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**Ques: Which country was recently admitted as a new member of the New Development Bank (NDB) established by BRICS nations?**

- A. Nigeria
- B. Algeria
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Iran
- E. Turkey

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- The New Development Bank (NDB) was established by the BRICS nations: Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.
- Algeria has been officially admitted as a new member of the NDB, as announced by NDB President Dilma Rousseff.
- Other NDB members include Bangladesh, UAE, Egypt, and Indonesia, with Uruguay as a prospective member.
- The Indian Regional Office of the NDB was recently launched at GIFT City, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- The bank was established with an initial authorized capital of USD 100 billion.
- The first president of the NDB was K.V. Kamath from India (2015–2020).

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**Ques : Which bank signed MOU with Atal Incubation Centre (AIC) Software Technology Parks of India Next (STPINEXT) to provide essential financial solutions and structural support to early-stage startups ?**

- (a) Federal Bank
- (b) Axis Bank
- (c) IndusInd Bank
- (d) HDFC Bank
- (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- A MoU was signed by IndusInd Bank Limited and Atal Incubation Centre (AIC) Software Technology Parks of India Next (STPINEXT) to offer crucial financial solutions and structural support to Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) and early-stage startups throughout India.
- By providing startups and MSMEs seeded by AIC STPINEXT with operational tools, financial literacy, and tailored banking services, the alliance seeks to foster innovation and entrepreneurship.

**About IndusInd Bank :**

- Established : 1994
- HQ : Pune
- CEO & MD : Sumant Kathpalia
- Tagline : We Make You Feel Richer

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## Recently signed banking agreements

- The Indian Institute of Banking & Finance (IIBF) and Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) have inked a MoU for a tailored Electronic (e)-Learning and certification program on Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Businesses (MSMEs)
- Bank of India (BOI) has signed a MoU with IIT Hyderabad to organize a FinTech & Cybersecurity Hackathon in September 2025
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has entered into a strategic partnership with Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL) to expand access to digital credit solutions across India
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) announced a strategic partnership with Khan Bank, a leading commercial bank in Mongolia, to modernise its digital banking platform
- The Tamil Nadu government signed agreements with 7 banks including Indian Bank, SBI, Axis Bank, and others to provide insurance and loan benefits to government employees
- SBM Bank India has entered into a strategic partnership with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, marking a pivotal move aimed at enhancing its retail banking offerings and delivering a wider array of financial solutions to its customers.
- SBI Card has collaborated with Apollo HealthCo, the operator of Apollo Pharmacy, to launch a co-branded credit card in May 2025
- Exim Bank of India signed an agreement on January 16, 2025, with the Government of Mongolia to provide a USD 700 million Line of Credit (LoC) for financing the construction of a crude oil refinery plant in Mongolia
- 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)



**Ques: Which cryptocurrency exchange became the first to be included in the S&P 500 Index?**

- A. Binance
- B. Kraken
- C. Coinbase
- D. Bitfinex
- E. Gemini

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Coinbase Global Inc. (COIN) became the first cryptocurrency exchange to be included in the S&P 500 Index, a major U.S. stock market index.
- It replaced Discover Financial Services (DFS) after DFS was acquired by Capital One Financial Corporation.
- The S&P 500 Index includes 500 leading U.S. companies and represents around 90% of the U.S. equity market capitalization.

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**Ques : Which state government formulate first-of-its-kind 'Composite Backwardness Index' ?**

- A. Telangana
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Punjab
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Haryana

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation :**

- The Telangana government is developing a first-of-its-kind Composite Backwardness Index to assess the disparities across 243 sub-castes identified in the SEEEPC Survey 2024.
- This Index will use 43 indicators across rural and urban areas to measure relative backwardness.
- It aims to offer data-driven social justice policies and is inspired by the Mandal Commission, which used 11 parameters.
- The project is led by Justice Sudarshan Reddy and is based on constitutional values of equity and inclusiveness.

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**Ques: Which organization did the Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) sign an MoU with to promote sustainable manufacturing in India's garment industry?**

- A. Bureau of Energy Efficiency
- B. Green Business Certification Institute
- C. National Green Tribunal
- D. United Nations Environment Programme
- E. Central Pollution Control Board

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- The Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Green Business Certification Institute.
- The goal is to encourage sustainable manufacturing and increase the number of LEED-certified garment factories in India.
- LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a globally recognized certification for sustainable and environmentally responsible buildings.
- India currently ranks third globally in LEED certification, behind China and Canada, with only 13 LEED-certified garment factories.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- IndianOil Ultimate Table Tennis signed a 3-year agreement with JioStar Private Limited to enhance the reach and visibility of table tennis in India. Under this agreement, JioStar will serve as the exclusive broadcast and streaming partner of IndianOil UTT till 2027
- India and Maldives signed an agreement under Phase III of the High Impact Community Development Project (HICDP)
- India and the European Union launched two joint research projects under the India-Europe Union Trade and Technology Council
- Reliance Power Limited and Bhutan's Green Digital Private Limited (a subsidiary of DHI) have formed a 50:50 joint venture to develop Bhutan's largest solar power project with a capacity of 500 MW
- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Group of Twenty (G20) signed an MoU to promote ethical AI governance
- DPIIT signed a MOU with the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP) to accelerate innovation, sustainability, and entrepreneurship in India's clean energy and manufacturing sectors.
- Cochin Shipyard Limited has entered into a strategic collaboration with UAE based Drydocks World to develop world-class ship repair clusters across India.
- IndianOil Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) and JioStar Private Limited Sign 3-Year Broadcast Deal to enhance the reach and visibility of table tennis in India. IndianOil UTT 2025 is organized under the aegis of the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) and promoted by Niraj Bajaj and Vita Dani.
- Government of Fiji and Government of India Objective To strengthen cooperation in the health sector - Medicines and Medical supplies
- HLL Lifecare Limited, a Government of India enterprise, has signed an agreement with State Trade Organisation Plc, a Government of Maldives body, for the supply of essential medicines
- For its 810 Megawatt solar power plant, Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Renewables Limited and Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited inked a Power Purchase Agreement. The Pugal Solar Park in Rajasthan's Bikaner district would be the site of the solar power project's development







**Ques: What is the title of the book that reignited the debate over U.S. President Joe Biden's health during his 2024 re-election campaign?**

- A. Original Sin
- B. The Decline
- C. Final Days
- D. Hidden Truth
- E. Behind the Curtain

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation :**

- The book titled "Original Sin" is authored by Jake Tapper and Alex Thompson.
- It reignited debate about President Joe Biden's fitness for office, particularly during his 2024 re-election campaign.
- The book reportedly alleges Biden's physical deterioration and claims that his inner circle concealed his condition, even considering extreme measures like using a wheelchair.

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**Ques: How many all-party delegations has the Government of India formed to brief foreign nations about Operation Sindoor and its stance against terrorism?**

- A. 7
- B. 8
- C. 9
- D. 10
- E. 11

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation:**

- As part of its diplomatic outreach, the Government of India has formed seven all-party delegations.
- These delegations are tasked with briefing key foreign nations about Operation Sindoor and India's strong resolve against terrorism.
- Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri briefed the delegations before their departure.
- The seven parliamentary groups comprise 59 Members of Parliament from different political parties.
- These groups are scheduled to visit 32 countries to carry out diplomatic engagement.

**About the Seven Parliamentary Delegation and Visiting countries :**

1. BJP MP Baijayant Panda : Algeria, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait
2. BJP MP Ravi Shankar Prasad : United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, Denmark, and the European Union
3. DMK MP Kanimozhi Karunanidhi : Latvia, Russia, Spain, Slovenia and Greece
4. Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Eknath Shinde : Liberia, Sierra Leone, Congo and the United Arab Emirates
5. Congress MP Shashi Tharoor : Panama, Guyana, Colombia, and the United States
6. Supriya Sule : Ethiopia, Qatar, Egypt, and South Africa
7. Janata Dal United MP Sanjay Kumar Jha : Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, and Singapore





## Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- A first-of-its-kind national-level hackathon titled “CemHack for Green Infra” was launched. Organised by the NCB Incubation Centre (NCB-IC), the hackathon aims to provide an umbrella platform to support entrepreneurship and commercialization. Cash rewards of up to Rs.1 lakh and incubation or mentoring opportunities at NCB-IC are on offer
- The 8th meeting of the India-US Joint Working Group on Aircraft Carrier Technology Cooperation (JWGACTC), constituted under the auspices of the India – US Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI), was organised in India
- The ‘Inclusive India Summit’ was organized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on May 15, 2025, in New Delhi
- The 10th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, focused on the crucial role of states in transforming India into a developed nation by 2047. The central theme of the meeting was "Viksit Rajya, Viksit Bharat @2047".
- The BRICS Energy Ministers’ Meeting 2025 was held in Brasília, Brazil, under Brazil’s presidency, with the central theme “Strengthening Global South Cooperation for More Inclusive and Sustainable Governance.”
- Rising Northeast Investors Summit 2025 Organised by Union Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region in New Delhi and Inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- 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 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





**Ques: Who hosted the 24th Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers meeting?**

- A. India
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Maldives
- D. Bangladesh
- E. Mauritius

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation :**

- The 24th IORA Council of Ministers (COM) meeting was hosted virtually by Sri Lanka, which currently holds the IORA Chair.
- The meeting was held under the theme “Sustainable Indian Ocean for future Generation”.
- India, currently serving as the Vice-Chair, was represented by P. Kumaran, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs.
- India will assume the Chairship of IORA for 2025–2027, highlighting its growing leadership role in the Indian Ocean region.

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**Ques: According to the World's Wealthiest Cities Report 2025, which Indian city is the wealthiest, and what is its global rank?**

- A. Bengaluru – 35th
- B. Delhi – 21st
- C. Mumbai – 27th
- D. Hyderabad – 39th
- E. Chennai – 30th

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- World's Wealthiest Cities Report 2025 4th Edition Published by Henley & Partners in partnership with wealth intelligence firm, New World Wealth. It includes Total 50 Cities.
- According to the report, Mumbai, Maharashtra, is the wealthiest city in India, home to over 51,000 millionaires and 25 billionaires, placing it in 27th place globally.
- Over the past ten years, Mumbai, commonly referred to as India's financial capital, has seen a strong 69% increase in the number of millionaires.
- As to the research, New York City (USA) maintains its status as the world's wealthiest city, with 384, 500 High-Net Worth Individuals (HNIs).

**List of World's Top 5 Wealthiest Cities 2025 :**

- 1 New York City, USA
- 2 The Bay Area, USA
- 3 Tokyo, Japan
- 4 Singapore, Singapore
- 5 Los Angeles, USA
- 27 Mumbai, India
- 39 Delhi, India





## India's Rankings in Different Indices

- Forbes' 2025 list of the world's highest-paid athletes : Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal) : Soccer
- 2025 Kantar BrandZ report : Apple (1st), TCS (45th)
- World Press Freedom Index 2025 was published by Reporters Without Borders (RSF) : India (151th), Norway (1st)
- Human Development Index (HDI) 2023 : India (130th)
- 2nd edition of the 2025 CareEdge State Rankings was published by CareEdge Ratings : Maharashtra (top) Gujarat (2nd)
- Asia University Rankings 2025 published by Times Higher Education (THE) : Indian Institute of Science (IISc) (38th), Tsinghua University (China) (1st)
- According to Newsweek and Statista's "World's Best Hospitals 2025" : All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi (97th)
- World's busiest airports in 2024 Published by Airports Council International (ACI) : Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in Delhi (9th), Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (United States) (1st)
- Report Automotive Industry: Powering India's Participation in Global Value Chains 2nd Edition Published by National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) : India (4th), China (1st)
- Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) baseline report 1st Edition Published by Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) : Gujarat (top)
- World's Best Airport for 2025 : Singapore Changi Airport (1st), Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), or Delhi International Airport (32nd)
- 'Readiness for Frontier Technologies' index Published by UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) : India (36th)
- Annual World's Billionaires list 39th Edition Published by Forbes : Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla Motors (1st), Mukesh Ambani (18th)
- Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 37) 37th Edition Published by China Development Institute (CDI) : GIFT City-Gujarat (India) (46th), New York (USA) (1st)
- 2025 Hurun Global Rich List Edition 14th Published by Hurun Research Institute : Elon Musk (1st), Mukesh Ambani (17th)
- Annual ranking of 500 high-growth Asia-Pacific companies : Lendbox - India (USD 51.13 million) (1st)







**Ques: Which railway entity is being merged with Indian Railways after receiving approvals from multiple states including Maharashtra?**

- A. Konkan Railway
- B. Eastern Coastal Railway
- C. South Central Railway
- D. Western Railway
- E. Southern Railway

**Answer: Option A**

Explanation :

- Following the Maharashtra government's permission last month, the decks have been cleared to merge Konkan Railway with Indian Railways.
- The merger, which has already received approval from the governments of Karnataka, Goa, and Kerala, intends to alleviate Konkan Railway's budgetary limitations, improve operational effectiveness, and facilitate the expansion of its infrastructure.
- Even after the merger, Indian Railways will continue to operate under the name Konkan Railway and will return more than Rs.394 crore that the Maharashtra government contributed as a share when the Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) was established in 1990.
- Four states—Maharashtra (22%), Karnataka (15%), Goa, and Kerala (6% each)—and the Ministry of Railways (51% interest) jointly own KRCL.
- Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, and Kerala are all connected by the 741-kilometer beautiful Konkan Railway.
- On March 20, 1993, the Konkan Railway's first passenger train traveled between Udupi and Mangalore.







**Ques: Amity University Online (AUO) signed an MoU with which sports body to offer educational opportunities to players?**

- A. BCCI
- B. Wrestling Federation of India
- C. Hockey India
- D. All India Football Federation
- E. Indian Olympic Association

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Amity University Online (AUO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hockey India, based in New Delhi.
- The aim is to offer educational opportunities to international, national, and state-level hockey players.
- Players like Salima Tete and Jyoti Singh were enrolled in Sociology and MBA (Marketing) programs, respectively.
- Under the CHAMPS (Celebrating Heroes with Amity Merit Program Scholarships) initiative, AUO will provide up to 100% scholarships for athletes.
- The MoU reflects a commitment to balancing sports and education for holistic athlete development.

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**Ques : which state launches Mahavistar App to support farmers ahead of the Kharif season ?**

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Jharkhand
- E. Maharashtra

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation :**

- The Mahavistar App was launched by the Maharashtra Government ahead of the Kharif season to support farmers.
- It includes farming methods, crop-specific guidance, instructional videos, real-time commodity prices, and an AI-powered chatbot.
- The initiative was discussed during a State-level Kharif season review meeting chaired by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.
- Farmers are also encouraged to use Digital Sheti Shala and register seeds on the SATHI portal to trace seed origins and combat fake seeds.
- The Kharif season typically runs from June to September in India.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched a revamped OCI (Overseas Citizen of India) Portal with an updated user interface
- Petologist App Launched by Karnataka Government to connect pet owners and farmers with licensed veterinarians, clinics, and hospitals. It is Developed by Bengaluru based Transduceideas Technologies LLP
- SBOF Agrosmart Private Limited launched SBOF Agrosmart, India's first AI-powered integrated agriculture app
- Maharashtra became the first state to successfully complete the digitisation of the entire seed retail chain on the SATHI portal. This includes capturing essential details about seed sources, species, and distribution channels
- The PRASHAST app, launched by Delhi's Directorate of Education, is designed for the early identification of students with disabilities
- 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
- ECINET (Election Commission of India Network) is a single-point digital platform launched by the Election Commission of India for all electoral-related activities
- The Government of India will launch "Depot Darpan", a real-time monitoring portal for food storage depots, on May 20, 2025
- The Income Tax Department launched the 'e-Pay Tax' feature on its official online portal
- To make land record management easier, more transparent, and more publically available, the Telangana government launched the Bhu Bharati portal
- Startup QNu Labs introduces Q-Shield, the first platform of its kind in the world that enables businesses to safeguard vital infrastructure
- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched the dedicated digital portal developed by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) to facilitate private sector participation in building infrastructure (like jetties and terminals) on National Waterways, promoting Ease of Doing Business (EODB)
- A new website for the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GR) was unveiled in New Delhi by Union Minister of Jal Shakti C.R. Patil



**Ques: Which department has announced the sharing of “Financial Fraud Risk Indicators (FRI)” to help combat cyber fraud?**

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Ministry of Electronics and IT
- C. Reserve Bank of India
- D. Department of Telecommunications
- E. National Payments Corporation of India

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has announced the sharing of Financial Fraud Risk Indicators (FRI).
- FRI is a multi-dimensional analytical tool developed under the Digital Intelligence Platform.
- It classifies mobile numbers into categories like Medium, High, or Very High risk of financial fraud.
- The tool helps banks, NBFCs, and UPI service providers take proactive enforcement actions and enhance fraud detection.
- It aims to empower financial institutions with advanced actionable intelligence to mitigate cyber fraud.

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**Ques: How many Kirti Chakras were conferred during the Defence Investiture Ceremony 2025 (Phase-I), and who presented the awards?**

- A. 5 Kirti Chakras, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- B. 4 Kirti Chakras, by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
- C. 6 Kirti Chakras, by President Droupadi Murmu
- D. 7 Kirti Chakras, by Chief of Defence Staff
- E. 3 Kirti Chakras, by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation :**

- During the Defence Investiture Ceremony 2025 (Phase-I) at Rashtrapati Bhavan, President Droupadi Murmu, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, conferred:
- 6 Kirti Chakras (India's second-highest peacetime gallantry award) : 4 posthumously and 2 to living personnel
- 33 Shaurya Chakras (7 posthumously)
- Notable posthumous recipients of Kirti Chakra include Col Manpreet Singh, Naik Dilwar Khan, Rifleman Ravi Kumar, and DySP Himayun Muzzammil Bhat.
- Living awardees include Maj Malla Rama Gopal Naidu and Maj Manjit.

**The gallantry award system includes:**

- Wartime: Param Vir Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra, Vir Chakra
- Peacetime: Ashoka Chakra, Kirti Chakra, Shaurya Chakra
- Renamed in 1967 from Ashoka Chakra Classes I-III.





**Ques: Which state launched the i-PRAGATI and Tera Tujhko Arpan portals to enhance investigation transparency and expedite cybercrime refunds?**

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Gujarat
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Madhya Pradesh

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation :**

- i-PRAGATI (Investigation Progress Report through Automatically Generated Accurate and Timely Information) was launched by the Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and MoS Harsh Sanghavi.
- The portal automatically sends SMS updates to complainants during four stages of investigation: FIR registration, panchnama, arrest of accused, and chargesheet filing.
- Tera Tujhko Arpan is aimed at expediting refunds for cybercrime victims through Lok Adalats (People's Courts).
- Both initiatives fall under the Home, Police Housing & Disaster Management Department of Gujarat.

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**Ques : Which state government introduce Rahveer Scheme for Accident Victims ?**

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Madhya Pradesh
- E. Haryana

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- The Rahveer Yojana, initiated by the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and implemented by Madhya Pradesh, aims to encourage Good Samaritans to help road accident victims.
- Under the scheme, any citizen who transports an injured person to a hospital or health centre within the “golden hour” (first one hour after the accident) is rewarded with Rs.25,000.
- This reward was increased from Rs.5,000, showing the government’s commitment to saving lives by promoting timely assistance.

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**Ques: National Aerospace Laboratories conducted pre-monsoon flight tests for its indigenous High-Altitude Platform (HAP) prototype at which location?**

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Challakere, Karnataka
- D. Pune
- E. Visakhapatnam

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) successfully completed a series of pre-monsoon flight tests for its indigenous High-Altitude Platform (HAP) prototype.
- The tests were conducted at the Aeronautical Test Range in Challakere, located in Chitradurga district, Karnataka.
- A High-Altitude Platform (HAP) is an aerial system designed to operate in the stratosphere (18–25 km altitude) for services such as surveillance, communication, internet coverage, and environmental monitoring.
- These tests involved an upgraded certified pilot system developed by NAL.

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**Ques: Which country has signed an agreement with Mauritius to transfer sovereignty over the Chagos Islands while retaining control of the Diego Garcia military base for 99 years?**

- A. United States
- B. Australia
- C. United Kingdom
- D. France
- E. Canada

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The United Kingdom signed an agreement to transfer sovereignty of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius.
- However, it will retain control of the strategic military base on Diego Garcia for 99 years.
- Although Mauritius will have sovereignty, it won't resettle any population on Diego Garcia.
- The UK will pay Mauritius £101 million annually during this period.
- The military base will be accessible to Five Eyes alliance countries: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United States, and the United Kingdom.

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**Ques: When is Commonwealth Day celebrated in India?**

- A. 20 May
- B. 21 May
- C. 22 May
- D. 23 May
- E. 24 May

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation :**

- Commonwealth Day is generally commemorated on the second Monday of March globally.
- However, India and a few other countries celebrate it on 24th May to honour the birthday of Queen Victoria, born on May 24, 1819.
- Originally known as Empire Day, it now honours the unity among 56 Commonwealth nations committed to peace, democracy, and development.
- The theme for 2025 is “Together We Thrive.”

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### Important days :

- 7 May : World Athletics Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Relay Around the World Challenge)
- 7 May : Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti
- 8 May : World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day (theme for 2025 is “Keeping Humanity Alive.”)
- 8 May : Victory Day for World War II, marking the 80th anniversary of Nazi Germany’s surrender in 1945
- 9 May : Maharana Pratap Jayanti
- 10 May : World Lupus Day (theme “Let’s bring lupus together”)
- 10 May and 11 October 2025 : World Migratory Bird Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Creating bird-friendly cities & communities)
- 11th May : International Mother’s Day
- 11th May : National Technology Day (Theme "YANTRA – Yugantar for Advancing New Technology, Research & Acceleration")
- 12th May : Vesak Day, also known as Buddha Purnima
- 12th May : International Day of Plant Health (IDPH) (Theme “The importance of plant health in One Health”)
- 12th May : International Nurses Day (Theme 2025 “Our Nurses. Our Future. Caring for nurses strengthens economies.”)
- 12th – 18th : May 8th UN Global Road Safety Week (Theme 2025 #MakeWalkingSafe and #MakeCyclingSafe)
- 15th May : International Day of Families (2025 Theme: Family-Oriented Policies for Sustainable Development: Towards the Second World Summit for Social Development)
- 16th May : The International Day of Light (Theme for 2025: “Light, Innovation, Society”)
- 16th May : International Day of Living Together in Peace 2025
- 16th May : National Dengue Day (Theme 2025 Act Early, Prevent Dengue: Clean Surroundings, Healthy Living)
- 16th May (Third Friday of May) : National Endangered Species Day (Theme 2025 celebrate saving species)
- 16th May : Sikkim celebrates its Statehood Day
- 17th May : World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) (theme for 2025 is “Gender equality in digital transformation.”)





## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Kerala has emerged as the first state in the country to make robotics education mandatory for all 4.3 lakh students of class 10.

Singapore's Singtel Sold 1.2% Stake in Bharti Airtel for Singapore Dollars (SGD) 2 billion (approximately USD 1.54 billion or Rs 13,182 crore). With this transaction, Singtel's total shareholding in Bharti Airtel reduced to 28.3% from 29.5%.

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), under the Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, celebrated World Bee Day 2025 under the banner 'Sweet Revolution Utsav'.

Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has asked officials to include widowed women under the 'Mukhya Mantri Kanya Vivah Yojana' (MMKVY). The State Government has made a provision of ₹12 crore in the 2025-26 State Budget

Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Ministry of Finance (MoF) and Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), presided over the 16th Annual Day celebration of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) in New Delhi.

Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) lifted its suspension on the Congolese Football Federation (FECOFOOT), Republic of Congo (ROC).

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