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Ques: The Department of Economic Affairs under the Ministry of Finance recently amended Rule 8 of which regulatory framework to improve the ease of doing business for brokers?

- A. Companies Act, 2013
- B. Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957
- C. SEBI Act, 1992
- D. Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- E. Indian Contract Act, 1872

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, amended Rule 8 of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules (SCRR), 1957.
- This amendment provides regulatory clarity and promotes ease of doing business for stockbrokers.
- In the past, a stockbroker's investment may occasionally be viewed as a component of their regular business operations, such as purchasing or disposing of shares as a corporation.
- But now, An investment made by a broker with their own funds will not be considered a business; but, if the broker uses client funds or securities, or if the investment results in a financial liability (such as a loan or borrowing), it will be considered a business.

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Ques: Why did IRDAI impose a Rs.1 crore penalty on Acko General Insurance?

- A. Delay in claim settlements
- B. Non-compliance with investment norms
- C. Violation of outsourcing and commission payment regulations
- D. False advertising
- E. Misuse of customer data

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) imposed a Rs.1 crore penalty on Acko General Insurance.
- The action was taken due to violations involving outsourcing activities and improper commission/reward payments to insurance agents and intermediaries.
- IRDAI has instructed Acko to present the order in the next board meeting and submit the minutes of discussion.
- Additionally, Acko is required to submit an action-taken report within 90 days from the date of the order.

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Ques: Which bank has sanctioned Rs.1500 crore to MMRDA for slum redevelopment along the Eastern Express Highway in Ghatkopar, Mumbai?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) Karnataka Bank
- (c) Bank of baroda
- (d) Canara Bank
- (e) Bank of Maharashtra

Answer : Option E

Explanation:

- Bank of Maharashtra has sanctioned Rs.1500 crore to the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA).
- The amount is for the redevelopment of slum areas along the Eastern Express Highway in Ghatkopar, Mumbai.
- This is part of the first phase of the Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA) project, which has a total cost of Rs.8,498 crore.
- The project funding structure includes 46% through institutional financing, 39% from MMRDA's internal revenue, and 15% from alternative sources.
- The loan tenure is 15 years.
- The MMRDA's first initiative in slum development aims to rehabilitate about 17,000 slum dwellers with free 1 Bedroom, Hall, and Kitchen (BHK) houses of 300 square feet (Sq ft).

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Ques: Which Indian state has recently become the first to achieve full functional literacy status, and under which scheme was this milestone reached?

- A. Kerala – Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan
- B. Mizoram – ULLAS
- C. Himachal Pradesh – Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
- D. Tamil Nadu – PM SHRI
- E. Ladakh – National Education Policy

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Mizoram has become the first Indian state to achieve full functional literacy, meaning over 95% of its population is functionally literate.
- This was accomplished under the ULLAS scheme (Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society) launched by the Government of India.
- It's important to note that Ladakh, a Union Territory, was the first overall region (on 24 June 2024) to attain this status before Mizoram among states.

About Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society (ULLAS) scheme :

- Launched : 2022
- Tenure : 2022-2027
- Aim : To empower those adults aged 15 years and above from all backgrounds who could not get due schooling and mainstream them with society to be able to contribute more to the growth story of the country
- Components : 1. Foundational Literacy and Numeracy 2. Critical Life Skills 3. Basic Education 4. Vocational Skills 5. Continuing Education





Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The Government of Uttar Pradesh launched the Mukhyamantri Suposhan Abhiyan across 8 aspirational districts to combat child malnutrition among children aged 3 to 6 years
- The 'Indira Saura Giri Jala Vikasam' scheme launched by Telangana CM A. Revanth Reddy aims to provide solar-powered borewell irrigation facilities to tribal farmers
- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launched the 'Eti Koli Duti Paat' scheme during the 200th celebration of Assam Tea. Under this scheme, the Government of Assam will provide a one-time assistance of Rs.5,000 to each permanent and temporary tea garden worker
- The Government of Kerala launched the 'Jyothi' scheme in May 2025 to support the education of children of migrant workers
- The Adishakti Abhiyan is a women's empowerment initiative by the Maharashtra government that focuses on effective implementation and awareness of government schemes for women and children
- The Pandit Lakhmi Chand Kalakar Samajik Samman Yojana was launched by the Haryana government to financially support senior artists who have significantly contributed to arts like singing, acting, dance, drama, and visual arts
- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) launched the Cashless Treatment of Road Accident Victims Scheme, 2025. It is implemented by the National Health Authority (NHA). The scheme provides cashless treatment of up to Rs.1.5 lakh per accident per person
- The Mukhyamantri Neera Samvardhan Yojana has been launched by the Bihar Government to boost neera (palm nectar) production and support toddy tappers
- The SMILE Scheme (Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise) was launched in 2022 by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment





Ques : What is the total population of Asiatic Lions in Gujarat as per the 2025 lion census?

- A. 674
- B. 497
- C. 891
- D. 832
- E. 523

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- As per the 16th lion population survey announced during the 7th meeting of the National Board for Wildlife at Sasan-Gir in March 2025, Gujarat's Asiatic lion population has risen to 891 from 674 in 2020, marking a 32.2% increase.
- The lions were found across 358 locations in seven districts of the Saurashtra region.
- This growth reflects the successful conservation efforts and expanding habitat range, which has increased from 6,600 sq km to 35,000 sq km over the past decade.

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Ques : Where was the world's first commercial-scale e-methanol plant established?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The world's first commercial-scale e-methanol plant has been inaugurated in Kasso, southern Denmark.
- E-methanol is a low-emission green fuel that provides an eco-friendly alternative to traditional marine fuels.
- Shipping giant Maersk plans to adopt this fuel to enhance sustainable maritime transport.
- This initiative is a key development in combating climate change and advancing green shipping solutions.

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Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and world :

- On 19 May 2025, Government e-Marketplace (GeM) celebrated its 8th anniversary and launched GeMAI, India's first AI-powered chatbot in the public sector
- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Dr. Jitendra Singh, from the Ministry of Science & Technology, dedicated India's first public-funded DST-ICGEB 'Bio-foundry' in New Delhi
- The Department of Science and Technology (DST) has launched India's first national CCU initiative focused on the cement sector, a hard-to-abate industry
- The world's first AI-powered medical clinic, launched in Saudi Arabia, uses the advanced AI system called Dr. Hua, developed by Synyi AI, a Shanghai-based startup backed by Tencent
- The first woman from the minority group in Balochistan to be named assistant commissioner in the unrest-plagued province is 25-year-old Kashish Chaudhary, a Pakistani Hindu woman
- Chicago based Illinois Institute of Technology (Illinois Tech) has become the first American university to receive approval from India's University Grants Commission (UGC) to set up an independent, degree-granting campus in Mumbai. The campus is scheduled to open in 2026
- Anita Anand, an Indo-Canadian and the first Hindu woman MP in Canada's House of Commons, has been appointed Canada's Foreign Minister by PM Mark Carney. He also appointed Maninder Sidhu as the international trade minister
- Indore, Madhya Pradesh, has been declared India's first beggar-free city following a successful anti-begging campaign initiated in February 2024
- Adani Enterprises Limited introduced India's first hydrogen-powered fuel cell truck for mining logistics in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, to promote cleaner transportation and replace diesel vehicles in its logistics operations



Ques: Under which initiative has India signed a grant agreement with the Maldives to enhance ferry services in the island nation?

- A. SAGAR Initiative
- B. High Impact Community Development Project Phase III
- C. Indian Ocean Maritime Vision
- D. Neighbourhood First Policy
- E. Blue Economy Partnership Program

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India and Maldives signed an agreement under Phase III of the High Impact Community Development Project (HICDP).
- It was signed by Abdulla Khaleel, Maldivian Foreign Minister, and G. Balasubramanian, Indian High Commissioner to the Maldives.
- The project is backed by a Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR) 100 million grant (approx. ₹55.3 crore) from India.
- The objective is to enhance ferry services, expand maritime connectivity, and uplift community livelihoods.
- A total of 13 projects have been launched under this phase.
- Though originally scheduled for completion by 2027, the projects are now expected to be completed by the end of this year.





Ques : Which country has taken over as the chair of the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) for 2025–26?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- India has assumed the chairmanship of the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) for the 2025–26 term.
- The decision was made during the APO Governing Body meeting held in Jakarta, Indonesia, from May 20 to 22, 2025.
- India was represented by Amardeep Singh Bhatia, Secretary of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- India's appointment reflects its increasing influence and leadership in productivity and economic collaboration across Asia.

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Ques: Where was the 2025 World Hydrogen Summit held ?

- A. Paris, France
- B. Berlin, Germany
- C. Tokyo, Japan
- D. Rotterdam, Netherlands
- E. New York, USA

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The 2025 World Hydrogen Summit was held in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.
- It was inaugurated by Santosh Kumar Sarangi, Secretary, Union Ministry of New & Renewable Energy.
- The summit was organized by the Sustainable Energy Council and RX Global.
- India showcased its progress in renewable energy with over 223 GW installed, and announced ambitions to be energy independent by 2047 and reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2070.
- The MNRE has identified Kandla, Paradip, and Tuticorin ports as green hydrogen hubs, and 15 Indian states have launched green hydrogen policies.

About National Green Hydrogen Policy:

- Launched : 2023
- Outlay : 2.4 Billion USD
- Goals : 5 million metric tonnes of green hydrogen production capacity per year by 2030
- Averting nearly 50 MMT of annual greenhouse gas emissions annually
- Attract investments of about USD 100 billion.
- Generate over 6 lakh jobs by 2030.





Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) celebrated World Telecom and Information Society Day (WTISD) on 17th May at its headquarters in New Delhi. This year's celebration focused on the globally relevant theme – “Universal and Meaningful Connectivity” (UMC)
- The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is set to host the Annual Conference of Vice-Chancellors of Agricultural Universities and Directors of ICAR Institutes in New Delhi. Theme of the Conference is “Convergence for Action: Shaping Agricultural Research, Education and Extension for Viksit Bharat@2047”
- Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth will lead an Indian delegation at the 17th edition of Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA 2025), being held at Langkawi, Malaysia
- In order to facilitate the logistical planning of the first Sagarmatha Sambaad, a global dialogue on climate change, which is set for May 16–18, 2025 in Kathmandu, Nepal, the Government of India (GoI) donated 15 Electric Vehicles (EVs) to Nepal
- National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) India with support from the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, hosted the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Intelligence & Investigations (I&I) Workshop in New Delhi
- India's determination to take the lead internationally in the development of next-generation 6G technology was emphasized by Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development. Speaking at the Third International Conference and Exhibition on "Bharat 6G 2025" in New Delhi
- The 4th Ministerial Conference of RIMES was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, co-chaired by India and hosted by the Government of Sri Lanka and the World Bank
- The Permanent Mission of India (PMI) in Geneva hosted the Group of Friends of Traditional Medicine's (GFTM) Sixth Meeting with great success. Ambassadors from a number of nations who were dedicated to enhancing the place of traditional medicine in international healthcare systems met
- The Columbia India Energy Dialogue 2025 was held in New Delhi. It was organized by the Center on Global Energy Policy (CGEP) of Columbia University SIPA and Columbia Global Center Mumbai
- Global Space Exploration Conference 2025 12th Edition Held at New Delhi and Inaugurated by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh. The Theme is Reaching New Worlds: A Space Exploration Renaissance. Last edition held in Oslo, Norway (2023)





Ques: Which newly designated Conservation Reserve in Himachal Pradesh has become India's largest, known for its snow leopard population?

- A. Naina Devi Conservation Reserve
- B. Darlaghat Conservation Reserve
- C. Potter Hills Conservation Reserve
- D. Shilli Conservation Reserve
- E. Tsarap Chu Conservation Reserve

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Tsarap Chu Conservation Reserve, located in Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh, has been officially designated as India's largest conservation reserve under Section 36A (1) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- It is renowned for a high density of snow leopards, often referred to as the "ghost of the mountains".
- This is the 5th conservation reserve of the state, after Shilli, Naina Devi, Darlaghat, and Potter Hills Conservation Reserves.
- It also hosts the confluence of the Unam River and Charap Nala.

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Ques : What is the name of the stitched sail ship recreated by the Indian Navy based on Ajanta paintings?

- A. INS Vikrant
- B. INSV Kaundinya
- C. INS Shankhnaad
- D. INS Ajanta
- E. INSV Samudra

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- INSV Kaundinya is a stitched sail ship recreated by the Indian Navy, inspired by 5th-century Ajanta cave paintings.
- It was launched in Goa in February 2025 and constructed using traditional coir rope, fabric, and natural resin by Kerala artisans.
- The project revives India's ancient maritime heritage and the ship is set to sail along a historic trade route from Gujarat to Oman later in 2025.
- This ship stands out due to its square sails and steering oars, reconstructed through Ajanta's two-dimensional art with the help of IIT Madras and ocean engineers.

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Ques : Which Indian author won the International Booker Prize 2025 for a Kannada short story collection?

- A. Arundhati Roy
- B. Banu Mushtaq
- C. Anitha Desai
- D. Vaidehi
- E. Temsula Ao

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Banu Mushtaq, a renowned Kannada writer, activist, and lawyer, became the first Kannada author to win the International Booker Prize 2025 for her short story collection 'Heart Lamp'.
- The award ceremony took place at Tate Modern, London, on May 20, 2025, and included a prize of GBP 50,000 shared between the author and the translator.
- The book portrays themes of women's resilience, social justice, and Karnataka's cultural identity.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- 2024 Crawford Fund Medal : Kadambot Siddique
- Sansad Ratna Awards 2025 : Maharashtra
- 58th Jnanpith Award : Jagadguru Rambhadracharya
- 52nd Karnataka State Lalitkala Academy Award : Rehman Patel, an artist from Kalaburagi
- INSA Distinguished Lecture Fellowship for the year 2025 : CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (CSIR-IICT), Hyderabad, scientist Surya Prakash Singh
- 2025 World Food Prize : Brazilian microbiologist Dr. Mariangela Hungria
- International Buddha Peace Award 2025 : Dr. Mustafa Yusufali Gom
- Humanitarian Award 2025 : Sonu Sood
- UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2025 : La Prensa, one of Nicaragua's oldest newspapers
- AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year 2025 : Subhasish Bose
- AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year : Soumya Guguloth (Telangana)
- French honour 'Officier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres' (Officer of the Order of Arts and Letters) : Payal Kapadia
- Platinum Recognition, the highest honour under the Green Airports Recognition 2025 : Hubballi Airport in Karnataka
- Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award : Satwik-Chirag
- Fiji's highest civilian honour, the 'Companion of the Order of Fiji' : Madhusudan Sai
- Udyog Vikas Award : National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC)
- Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Puraskar 2025 : Kumar Mangalam Birla
- Gurudev Kalicharan Brahma Award 2025 : Achyuta Samanta, the founder of KIIT and KISS
- 68th World Press Photo of the Year : Samar Abu Elouf, a Qatar-based Palestinian photographer
- "Legends of Endoscopy" award : Dr. D. Nageshwar Reddy, Chairman of AIG Hospitals
- Master Humor Award : Aamir Khan at Macau International Comedy Festival 2025 in china





Ques: Who has been appointed as Sudan's first Prime Minister since the civil war began in April 2023?

- A. Omar al-Bashir
- B. Abdalla Hamdok
- C. Kamil al-Taib Idris
- D. Abdel-Fattah Burhan
- E. Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Kamil al-Taib Idris has been appointed as Sudan's first Prime Minister since the civil war erupted in April 2023.
- He was appointed by Sudan's army chief Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan.
- This is the first such appointment since Abdalla Hamdok resigned in 2022.
- Sudan's capital is Khartoum, and its currency is the Sudanese pound.

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Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President :

- President of Togo : Jean-Lucien Kwassi Lanyo Savi de Tové (Replaced Faure Gnassingbe)
- Prime Minister of Yemen : Salem Saleh Bin Braik (replacing Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak)
- Prime Minister of Australia : Anthony Albanese
- Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago : Kamla Persad-Bissessar (replaced Stuart Young)
- Prime Minister (PM) of Serbia : Djuro Macut (Replaced Milos Vucevic)
- President of Ecuador : Daniel Noboa
- President of Gabon : Junta chief Brice Oligui Nguema
- Prime Minister (PM) of Tunisia : Sarra Zaafrani Zenzri (2nd Women)
- first female President of Namibia : Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah
- Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago : Stuart Richard Young (Replaced Dr. Keith Rowley)
- Prime Minister of Canada : Mark Carney (Replaced Justin Trudeau)
- 65th President of Uruguay : Yamandú Orsi (Replaced Luis Lacalle Pou)
- President of Greece : Constantine Tassoulas (Replaced Katerina Sakellaropoulou, Greece's first female president)
- Prime Minister of Vanuatu : Jotham Napat (Replaced Charlot Salwai)
- Interim President of Romania : Ilie Bolojan (Replaced Klaus Iohannis)
- Prime Minister of Lebanon : Nawaf Salam (Replaced Najib Mikati)
- Prime minister of Belgium : Bart De Wever
- Interim President of Syria : Ahmed alSharaa (Replaced Bashar al-Assad)
- President of Belarus : Alexander Lukashenko
- Prime minister of Ireland : Micheal Martin
- 47th President of the United States : Donald Trump for Second Term
- President of Croatia : Zoran Milanovic
- President of Venezuela : Nicolas Maduro
- President of Lebanon : Joseph Aoun





Ques: Which South American country recently joined China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) to boost exports and investment?

- A. Brazil
- B. Argentina
- C. Peru /
- D. Colombia
- E. Chile

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- In 2024, Colombia officially joined China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) by signing a cooperation pact during a meeting between President Gustavo Petro and President Xi Jinping in Beijing.
- The agreement is aimed at boosting exports, attracting Chinese investments, and enhancing connectivity along the Pacific coast.
- The BRI, launched in 2013, is China's global strategy for infrastructure and economic cooperation, with over 140 countries now participating, representing 75% of the world's population and over half of global GDP.

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Ques : What is the full form of the SPICED scheme launched by the Spices Board for 2025-26?

- A. Spices Promotion in Collaboration for Export Development
- B. Sustainable Practices in Cardamom Export Development
- C. Sustainability in Spice Sector through Progressive, Innovative and Collaborative Interventions for Export Development
- D. Spices Investment and Collaboration for Export Drive
- E. Spices Production Innovation for Cardamom Export Development

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The SPICED scheme, launched by the Spices Board for FY 2025-26, stands for "Sustainability in Spice Sector through Progressive, Innovative and Collaborative Interventions for Export Development".
- It promotes sustainable growth, innovation, and value addition in the spice export sector, especially focusing on cardamom, post-harvest improvements, organic production, and GI-tagged spices.
- Exporters and FPOs can apply for financial assistance under this scheme for a wide range of activities from micro-irrigation to organic farming and infrastructure development.

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Ques: What is the objective of the Bharatiya Bhasha Summer Camp launched by the Ministry of Education in New Delhi?

- A. To train teachers in foreign languages
- B. To teach coding skills to students
- C. To promote foundational literacy and multilingual learning through Indian language
- D. To provide summer employment opportunities to students
- E. To promote sports and fitness activities in schools

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched the Bharatiya Bhasha Summer Camp in New Delhi.
- The initiative aims to celebrate the diversity and beauty of Indian languages and foster unity through linguistic exchange.
- Students and teachers will learn an Indian language belonging to a different linguistic family than their own.
- Primers in 117 Indian languages have been developed by NCERT and CIIL to support Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) using children's mother tongues.

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Ques: Which country launched the first batch of AI-powered satellites to build the world's first supercomputer in orbit?

- A. USA
- B. Russia
- C. Japan
- D. China
- E. India

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- China launched the first batch of Artificial Intelligence-powered satellites aboard a Long March 2D rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre.
- The batch includes 12 satellites, each equipped with AI-powered computing systems and high-speed laser communication links.
- The space-based supercomputer is being developed by Chinese start-up ADA Space, in collaboration with Zhejiang Lab and the Neijiang High-Tech Zone.
- This initiative aims to establish the world's first orbital supercomputer.
- Currently, one of the world's most powerful supercomputers is El Capitan, located at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, USA.

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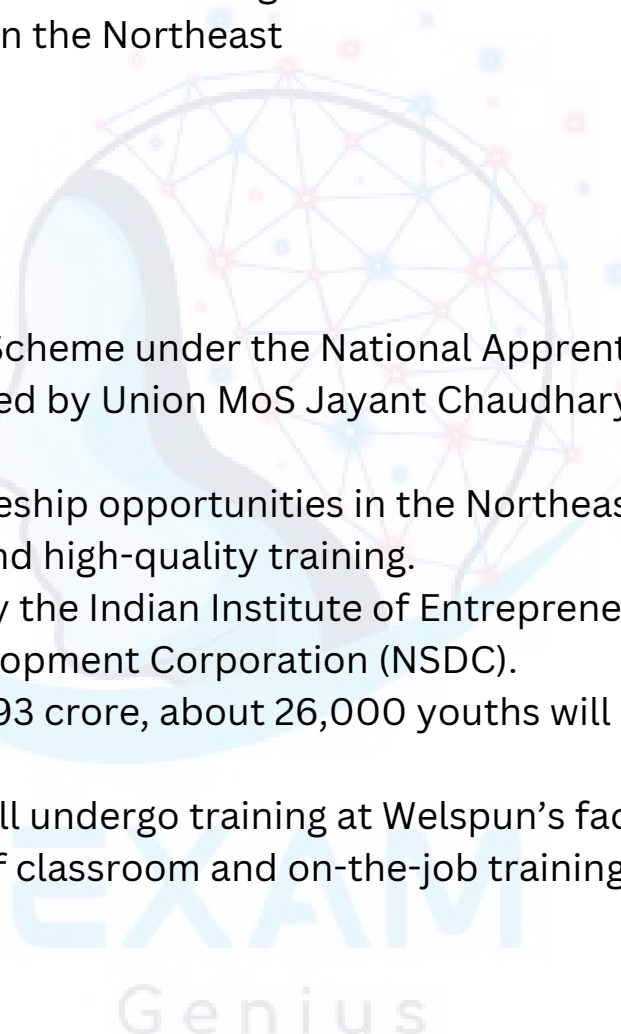
Ques: What is the main objective of the Pilot Apprenticeship Scheme launched under NAPS in the North Eastern Region?

- A. Promote tourism in northeastern states
- B. Provide structured and paid apprenticeship training to youth
- C. Establish new universities in Mizoram
- D. Support small-scale industries in the region
- E. Expand rail connectivity in the Northeast

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Pilot Apprenticeship Scheme under the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) was launched by Union MoS Jayant Chaudhary and Mizoram CM Lalduhoma.
- It aims to boost apprenticeship opportunities in the Northeastern Region by offering structured, paid, and high-quality training.
- The scheme is overseen by the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati and the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).
- With a total outlay of ₹43.93 crore, about 26,000 youths will receive ₹1,500 per month for one year.
- A target of 1,000 youth will undergo training at Welspun's facilities in Gujarat through a blended model of classroom and on-the-job training.





Ques: Jayant Narlikar, who recently passed away, was known for proposing which cosmological model?

- A. Big Bang Model
- B. Steady State Model
- C. Oscillating Universe Model
- D. Quantum Loop Model
- E. Plasma Cosmology

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Jayant Narlikar was a renowned Indian astrophysicist who co-proposed the Steady State Model of the universe along with Fred Hoyle.
- This theory challenged the widely accepted Big Bang Theory by suggesting that the universe has no beginning or end, and matter is continuously created.
- He was the Founder-Director of IUCAA, Pune, and played a crucial role in mentoring young astrophysicists in India.
- He was a prolific science communicator, authoring books, essays, and science fiction, and promoting scientific temper.
- His honors include Padma Bhushan (1965), Padma Vibhushan (2004), UNESCO Kalinga Prize, and French Legion of Honour.
- His autobiography 'Chaar Nagarantale Maze Vishwa' won the Sahitya Akademi Award.





Ques: In which village of Arunachal Pradesh was the Northeast Region's first geothermal production well successfully drilled?

- A. Tawang
- B. Bomdila
- C. Dirang
- D. Ziro
- E. Itanagar

Answer: Option C.

Explanation:

- The Centre for Earth Sciences and Himalayan Studies (CEHS) has successfully drilled the first geothermal production well in the Northeast Region at Dirang village, located in West Kameng district, Arunachal Pradesh.
- The project is an international collaboration with the Norway Geotechnical Institute, Geotrophye (Iceland), and Guwahati Boring Service.
- CEHS aims to make Dirang India's first geothermal-powered town by deepening operations in future phases.
- Previously, India's first geothermal power project was established in the Manuguru region of Telangana, featuring a 20-Kilowatt pilot plant by Singareni Collieries Company Limited

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Ques: M.R. Srinivasan, who recently passed away, was associated with which field?

- A. Space Research
- B. Nuclear Science
- C. Astrophysics
- D. Meteorology
- E. Marine Biology

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- M.R. Srinivasan was a renowned nuclear scientist who played a foundational role in shaping India's nuclear programme.
- He worked with Dr. Homi J. Bhabha on India's first nuclear research reactor, Apsara, in 1955.
- In 1967, he was appointed as Chief Project Engineer for India's first atomic power station at Tarapur.
- He served as Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) and Secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE).
- He was also the founder-chairman of NPCIL (Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd.).
- Under his leadership, 18 nuclear power units were developed.
- In 2015, he was awarded the Padma Vibhushan, India's second-highest civilian award.
- He passed away at the age of 95 in Udthagamandalam, Tamil Nadu.



LQues: Who is known as the Father of India's Science Museum Movement and recently passed away?

- A. Dr. Vikram Sarabhai
- B. Dr. Saroj Ghose
- C. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
- D. Dr. Jayant Narlikar
- E. Dr. Homi Bhabha

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Dr. Saroj Ghose was the Founding Director General of the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) and is regarded as the Father of India's Science Museum Movement.
- In 1965, he became the Director of BITM (Birla Industrial and Technological Museum) and launched the innovative "Mobile Science Museum", which brought science exhibitions to remote and rural areas.
- He was honored with the Padma Shri in 1989 and the Padma Bhushan in 2007 for his contributions in the field of Science and Engineering.
- His pioneering efforts helped popularize science education across India through museums and mobile outreach.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

ZikZuk, a fast-growing fintech startup headquartered in Hyderabad (Telangana), has received in-principle authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to issue Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPI).

The Haryana Water Resources (Conservation, Regulation and Management) Authority (HWRA) has launched the Haryana Water Resource Atlas 2025—an artificial intelligence-powered, geospatial platform.

IDBI Bank Sold Entire 21.14% Stake in Puducherry Industrial Promotion Development and Investment Corporation Limited (PIPDIC) to Govt of Puducherry for Rs.18.83 Crore. The buyer, Government of Puducherry, already held 78.86% stake, thus becoming the sole owner of PIPDIC after this acquisition

Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa demonstrated his dominance in the Superbet Classic in Romania (Bucharest), defeating Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France to win his first-ever Grand Chess Tour tournament.

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) has reached a significant milestone as its expedition team successfully scaled Mount Everest (8,848m). The team comprised 10 NCC cadets. This is the third ascent of Mt Everest by the NCC, following previous expeditions in 2013 and 2016.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries in partnership with Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI), and Government of Bihar, is organizing International Buyer Seller Meet (IBSM) in Patna, Bihar

