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Ques: As per the RBI data released in May 2025, what was the total outward remittance under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) for FY 2024-25?

- A. USD 31.24 billion
- B. USD 27.89 billion
- C. USD 29.56 billion
- D. USD 26.42 billion
- E. USD 32.10 billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Outward remittances under RBI's Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) for FY 2024-25 declined by 6.85% to USD 29.56 billion.
- Remittances in March 2025 rose 10.65% YoY to USD 2.55 billion.
- Major contributor to the overall decline was a 16% drop in remittances for foreign education, from USD 3.48 billion (FY24) to USD 2.92 billion (FY25).
- International travel remittances fell marginally by 0.25% to USD 16.96 billion.
- Investment in overseas equity and debt increased by 12.51% to USD 1.699 billion.

About LRS Scheme :

- Launched : 2004
- Allowing all resident individuals to remit up to \$250,000 per financial year outside India for any permissible current or capital account transaction, or a combination of both, free of charge
- Initial limit : \$25,000





Ques: Which district has designated *Melastoma malabathricum* (Athirani) as its official flower along with other biodiversity symbols?

- A. Wayanad
- B. Idukki
- C. Ernakulam
- D. Kozhikode
- E. Alappuzha

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Kozhikode district has officially designated several biodiversity symbols:

- Official flower: *Melastoma malabathricum* (Athirani)
- Official bird: *Ceyx erithaca* (Meniponman)
- Official butterfly: *Pachliopta pandiyana* (Malabar rose)
- Official tree: *Hopea erosa* (Theyyakam)
- Official heritage tree: *Cycas circinalis* (Eenthu)
- Official aquatic animal: *Lutrogale perspicillata* (Otter)
- Official fish: *Pangio bhujia* (Pathala Poontharakan)
- Official animal: *Manis crassicaudata* (Indian Pangolin)

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Ques: Who among the following was placed in the 'Trailblazers' category in TIME 100 Most Influential People in Philanthropy 2025 list?

- A. Azim Premji
- B. Nikhil Kamath
- C. Anand Giridharadas
- D. Reeta Roy
- E. Nita Ambani

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- TIME magazine released the inaugural edition of TIME 100 Most Influential People in Philanthropy 2025.
- The list is divided into four categories: Titans, Leaders, Trailblazers, and Innovators.
- Nikhil Kamath, co-founder of Zerodha, was listed under the Trailblazers category.
- Mukesh Ambani, Nita Ambani, and Azim Premji were listed in the Titans category.
- Anand Giridharadas was placed in the Innovators category.
- Reeta Roy, Indian-origin Malaysian and CEO of Mastercard Foundation, was included in the Leaders category.

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Ques: The Ministry of Ayush signed an agreement with which organization to develop a Traditional Medicine Module under the International Classification of Health Interventions (ICHI)?

- A. United Nations
- B. World Health Organization (WHO)
- C. UNESCO
- D. World Bank
- E. International Monetary Fund

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Ayush signed an agreement with the World Health Organization (WHO) to develop a Traditional Medicine Module under ICHI (International Classification of Health Interventions).
- India contributed USD 3 million to support this initiative.
- The new module will codify interventions from Ayurveda, Yoga, Siddha, and Unani (AYUSH) systems.
- It will complement WHO's International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11).

About World Health Organization :

- Established : 7 April 1948
- HQ : Geneva, Switzerland
- Director-General : Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus





Ques: Who has been appointed as India's 37th men's Test captain in 2025?

- A. Rishabh Pant
- B. KL Rahul
- C. Jasprit Bumrah
- D. Shubman Gill
- E. Ravindra Jadeja

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Shubman Gill has been appointed as India's 37th Test captain.
- He will lead an 18-member squad for the five-match Test series against England starting June 20, 2025.
- Rishabh Pant has been named vice-captain, while B. Sai Sudharsan and Arshdeep Singh received maiden Test call-ups.
- Jasprit Bumrah is expected to have workload management and may not play all Tests.
- The selectors have focused on long-term leadership by choosing Gill over experienced players like KL Rahul.

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Ques: Which organization is India submitting a dossier to, urging the re-listing of Pakistan in the grey list for non-compliance with commitments on terror financing and money laundering?

- A. FATF
- B. United Nations
- C. INTERPOL
- D. IMF
- E. World Bank

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- FATF stands for Financial Action Task Force, an intergovernmental watchdog formed in 1989 during the G7 Summit in Paris.
- It sets and enforces global standards to combat money laundering, terror financing, and the financing of weapons of mass destruction.
- Headquarters: Paris, France
- Membership: 40 members (38 jurisdictions + 2 regional bodies: Gulf Cooperation Council and European Commission)
- India has been a full member since 2010.

FATF Lists:

- Grey List: Countries under increased monitoring (e.g., Pakistan from 2018–2022). It affects foreign investments and the country's international standing.
- Black List: Countries with serious non-compliance (e.g., North Korea, Iran, Myanmar).





Q. What is the resolution of the new Bharat Forecast System (BFS)?

- A. 12 km
- B. 10 km
- C. 6 km
- D. 3 km
- E. 1 km

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Bharat Forecast System (BFS) is developed by Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune.
- It provides a 6 km resolution, which is the highest resolution in the world for weather forecasting.
- It replaces the older CFS system that had a 12 km resolution.
- Enabled by the supercomputer Arka, BFS runs the weather model in just 4 hours, enhancing forecasting speed and accuracy—especially for cyclones and extreme rainfall events.
- BFS will officially be operational starting this monsoon season (2025).

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Ques: In 2025, which country's Accountability Authority was elected to the Executive Board of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA)?

- A. India
- B. United States
- C. United Arab Emirates
- D. China
- E. United Kingdom

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The UAE Accountability Authority (UAEAA) was elected to the Executive Board of the IAACA in 2025.
- The election took place during IAACA's first council meeting of 2025, held in Abu Dhabi.
- IAACA is an independent, non-political organization supporting the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC).
- It was founded in 2006 in Beijing, China. The current President of IAACA is Danny Y.M. Woo.

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Ques: How much central assistance has been approved for the Yamuna cleaning project under AMRUT 2.0?

- A. Rs.1,000 crore
- B. Rs.804 crore
- C. Rs.3,104 crore
- D. Rs.800 crore
- E. Rs.500 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Central Government has approved Rs.800 crore under the AMRUT 2.0 scheme to support the Yamuna cleaning project in Delhi.
- The funds will be used to enhance sewer connections in slums and unauthorised colonies, impacting about 35 lakh people.
- The project includes 13,000 new sewer connections in slums, 2.5 lakh in colonies, and 40 DSTPs, forming part of a larger Rs.3,104 crore initiative.

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Ques: Where was the 1st edition of the Khelo India Beach Games (KIBG) 2025 held?

- A. Goa
- B. Kochi
- C. Puducherry
- D. Diu
- E. Chennai

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Khelo India Beach Games (KIBG) 2025, India's first national-level beach sports event, was held in Diu, part of the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (DNHDD).
- The event was organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS), Government of India.
- Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the games on 19 May 2025 at Ghoghla Beach, Diu, and attended the closing ceremony on 24 May 2025 at INS Khukri Memorial.
- Six medal sports included : pencak silat, beach soccer, sepak takraw, beach kabaddi, beach volleyball, and open water swimming.
- Two demonstration sports: mallakhamb and tug of war.
- The mascot, Pearl the dolphin, symbolizes marine biodiversity, inspired by the aquatic life of Nagoa Beach, Diu.

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Ques: What is the name of the first community radio station launched in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand to serve border communities?

- A. Radio Pahad
- B. Uttarakhand Voice
- C. Panchshul Pulse
- D. Border Echo
- E. Mountain Melody

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Panchshul Pulse is the first community radio station in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, launched to support and connect border communities.
- The initiative was launched by Lieutenant General Anindya Sengupta of the Indian Army.
- It operates under the Vibrant Villages Programme of the Government of India, promoting development in remote border regions.
- Its tagline, “Hill se Dil Tak”, signifies emotional and cultural connectivity.

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Q. By which year is India planning to achieve 51 GW of pumped storage hydropower capacity?

- A. 2027
- B. 2030
- C. 2032
- D. 2035
- E. 2040

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- By 2032, India aims to develop 51.24 GW of pumped storage hydropower, as per the Central Electricity Authority (CEA).
- Greenko (13 GW), Adani Green (14 GW), and JSW Energy (7.7 GW) will build about two-thirds of this capacity.
- 57% of the capacity will be located in Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.
- These projects will play a key role in grid balancing and integrating solar and wind energy.
- Currently, India has less than 5 GW of installed pumped storage capacity, but around 10 GW is under construction.

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Ques: What is the EPF interest rate approved by the Government of India for FY2024-25?

- A. 8.00%
- B. 8.15%
- C. 8.20%
- D. 8.25%
- E. 8.50%

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Central Board of Trustees of EPFO, in its 237th meeting, chaired by Union Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, decided to retain the EPF interest rate at 8.25% for FY2024–25.
- The Finance Ministry has given formal approval for the same.
- This will benefit over 7 crore EPFO subscribers.
- Though unchanged, the 8.25% interest rate still offers better returns than most fixed-income instruments, supporting retirement savings.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the 48th and youngest President of Ecuador in 2025?

- A. Guillermo Lasso
- B. María José Pinto
- C. Daniel Noboa /
- D. Rafael Correa
- E. Lenin Moreno

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Daniel Noboa, representing the National Democratic Action (ADN) party, was appointed as the 48th President of Ecuador.
- At 37 years old, he is the youngest President in the history of Ecuador.
- His presidential term is from 2025 to 2029.
- María José Pinto was appointed as the Vice President of Ecuador.

About Ecuador :

- Capital : Quito
- Currency : United States Dollar
- President : Daniel Noboa

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Ques: Which state launched the 'One Family, One Entrepreneur' policy to foster entrepreneurship in every household?

- A. Telangana
- B. Karnataka
- C. Gujarat
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. Odisha

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Andhra Pradesh launched the 'One Family, One Entrepreneur' policy to foster a culture of entrepreneurship across all households.
- The policy promotes AI adoption and equips citizens with skills for the digital economy.
- An innovation hub is set to be developed near Tirupati and Renigunta.
- Andhra Pradesh also became the first Indian state to offer governance through WhatsApp under the Mana Mitra initiative in collaboration with Meta, offering 161 civil services in its first phase.

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Ques: Which annual sports event has been announced by the government to be held in one of the eight Northeastern states every year?

- A. National Youth Games
- B. Khelo India Northeast Games
- C. Bharat Sports Mahotsav
- D. Northeast Sports Festival
- E. Tribal Talent Hunt Games

Answer: Option B:

Explanation:

- The Khelo India Northeast Games will now be held annually in one of the eight Northeastern states : Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura.
- The announcement was made by Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya during the Rising Northeast Investors Summit 2025 in New Delhi.
- This initiative builds on the region's past success, such as hosting the Khelo India University Games 2023 in Guwahati, Assam.

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Ques: Where was India's first 9000 HP electric locomotive manufactured?

- A. Kharagpur
- B. Dahod
- C. Varanasi
- D. Visakhapatnam
- E. Raipur

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate India's first 9000 HP electric locomotive on May 26 in Dahod, Gujarat.
- It is manufactured at a railway facility under a Rs.21,405 crore project which will produce 1,200 locomotives over 10 years.
- These high-power engines can haul 4,600 tonnes and are equipped with air-conditioning and toilets for the driver – a first for India.
- The average speed of the locomotive is 75 km/h, with maintenance facilities at Kharagpur, Visakhapatnam, Raipur, and Pune.
- The project is expected to generate 10,000 jobs in Dahod.
- PM will also inaugurate additional railway and public infrastructure projects in Dahod and Kutch worth over Rs.5,900 crore.

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Ques: Where was Uttarakhand's first dedicated Cycad Garden inaugurated to conserve ancient and endangered cycad species?

- A. Dehradun
- B. Mussoorie
- C. Ranikhet
- D. Haldwani
- E. Almora

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Uttarakhand Forest Department inaugurated the state's first Cycad Garden in Haldwani, located in Nainital district, Uttarakhand.
- The garden is established to conserve cycads, one of the world's most ancient and endangered plant groups, often called "living fossils".
- Funded by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the initiative promotes conservation, research, and awareness.
- Spread over 0.75 hectares, the garden houses 31 cycad species, 17 of which are threatened.
- 9 cycad species in the garden are native to India, including *Cycas andamanica*, *Cycas beddomei*, *Cycas zeylanica*, *Cycas pectinata*, and *Cycas circinalis*.

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Ques: Which region's fireworks industry has applied for a Geographical Indication (GI) tag in India?

- A. Moradabad
- B. Sivakasi
- C. Jaipur
- D. Hyderabad
- E. Varanasi

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The century-old fireworks industry in Sivakasi, Tamil Nadu, has applied for a GI tag under the manufactured goods category.
- The application was filed by Tamil Nadu Fireworks and Amorce Manufacturers Association (TANFAMA).
- Sivakasi manufactures over 80% of India's fireworks, with a market size of around ₹6,000 crore, growing annually at 10%.
- Its dry climate makes it ideal for firework production.

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Ques: When is Africa Day celebrated annually?

- A. 15 May
- B. 25 May
- C. 10 May
- D. 30 May
- E. 27 May

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Africa Day is celebrated annually on 25 May to mark the founding of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) in 1963, now known as the African Union (AU).
- The 2025 theme is: “Revisiting Our History, Shaping Our Future”.
- The official celebration is held at the African Union headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

African Union (AU):

- Founded : 2001 (launched 2002)
- Member countries : 55
- HQ : Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Replaced the Organisation of African Unity (OAU)
- It is a Part of G20 since 2023





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Indian shooter Kanak Budhwar won gold in the 10 metre air pistol at the ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany

Through the bank's branch network, Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Company Limited (ABSLI) and Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited (ESFBL) have formed a strategic alliance with the goal of increasing life insurance accessibility in India.

Aerpace Industries Limited has successfully tested India's nextgeneration smart Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) ecosystem under the aerShield initiative

Tottenham Hotspur beat Manchester United in the Europa League final at Athletic Bilbao's San Mames Stadium

Vivriti Asset Management (VAM) Secured USD 20 Million from Vienna (Austria)-based Development Bank of Austria (OeEB) for its Vivriti India Retail Assets Fund (VIRAF), bolstering the fund's capital base to USD 165 million

Rakesh Gangwal, co-founder of IndiGo, is selling up to 13.2 million shares via a block deal. The estimated value of this transaction is Rs.6,831 crore, with a floor price of Rs.5,175 per share, which is 4.5% below the last closing price

