefield weapons designed for rapid deployment and tactical effectiveness.

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Ques: What is the name of the innovation conclave addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to boost India's innovation ecosystem?

- A. NAVACHAR Bharat
- B. Srijan Manthan
- C. Viksit Sankalp
- D. YUGM
- E. Nayi Soch

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 'YUGM: Uniting Academia, Industry, and Innovators for Viksit Bharat' Innovation Conclave in New Delhi.
- The event was organized by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with the Wadhvani Foundation.
- YUGM, meaning "confluence" in Sanskrit, is a first-of-its-kind strategic conclave bringing together leaders from government, academia, industry, and innovation sectors.
- It aims to strengthen India's innovation ecosystem through a joint initiative worth approximately Rs 1,400 crore.
- The initiative includes the establishment of Superhubs at IIT Kanpur (AI & Intelligent Systems) and IIT Bombay (Biosciences & Medicine).
- A Letter of Intent was exchanged between the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) and the Wadhvani Foundation, marking a unique public-philanthropic partnership focused on high-impact research.





Ques: Which indigenous helicopter model was recently cleared for operations after being grounded due to a crash in January 2025?

- A. HAL Rudra
- B. ALH Dhruv
- C. LCH Prachand
- D. Cheetah Helicopter
- E. Garuda Mark II

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Dhruv, used by the Army and Air Force, was cleared for operations after being grounded since January 2025.
- The grounding followed a crash of the Indian Coast Guard's ALH Mark-III during a training sortie in Porbandar, Gujarat, which tragically claimed the lives of all three crew members.
- A Defect Investigation (DI) Committee reviewed the incident, and based on its recommendations, HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited)—the helicopter's manufacturer—confirmed that the helicopters are now safe to operate.
- A total of 330 ALHs had been grounded across the armed forces as a precautionary measure.

About Hindustan Aeronautics Limited :

- Established : 1940
- HQ : Bengaluru (Bangalore), Karnataka
- CMD : DK Sunil





Ques: The USA approved a USD 131 million Foreign Military Sale to India under which Quad initiative?

- A. Indo-Pacific Maritime Partnership (IPMP)
- B. Quad Maritime Cooperation Program (QMCP)
- C. Indo-Pacific Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA)
- D. Strategic Indo-Pacific Security Pact (SISP)
- E. Allied Naval Surveillance Mission (ANSM)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The United States of America (USA) approved a Foreign Military Sale (FMS) worth USD 131 million (approx. Rs. 1,090 crore) to India.
- The objective is to strengthen India's maritime security in the Indo-Pacific region.
- This sale falls under the Indo-Pacific Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA) programme, a Quad initiative involving Australia, India, Japan, and the USA.
- The primary contractor for the sale is HawkEye 360, a Herndon, Virginia-based US defense company.
- HawkEye 360 operates a network of low Earth orbit satellites that track radio frequency (RF) signals from ships, aircraft, and coastal systems.

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Ques: Which Indian state became the first to introduce a dedicated policy for shipbuilding, ship repair, and ship recycling in 2025?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Maharashtra
- E. Kerala

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Maharashtra approved the 'Shipbuilding, Ship Repair and Ship Recycling Policy 2025', becoming the first Indian state to adopt a dedicated policy in the maritime manufacturing sector.
- The policy offers a capital subsidy of 15% of the project cost.
- It includes support of up to Rs 1 crore per project for skill development and up to Rs 25 crore for R&D.
- Land will be provided on 30-year concessional leases for shipyard development.
- India ranks 21st in global shipbuilding, 20th in ship repair, and 2nd in ship recycling with a 32.6% global share.
- In comparison, China, South Korea, and Japan lead global shipbuilding with shares of 50%, 28%, and 15% respectively.
- Maharashtra alone holds 11% of India's shipbuilding capacity and 21% of total production.
- The Union Budget 2025–26 has allocated Rs 25,000 crore to the Maritime Development Fund to enhance India's maritime infrastructure.





Ques: When is World Portuguese Language Day observed annually?

- A. 3 May
- B. 5 May
- C. 7 May
- D. 9 May
- E. 11 May

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- World Portuguese Language Day is observed every year on 5 May.
- It was first established in 2009 by the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP).
- The day was later officially recognized by UNESCO in 2019.
- It celebrates the global importance of the Portuguese language, which is spoken by over 260 million people worldwide across countries like Portugal, Brazil, Angola, Mozambique, and others.

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Anthony Albanese of the Labor Party has won a second consecutive 3-year term as Prime Minister of Australia – the first to do so in 21 years.

Shri Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh has assumed charge as the new Director General and Chief Executive Officer of the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)

Ministry of Home Affairs constituted a High- Level Committee under the chairmanship of Union Minister Amit Shah to oversee national disaster preparedness and response mechanisms. The committee was formed under sub-section (2) of Section 8B of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 (Act No. 53 of 2005). Other members are Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Nirmala Sitharaman and Suman Bery

Through a partnership between Christian Medical College Vellore and the Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council's Institute for Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine (BRIC-inStem), India has conducting its first human gene therapy trial for hemophilia.

Renowned author and former Governor of West Bengal Gopalkrishna Gandhi released his memoir titled “The Undying Light: A Personal History of Independent India.”

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Ques: Which company has launched India's first AI-powered Gold-Melting ATM, revolutionizing gold transactions?

- A. MMTC-PAMP
- B. Titan Gold Ltd. / टाइटन गोल्ड लिमिटेड
- C. Goldsikka
- D. Kalyan Jewellers
- E. Tanishq Digital

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Hyderabad-based Goldsikka has unveiled India's first AI-powered Gold-Melting ATM, setting a new benchmark in automated gold transactions.
- The machine allows users to buy, sell, exchange, lease, digitise, and monetise gold through an automated process.
- Goldsikka had earlier launched India's first real-time Gold ATM in 2022.
- The upgraded version now includes AI-based verification, including photograph capture, Aadhaar and ID validation, and automated bank credit—all within approximately 30 minutes.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of Oriental Insurance Company Limited (OICL) in 2025?

- A. R.R. Singh
- B. Amit Misra
- C. Sanjay Joshi
- D. Tapan Singhel
- E. G. Srinivasan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sanjay Joshi, who was serving as General Manager in United India Insurance Company Limited (UIICL), has been appointed as the Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of Oriental Insurance Company Limited (OICL).
- He replaced R.R. Singh.
- Prior to Joshi's appointment, Amit Misra, the Executive Director of OICL, served as acting CMD for a three-month term starting March 1, 2025.
- The Financial Services Institutions Bureau will select the chiefs of public sector banks and insurance companies. Bhanu Pratap Sharma is the Chairman, of Financial Services Institutions Bureau.

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Ques: What financial milestone did M. Nagaraju, Secretary of the Department of Financial Services, mark by ringing the ceremonial bell at NSE in 2025?

- A. Launch of India's first Green Bond
- B. Listing of India's first mortgage-backed Pass Through Certificates (PTCs)
- C. Introduction of Digital Rupee
- D. Launch of Sovereign Gold Bonds /
- E. Debut of Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- M. Nagaraju, Secretary, Department of Financial Services, rang the ceremonial bell at the National Stock Exchange (NSE) to mark the listing of India's first mortgage-backed Pass Through Certificates (PTCs).
- The PTCs were structured by RMBS Development Company Limited and were fully subscribed at Rs.1,000 crore.
- They are backed by housing loans originated by LIC Housing Finance Limited, carry a 7.26% annual coupon, and have a 20-year maturity.
- The instruments were rated AAA(SO) by CRISIL and CARE Ratings and are issued in dematerialized form for trading in the secondary market.

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Ques : How many new IITs are included under Phase-B construction approved by the Union Cabinet in 2025?

- A. 3
- B. 5
- C. 7
- D. 10
- E. 6

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Union Cabinet approved the Phase-B construction for 5 new IITs under the IIT Expansion Plan 2025.
- The five IITs are: IIT Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), IIT Palakkad (Kerala), IIT Bhilai (Chhattisgarh), IIT Jammu (Jammu & Kashmir) and IIT Dharwad (Karnataka)
- The total budget for this expansion is Rs.11,828.79 crore, allocated between 2025–26 and 2028–29.
- A total of 130 new faculty posts (Level 14 and above) have been approved, along with the establishment of 5 new research parks.
- Student capacity across these 5 IITs will increase from 7,111 to 13,687, with annual intakes as follows : 1st Year – 1,364 students, 2nd Year – 1,738 students, 3rd Year – 1,767 students and 4th Year – 1,707 students
- The expansion will lead to direct employment of faculty, researchers, and support staff, boosting the local economy through demand in transport, housing, and services.
- Nationally, this plan will enhance social mobility, reduce educational inequality, and strengthen India's position in global academics.





Ques: Why was former Indian cricketer S. Sreesanth suspended by the Kerala Cricket Association (KCA) in 2025?

- A. Match-fixing allegations
- B. Disrespectful behavior towards fans
- C. Remarks criticizing KCA over Sanju Samson's exclusion
- D. Refusal to attend team camp
- E. Promoting a private league without permission

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Kerala Cricket Association (KCA) suspended S. Sreesanth for three years from all association-related cricketing activities.
- The suspension followed a special General Body meeting held in Kochi.
- The action was taken in response to Sreesanth's public remarks criticizing the association for the exclusion of Sanju Samson from India's squad for the ICC Champions Trophy.
- Sreesanth was part of India's T20 World Cup 2007 and ODI World Cup 2011 winning teams.

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Ques : What is India's HDI rank in the 2023 report released by UNDP?

- A. 126
- B. 133
- C. 130
- D. 135
- E. 129

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- India ranked 130th out of 193 countries in the Human Development Index (HDI) 2023, showing an improvement from 133rd in 2022.
- India's HDI score rose from 0.676 (2022) to 0.685 (2023). A score of 0.700 is the threshold for high human development.
- Since 1990, India's HDI value has increased by over 53%, growing faster than the South Asian regional average.
- Life expectancy in India increased from 58.6 years (1990) to 72 years (2023).
- Gross National Income (GNI) per capita grew nearly four times, from \$2,167.22 in 1990 to \$9,046.76 in 2023.
- Inequality remains a significant challenge, reducing India's HDI by 30.7%, one of the highest impacts in the region.
- Despite reforms like the one-third reservation for women in legislatures, female labour participation and political representation remain low.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Interim Executive Director to represent India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka at the IMF in 2025?

- A. Raghuram Rajan /
- B. Krishnamurthy V. Subramanian
- C. Parameswaran Iyer
- D. V. Anantha Nageswaran
- E. Arvind Subramanian

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Parameswaran Iyer, who was serving as the Executive Director for India at the World Bank, has been appointed as the Interim Executive Director (ED) to represent India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka at the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- He replaced K.V. Subramanian, who previously served as India's 17th Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) from 2018 to 2021, and was the youngest to hold the position.
- The executive board of the IMF is composed of 25 directors (executive directors or EDs) elected by the member countries or groups of countries.
- India is in a four-country constituency, along with Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Bhutan as members
- The government's decision assumes significance as the IMF Executive Board will meet on May 9, to take a call on a new USD 1.3 billion loan under a climate resilience loan programme, along with the first review of the ongoing USD 7 billion bailout package for Pakistan.

About International Monetary Fund :

- Established : 1944
- HQ : Washington DC, the United States of America
- Member : 191
- Managing Director : Kristalina Georgieva





Ques: Who is the author of the book “The Johnson & Johnson Files: The Indian Secrets of a Global Giant”, praised by former Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud?

- A. Josy Joseph
- B. Kaunain Sheriff M
- C. Sagarika Ghose
- D. Rana Ayyub
- E. Priya Ramani

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- “The Johnson & Johnson Files: The Indian Secrets of a Global Giant” is authored by Kaunain Sheriff M, a journalist with The Indian Express.
- The book was published by Juggernaut and investigates the Indian operations and practices of the global pharmaceutical company Johnson & Johnson.
- Former Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud praised the book and cited the 1982 Tylenol crisis in the U.S. — a benchmark in corporate crisis management, where J&J responded to cyanide-laced capsules causing multiple deaths in Chicago.

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Ques: What is the name of the initiative launched by President Droupadi Murmu for the welfare of senior citizens in 2025?

- A. Ageing with Dignity – Initiatives for the Welfare of Senior Citizens
- B. Senior Dignity Scheme
- C. ElderCare India Mission
- D. Golden Years Support Programme
- E. Senior Citizen Empowerment Yatra

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- President Droupadi Murmu attended the event “Ageing with Dignity – Initiatives for the Welfare of Senior Citizens” at the Rashtrapati Bhawan Cultural Centre, New Delhi.
- The event was organized by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE).
- A Senior Citizens Welfare Portal was launched, providing a comprehensive digital platform to empower elderly citizens.
- She virtually inaugurated 5 new Senior Citizens Homes located in Tawang, Wokha, Vellore, Anakapalli, and Nainital.
- Aids and Assistive Devices were also distributed under the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY).

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Ques : What percentage of Indian merchandise shipments will get duty-free access to the UK under the FTA?

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- A. 85%
- B. 90%
- C. 94%
- D. 99%
- E. 100%

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- India and the UK finalized a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) aimed at doubling bilateral trade to \$120 billion in five years.
- Under the deal, India will receive duty-free access on 99% of merchandise exports to the UK.
- Key beneficiaries: Textiles, chemicals, leather, and footwear industries.
- The agreement also supports Indian workers in the UK with social security relief, and tariff reduction on automobiles and liquor.

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Ques : Where is the Kalanamak Rice Research Centre being set up in Uttar Pradesh?

- A. Gorakhpur
- B. Maharajganj
- C. Deoria
- D. Kushinagar
- E. Siddharthnagar

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Uttar Pradesh Government, in collaboration with the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), is setting up a Kalanamak Rice Research Centre in Siddharthnagar.
- Kalanamak Rice is An aromatic, non-basmati variety GI-tagged (Geographical Indication), Known for its black husk and In high international demand due to its unique aroma and low glycemic index
- As part of the export strategy, India has allowed exports of up to 1000 tonnes of Kalanamak rice in 2024–25, out of which 500 tonnes have already been exported to Singapore and Nepal.
- The rice is gaining attention at international food expos, such as the Dubai Gulf Food Expo.
- GI-tag production covers 11 districts: Siddharthnagar, Maharajganj, Gorakhpur, Deoria, Basti, Sant Kabir Nagar, Gonda, Balrampur, Bahraich, Shravasti, and Kushinagar.
- The government is promoting export-oriented and contract farming, with Kalanamak rice also being sold under the 'Diviam Aahar' brand in 1kg, 2kg, and 5kg retail packs.
- Due to its low Glycemic Index, Kalanamak rice is being promoted as a health-friendly option, and the Centre and State governments are exploring new markets through international fairs and exhibitions.





Ques: What is India's rank in the World Press Freedom Index 2025 released by Reporters Without Borders (RSF)?

- A. 145th
- B. 151st
- C. 155th
- D. 159th
- E. 165th

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The World Press Freedom Index 2025 was published by Reporters Without Borders (RSF).
- A total of 180 countries were assessed in the report.
- India ranked 151st, with a score of 32.96, improving 8 positions from 159th in 2024.
- The report highlighted that 160 out of 180 countries are facing major issues related to the financial sustainability of media outlets.
- Norway retained the top position, followed by other Scandinavian and European nations known for strong press freedom protections.

Ranking of top 5 and last countries with their scores:

- 1 Norway (9th Consecutive Year) : 92.31
- 2 Estonia : 89.46
- 3 Netherlands : 88.64
- 4 Sweden : 88.13
- 5 Finland : 87.18
- 20 United Kingdom : 78.89
- 57 United States : 65.49
- 180 Eritrea : 11.32

Ranking Of India & its neighboring countries :





90 Nepal : 55.2
139 Sri Lanka : 39.93
149 Bangladesh : 33.71
151 India : 32.96
152 Bhutan : 32.62
158 Pakistan : 29.62
169 Myanmar : 25.32
175 Afghanistan : 7.88
178 China : 14.8



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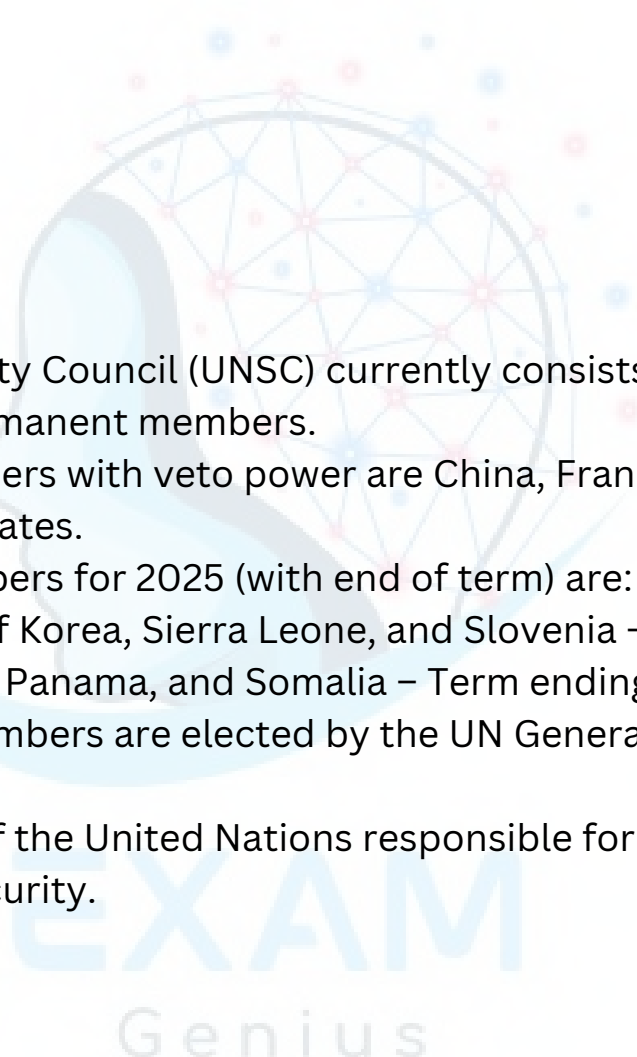
Ques : How many permanent members are there in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC)?

- A. 10
- B. 5
- C. 15
- D. 7
- E. 20

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) currently consists of 15 members – 5 permanent and 10 non-permanent members.
- The five permanent members with veto power are China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States.
- The non-permanent members for 2025 (with end of term) are:
Algeria, Guyana, Republic of Korea, Sierra Leone, and Slovenia – Term ending in 2025
Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama, and Somalia – Term ending in 2026
- These non-permanent members are elected by the UN General Assembly for a term of two years.
- The UNSC is a key organ of the United Nations responsible for maintaining international peace and security.





Ques: What was the name of the military operation launched by the Indian Armed Forces in response to the April 22, 2025 terrorist attack in Pahalgam?

- A. Operation Shakti
- B. Operation Sunrise
- C. Operation Sindoor
- D. Operation Vijay
- E. Operation Trinetra

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Operation Sindoor was launched by the Indian Armed Forces post-midnight in retaliation to the terrorist attack on April 22, 2025, in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir.
- The operation targeted terrorist infrastructure located in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu & Kashmir (PoK).
- Nine sites were hit, including Bahawalpur and Muridke in Punjab, Pakistan, and Muzaffarabad and Kotli in PoK — all known hubs of terrorist training camps.
- Bahawalpur is linked with Jaish-e-Mohammed, while Muridke is the headquarters of Lashkar-e-Taiba, responsible for the 26/11 Mumbai attacks.
- Muzaffarabad and Kotli are launch pads for infiltration supported by the Pakistan Army.

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Ques: Which Himalayan peak did the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) successfully scale in April 2025?

- A. Mt. Everest
- B. Mt. Annapurna
- C. Mt. Dhaulagiri
- D. Mt. Makalu
- E. Mt. Kanchenjunga

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The ITBP successfully scaled Mt. Makalu, the world's fifth-highest peak at an altitude of 8,485 metres.
- The ascent was completed on April 19, 2025, in Nepal as part of an International Mountaineering Expedition.
- The expedition, flagged off from Delhi on March 21, also included a group attempting Mt. Annapurna (8,091 m).
- The team was led by Deputy Commandant Anoop Kumar Negi, with Nihas Suresh as the Deputy Leader.
- Under the 'Clean Himalaya – Save Glacier' campaign, the team collected 150 kg of non-biodegradable waste from high-altitude camps.

About ITBP :

- Established : 24 October 1962
- HQ : New Delhi
- Director : General Rahul Rasgotra





Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) of the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) in 2025?

- A. Bhupendra Kainthola
- B. Prakash Magdum
- C. Sunit Tandon
- D. Vani Tripathi
- E. Ujwal Nirgudkar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Prakash Magdum has been appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) of the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC).
- He has previously served as the Director of the National Film Archive of India (NFAI) and Registrar of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), both in Pune, Maharashtra.
- The NFDC was established in 1975 by the Government of India under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- Its tagline is “Cinemas of India” and it is headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Yemen, replacing Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak?

- A. Maeen Abdulmalik Saeed
- B. Ali Mohsen al-Ahmar
- C. Mohammed Al-Jabe
- D. Khaled Mahfoudh Bahah
- E. Salem Saleh Bin Braik

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Salem Saleh Bin Braik has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Yemen, replacing Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak.
- He had earlier served as Finance Minister of Yemen since 2019.
- His appointment marks a significant political shift in the country amid ongoing challenges.
- Capital of Yemen is Sanaa and Currency is Yemeni Rial

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Ques: Who won the Pulitzer Prize 2025 in the Investigative Reporting category?

- A. The New York Times staff
- B. The Washington Post staff
- C. Reuters staff – “Fentanyl Express
- D. The Wall Street Journal staff
- E. Alissa Zhu & team

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Pulitzer Prize Board announced the 2025 winners, recognizing excellence in journalism.
- The Investigative Reporting category was won by the Reuters staff for their impactful series “Fentanyl Express”, exposing issues related to fentanyl trafficking.

List of winners of Pulitzer Prizes 2025 :

- Public Service : Kavitha Surana, Lizzie Presser, Cassandra Jaramillo & Stacy Kranitz
- Breaking News Reporting : The Washington Post staff
- Investigative Reporting : Reuters staff – “Fentanyl Express”
- Explanatory Reporting : Azam Ahmed, Christina Goldbaum & Matthieu Aikins (NYT)
- Local Reporting : Alissa Zhu, Nick Thieme & Jessica Gallagher (Baltimore Banner & NYT)
- National Reporting : The Wall Street Journal staff – Elon Musk investigation
- International Reporting : Declan Walsh & NYT staff – Sudan conflict
- Feature Writing : Mark Warren (Esquire)
- Commentary : Mosab Abu Toha (The New Yorker)
- Criticism : Alexandra Lange (Bloomberg CityLab)
- Editorial Writing : Raj Mankad & team (Houston Chronicle)
- Illustrated Reporting : Ann Telnaes (Washington Post)
- Breaking News Photography : Doug Mills (NYT) – Trump assassination attempt
- Feature Photography : Moises Saman (The New Yorker) – Syria prison
- Audio Reporting : The New Yorker staff – “In the Dark” podcast





About Pulitzer Prizes :

- Started : June 4, 1917
- Awarded for : Excellence in newspaper journalism, literary achievements, musical composition
- Presented by : Columbia University
- First indian : Gobind Behari Lal (1937)



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LQues: When is International Leopard Day observed, and which Indian state has the highest leopard population as per the NTCA report 2022?

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- A. 3 May; Karnataka
- B. 4 May; Maharashtra
- C. 3 May; Madhya Pradesh
- D. 5 May; Rajasthan
- E. 2 May; Uttarakhand

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- International Leopard Day is observed on 3 May each year to raise awareness about leopard conservation.
- According to the “Status of Leopards in India, 2022” report by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), India's leopard population is estimated at 13,874 individuals.
- Madhya Pradesh has the largest leopard population in India, followed by Maharashtra and Karnataka.

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Ques: What was the theme of World Laughter Day 2025 observed on 4 May?

- A. Laugh Together, Live Longer
- B. Smile for Global Harmony
- C. Laugh for Health, Peace and Happiness
- D. Laughter: The Best Medicine
- E. Joyful World Through Laughter

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Laughter Day 2025 was observed on 4 May, which is the first Sunday of May each year.
- The theme for 2025 was “Laugh for Health, Peace and Happiness.”
- The first World Laughter Day was celebrated on 11 January 1998 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The first international celebration outside India, titled “HAPPY-DEMIC,” was held on 9 January 2000 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

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E-Kalyan Portal, Launched by Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu to simplify the application process for various social security pension schemes in the state

Nepal Plans to limit Mount Everest expeditions to mountaineers who have scaled at least one peak higher than 7,000 m. According to official figures, since the Hillary-Norgay summit in 1953, around 9,000 mountaineers have successfully climbed Mount Everest, while more than 300 have died.

Sanjay Khanna (Director Refinery) Appointed as Additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of BPCL. He Replaced G. Krishnakumar

Tata Consultancy Services Limited (TCS), International Business Machines (IBM) Corporation & Government of Andhra Pradesh partners to set up India's largest quantum computer at the upcoming Quantum Valley Tech Park, located in Amaravati

Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the Corporate Bhavan at New Town, Kolkata. The building covers an area of 13,239 square meters and was built at a cost of Rs 150.43 crores.

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Ques: How much dividend per share has SBI declared for FY25, the highest in the last 12 years?

- A. Rs.10.50
- B. Rs.12.00
- C. Rs.20.00
- D. Rs.18.20
- E. Rs.15.90

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The State Bank of India (SBI) has announced a final dividend of Rs.15.90 per equity share for the financial year ending March 31, 2025.
- This is the highest dividend declared by SBI in the last 12 years.
- SBI also reported a 10% YoY drop in Q4FY25 net profit to Rs.18,642.59 crore, while Net Interest Income (NII) rose by 2.7% YoY to Rs.42,774.55 crore.
- For FY26, SBI plans to raise up to Rs.25,000 crore via QIP or FPO to strengthen its capital base.

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Ques : In what form has FIMMDA been recognized by RBI?

- A. Rating Agency
- B. Primary Dealer
- C. Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO)
- D. Financial Institution
- E. Market Intermediary

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has officially recognised the Fixed Income Money Market and Derivatives Association of India (FIMMDA) as a Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) for financial markets.
- This move is aimed at enhancing professional standards, transparency, and governance across money and bond markets.
- FIMMDA is a not-for-profit Section 8 company established in 1998, with members including banks, primary dealers, insurance companies, and financial institutions.
- RBI had earlier released a framework for recognising SROs in August 2023.
- Eligibility for SRO status includes:
 - Section 8 registration
 - Minimum net worth of Rs.10 crore
 - Diversified shareholding – no entity can hold 10% or more
 - Adequate infrastructure to discharge regulatory duties





Ques : India will launch 52 spy satellites in the coming how many years?

- A. 2 Years
- B. 3 Years
- C. 5 Years
- D. 7 Years
- E. 10 Years

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- As per IN-SPACe Chairman Pawan Kumar Goenka, India will launch 52 spy satellites over the next 5 years to enhance the surveillance capabilities of the Army, Navy, and Air Force.
- The project is a joint effort of ISRO, IN-SPACe, and the private space sector.
- Half of the satellites will be built by the private sector, and the remaining by ISRO.
- The constellation will aid in real-time enemy tracking, border monitoring, and coordination of military operations.
- The broader vision includes defence-space integration, indigenization of surveillance technology, and greater private participation.

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Ques: Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh are jointly establishing India's first interstate cheetah conservation corridor. What is the total area of this wildlife corridor?

- A. 10,000 sq km
- B. 12,500 sq km
- C. 15,000 sq km
- D. 17,000 sq km
- E. 20,000 sq km

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India's first interstate cheetah conservation corridor is being developed jointly by Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, covering a total area of 17,000 square kilometers.
- 10,500 sq km of this corridor lies in Madhya Pradesh and 6,500 sq km in Rajasthan.
- It will span 27 districts – 12 in MP and 13 in Rajasthan.
- Key districts in Rajasthan include Kota, Bundi, Baran, Jhalawar, Sawai Madhopur, Karauli, and Chittorgarh.
- The corridor will link Palpur Kuno National Park and Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary in MP with the Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan.

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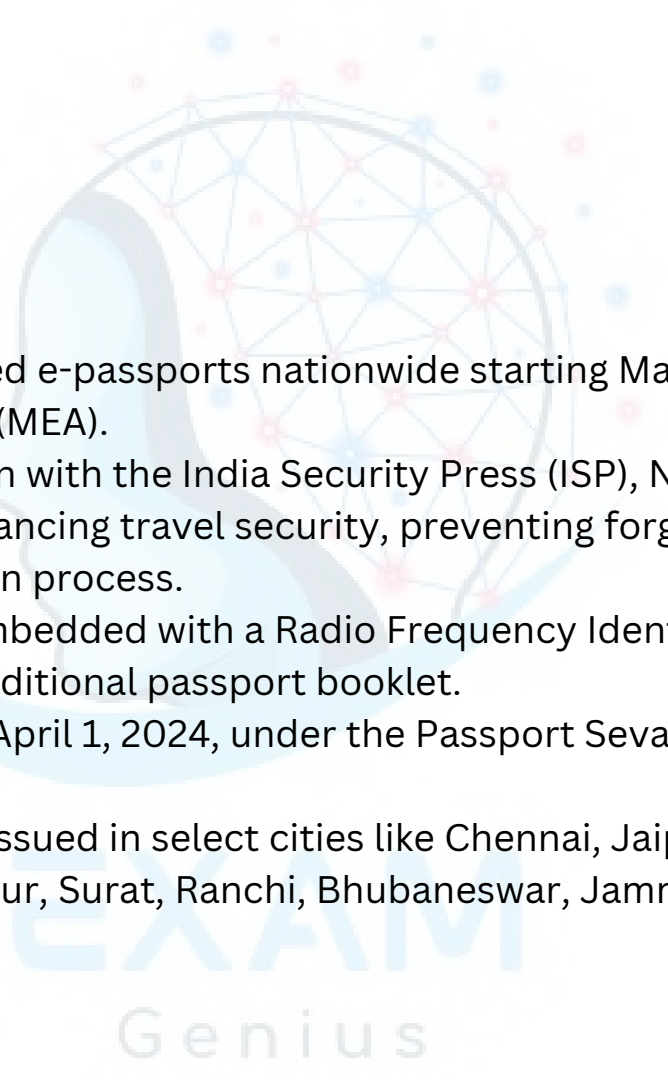
Ques: When will India officially launch chip-based e-passports for international travel?

- A. January 2025
- B. April 2025
- C. May 2025
- D. July 2025
- E. December 2025

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India will launch chip-based e-passports nationwide starting May 2025, as per the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).
- Developed in collaboration with the India Security Press (ISP), Nashik, these e-passports are aimed at enhancing travel security, preventing forgery, and modernizing the immigration process.
- Each e-passport will be embedded with a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) chip, integrated into the traditional passport booklet.
- The pilot phase began on April 1, 2024, under the Passport Seva Programme Version 2.0.
- Currently, they are being issued in select cities like Chennai, Jaipur, Hyderabad, Nagpur, Amritsar, Goa, Raipur, Surat, Ranchi, Bhubaneswar, Jammu, and Shimla.





Ques: Why did Nicaragua decide to withdraw from UNESCO in 2025?

- A. Due to financial constraints
- B. Due to climate disagreement
- C. In protest of a press freedom award
- D. Due to UNESCO reforms
- E. For joining another UN body

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Nicaragua announced its withdrawal from UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation), headquartered in Paris, France, in response to the agency's decision to honor the exiled Nicaraguan newspaper La Prensa with the 2025 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize.
- The announcement was made on World Press Freedom Day – May 3, 2025.
- Nicaragua became a UNESCO member in 1952, and as per UNESCO's constitution, its 74-year membership will officially end on December 31, 2026.

About Nicaragua :

- Capital : Managua
- Currency : Nicaraguan Córdoba
- President : Jose Daniel Ortega Saavedra

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Ques : What is the total outlay of the scheme approved by the Cabinet for upgrading ITIs and setting up five National Centres of Excellence for Skilling?

- A. Rs.10,000 crore
- B. Rs.25,000 crore
- C. Rs.60,000 crore
- D. Rs.75,000 crore
- E. Rs.90,000 crore

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved a Rs.60,000 crore scheme.
- The scheme focuses on upgrading 1,000 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and setting up five National Centres of Excellence for Skilling.
- This initiative aims to train 20 lakh youth with industry-aligned vocational skills over the next five years.
- Funding Structure: Central Govt: Rs.30,000 crore, State Govts: Rs.20,000 crore, Industry: Rs.10,000 crore and Co-financing from ADB and World Bank
- Implementation will follow an industry-led SPV model and align with the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision.
- NSTI infrastructure upgrades are planned in Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kanpur, and Ludhiana.





Ques: Who won the Sudirman Cup 2025 World Mixed Team Badminton Championship?

- A. India
- B. Japan
- C. South Korea
- D. Malaysia
- E. China

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- China secured their 14th Sudirman Cup title by defeating South Korea in the final held in Xiamen, China.
- The Sudirman Cup, organized by the Badminton World Federation (BWF), is the premier World Mixed Team Badminton Championship.
- The tournament was first held in 1989.
- India has reached the quarter-finals twice (2011 and 2017) but is yet to win a medal in the tournament.

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Ques: Which Ministry has directed states to conduct mock drills to evaluate civil defence preparedness in 2025?

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of External Affairs
- D. Ministry of Civil Aviation
- E. Ministry of Environment

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has directed several states to conduct Civil Defence Exercises in 244 Civil Defence Districts across the country.
- The Civil Defence Exercise aims to evaluate preparedness of civilians and government systems during wartime or disaster emergencies.

• **The drill assesses:**

- The effectiveness of air raid warning systems
- Communication links with the Indian Air Force
- Evacuation planning and camouflaging vital installations
- The last major drill of this nature was conducted prior to the 1971 India-Pakistan war.
- The legal framework for such drills is provided under the Civil Defence Act, 1968, enacted after the 1962 and 1965 wars, which allows formation of Civil Defence Corps and Enables the creation of rules and regulations for civil protection in the event of hostile attacks from air, land, or sea.





Ques: What is the name of India's first Transmedia Entertainment City to be developed in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh?

- A. CineHub India
- B. Creatorland
- C. Amaravati VFX City
- D. MediaWorld
- E. Bharatwood

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Andhra Pradesh Government and CreativeLand Asia (CLA) Limited have partnered to develop 'Creatorland', India's first Transmedia Entertainment City, in Amaravati.
- This initiative was announced during WAVES 2025 (World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit) held in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The project expects an investment of Rs.8,000 to Rs.10,000 crore over the next 5-6 years.
- Additionally, the Creatorland Academy will train over 10,000 youth annually in emerging fields like VFX, AI, gaming, and immersive storytelling.

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Ques: Where did DRDO conduct the maiden flight-trials of the Stratospheric Airship Platform?

- A. Sheopur, Madhya Pradesh
- B. Agra, Uttar Pradesh
- C. Pokhran, Rajasthan
- D. Balasore, Odisha
- E. Jaisalmer, Rajasthan

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted maiden flight trials of the Stratospheric Airship Platform at the Sheopur trial site in Madhya Pradesh.
- Developed by Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment (ADRDE), Agra, this high-altitude airship carried an instrumental payload to ~17 km altitude.
- The test flight lasted approximately 62 minutes, marking a significant milestone in India's high-altitude surveillance and communication capabilities.

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Ques: What does the term ‘Orange Economy’ refer to, as highlighted by PM Modi at WAVES 2025?

- A. Renewable energy sector
- B. Agricultural exports
- C. Creative and cultural industries
- D. Textile and handicrafts sector
- E. Tourism and hospitality industry

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi promoted the ‘Orange Economy’ at the World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025 in Mumbai, urging global companies to “Create in India, Create for the World.”
- The Orange Economy, also known as the Creative Economy, includes economic activities based on culture, art, media, innovation, and intellectual property (IP).
- It covers a wide range of sectors like film, music, gaming, design, publishing, performing arts, advertising, and digital content creation.

Key characteristics:

- Culture-Centric: Based on local heritage, arts, and language
- Talent-Driven: Focuses on human creativity and digital innovation
- IP-Based Revenue: Monetizes through copyrights, patents, and trademarks
- Employment Generating: High job potential in tech and media sectors





Ques: Who is the Chairman of the Committee on Estimates (CoE) for the fiscal year 2025–26?

- A. Jayant Sinha
- B. Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal
- C. Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- D. Arjun Ram Meghwal
- E. Baijayant Panda

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Committee on Estimates (CoE) for FY 2025–26 comprises 30 members, all from the Lok Sabha, with tenure from May 1, 2025, to April 30, 2026. It is chaired by Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal, BJP MP from Paschim Champaran, Bihar.
- The Committee on Public Undertakings (CoPU) for FY26 includes 22 members – 15 from Lok Sabha and 7 from Rajya Sabha. The chairman is Baijayant 'Jay' Panda, BJP MP from Kendrapara, Odisha.

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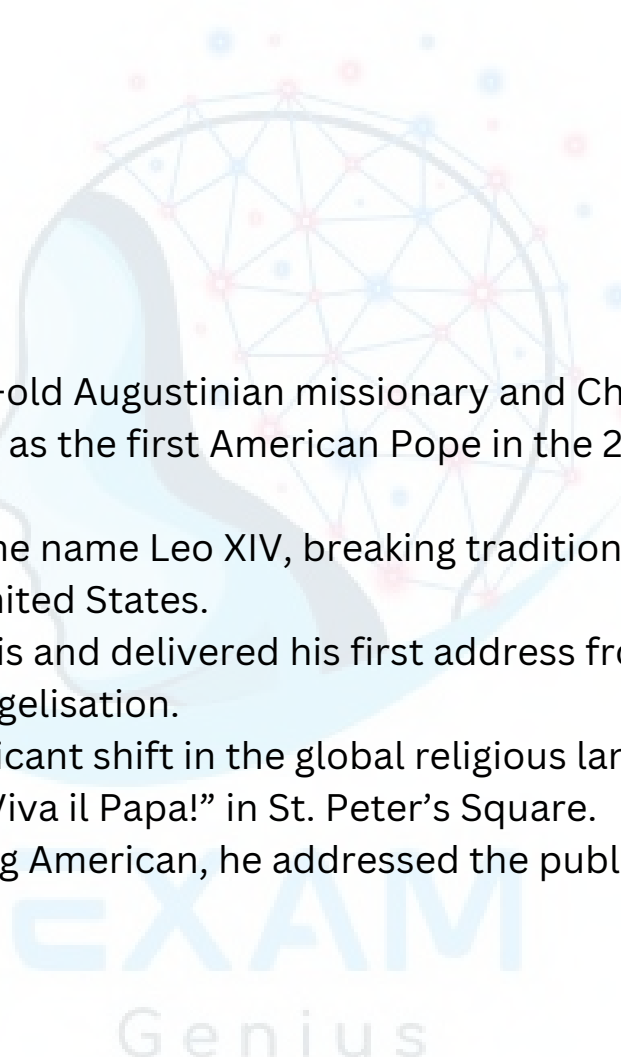
Ques : What name did the first American Pope Robert Prevost choose upon his election?

- A. John Paul III
- B. Leo XIV
- C. Benedict XVII
- D. Francis II
- E. Pius XIII

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Robert Prevost, a 69-year-old Augustinian missionary and Chicago native (also a citizen of Peru), was elected as the first American Pope in the 2,000-year history of the Catholic Church.
- Upon election, he chose the name Leo XIV, breaking traditional taboos that avoided choosing Popes from the United States.
- He succeeded Pope Francis and delivered his first address from St. Peter's Basilica, focusing on peace and evangelisation.
- His election marks a significant shift in the global religious landscape, and was celebrated with cheers of "Viva il Papa!" in St. Peter's Square.
- Interestingly, despite being American, he addressed the public in Italian and Spanish, not in English.





Ques: What is the maximum range of Pakistan's Abdali Weapon System as per its latest test in 2025?

- A. 200 km
- B. 250 km
- C. 300 km
- D. 450 km
- E. 500 km

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Pakistan recently conducted a successful training launch of the Abdali (Hatf-II) Weapon System, developed by SUPARCO – Pakistan's Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission.
- Abdali is a short-range, road-mobile, solid-fuel ballistic missile intended for tactical battlefield deployment.
- It is capable of carrying both conventional and nuclear warheads, making it a dual-capability system.
- The latest test in 2025 has doubled its earlier range, now claiming a maximum range of 450 kilometers, compared to the previously reported 180–200 km.
- It can carry a single warhead (high explosive, submunitions, or conventional) with a payload capacity of 250–500 kg.

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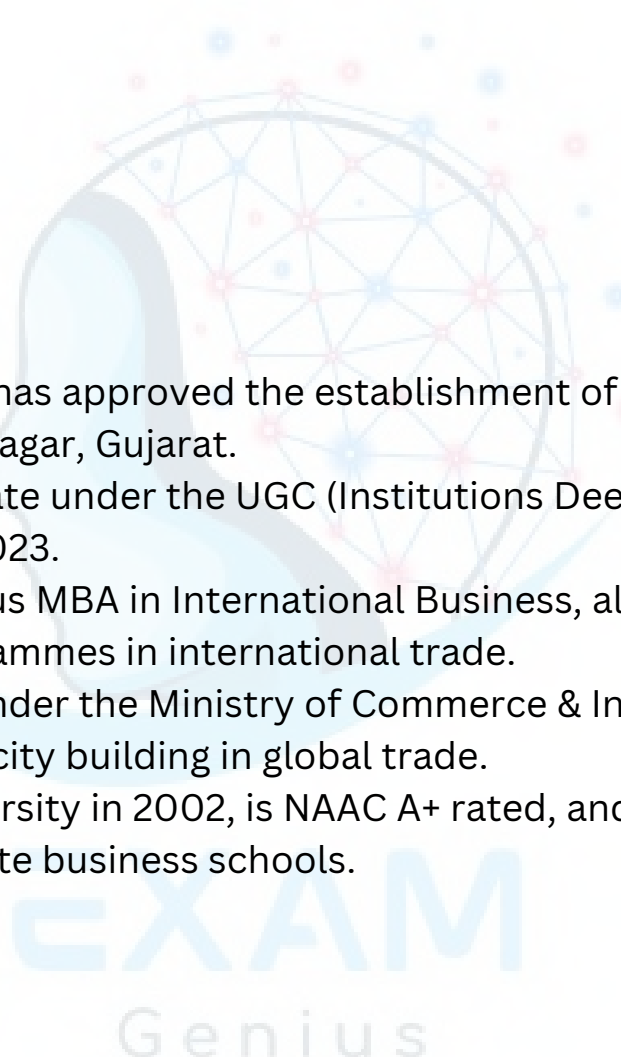
Ques: Where has the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) received approval to establish a new off-campus centre in 2025?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Mumbai
- C. Hyderabad
- D. GIFT City, Gandhinagar
- E. Chennai

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Education has approved the establishment of an off-campus centre of IIFT at GIFT City, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- The new campus will operate under the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023.
- It will offer IIFT's prestigious MBA in International Business, along with short-term training and research programmes in international trade.
- IIFT, established in 1963 under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, is a premier institution focused on capacity building in global trade.
- It became a Deemed University in 2002, is NAAC A+ rated, and AACSB-accredited, placing it among globally elite business schools.





Ques : International Day of the Midwife observed every year on which day ?

- (a) 5 May
- (b) 6 May
- (c) 7 May
- (d) 8 May
- (e) 9 May

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The International Day of the Midwife (IDM) is observed globally on 5 May each year to highlight the vital role midwives play in maternal and newborn care.
- The theme for 2025 was “Midwives: Critical in Every Crisis”, emphasizing their essential role in emergency and crisis situations.
- In line with the theme, the World Health Organization (WHO) hosted a special webinar titled “Midwives in Emergencies” on 5 May 2025, highlighting their contributions in challenging environments.

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