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**Ques: Which company recently received final SEBI approval to launch a mutual fund business as a 50:50 joint venture between Jio Financial Services and BlackRock?**  
**जियो फाइनेंशियल सर्विसेज और ब्लैकरॉक के बीच 50:50 संयुक्त उद्यम के रूप में किस कंपनी को हाल ही में म्यूचुअल फंड व्यवसाय शुरू करने के लिए सेबी से अंतिम मंजूरी मिली?**

- A. Reliance BlackRock AMC / रिलायंस ब्लैकरॉक एएमसी
- B. Jio BlackRock AMC / जियो ब्लैकरॉक एएमसी
- C. BlackRock JFS AMC / ब्लैकरॉक जेएफएस एएमसी
- D. Jio Mutual AMC / जियो म्यूचुअल एएमसी
- E. Reliance Financial AMC / रिलायंस फाइनेंशियल एएमसी

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Jio BlackRock Asset Management (AMC) has received final approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to start its mutual fund business.
- It is a 50:50 joint venture between Jio Financial Services (JFS) and BlackRock.
- With this, the total number of players in India's ₹70-trillion mutual fund industry rises to 48.
- The company had earlier received in-principle approval from SEBI on 4 October 2024.
- Sid Swaminathan has been appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of the joint venture.

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**Q. Lake Manzala, recently in news for environmental changes due to dredging, is located in which country?**

**लेक मंज़ाला, जो हाल ही में ड्रेजिंग के कारण पर्यावरणीय परिवर्तनों के लिए चर्चा में रही, किस देश में स्थित है?**

- A. Iran / ईरान
- B. Egypt / मिस्र
- C. Turkey / तुर्की
- D. Iraq / इराक
- E. Saudi Arabia / सऊदी अरब

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- Lake Manzala is a coastal lake located in northern Egypt, adjacent to the Mediterranean Sea.
- Recent dredging activities have altered the lake's salinity and nutrient levels, impacting the local ecosystem, especially zooplankton communities.
- It serves as a natural barrier protecting coastal cities from flooding and is crucial for biodiversity and fish production.
- In 2021, Lake Manzala contributed to 16% of Egypt's natural fish output.
- However, the lake is now facing shrinking size and deteriorating water quality due to human activity.

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**Ques: Which Indian institute was recently inducted into the HERITAGE Network, a consortium of Indian and European technical institutions?**

**हाल ही में HERITAGE नेटवर्क (भारतीय और यूरोपीय तकनीकी संस्थानों का संघ) में किस भारतीय संस्थान को शामिल किया गया?**

- A. IIT Madras / आईआईटी मद्रास
- B. NIT Trichy / एनआईटी त्रिची
- C. NIT Calicut / एनआईटी कालीकट
- D. IISc Bangalore / आईआईएससी बैंगलोर
- E. IIT Delhi / आईआईटी दिल्ली

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- National Institute of Technology Calicut (NITC), located in Kozhikode, Kerala, has been inducted into the HERITAGE Network (Higher Education and Research Innovation Tie-ups for Academic Growth and Excellence).
- This network is a consortium of 30 premier Indian and European technical institutions.
- The induction took place during the General Assembly of the Indian and European Universities Consortium held at Technische Universität Dresden (TU Dresden) in Germany

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**Ques: The Ministry of MSME partnered with which foreign office for the Support for Commercialisation of Intellectual Property (MSME-SCIP) programme?**

**सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्रालय (MSME) ने 'बौद्धिक संपदा के व्यावसायीकरण के लिए समर्थन (MSME-SCIP)' कार्यक्रम के तहत किस विदेशी कार्यालय के साथ साझेदारी की है?**

- A. US Patent and Trademark Office / अमेरिकी पेटेंट और ट्रेडमार्क कार्यालय
- B. European Patent Office / यूरोपीय पेटेंट कार्यालय
- C. Danish Patent and Trademark Office / डेनिश पेटेंट और ट्रेडमार्क कार्यालय
- D. Japan Patent Office / जापान पेटेंट कार्यालय
- E. UK Intellectual Property Office / यूके बौद्धिक संपदा कार्यालय

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has partnered with the Danish Patent and Trademark Office, Denmark, under the MSME-SCIP programme.
- The aim is to support patents, trademarks, and technology license acquisition for MSMEs.
- The Indian government will cover 70% of the registration and acquisition costs, targeting 2,500 innovations in FY 2025-26.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- 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)
- The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has partnered with the Danish Patent and Trademark Office, Denmark, under the MSME-SCIP programme.
- The United Kingdom signed an agreement to transfer sovereignty of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius
- Amity University Online (AUO) signed MoU with Hockey India, based in New Delhi to offer educational opportunities to international, national, and state-level hockey players
- The Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) signed a MOU with the Green Business Certification Institute to encourage sustainable manufacturing and increase the number of LEED-certified garment factories in India
- 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.





**Ques: Who won the Formula One (F1) Monaco Grand Prix 2025 held in Monte Carlo?**  
**मोंटे कार्लो में आयोजित फॉर्मूला वन (F1) मोनाको ग्रां प्री 2025 किसने जीती?**

- A. Max Verstappen / मैक्स वेरस्टैपेन
- B. Charles Leclerc / चार्ल्स लेक्लेर
- C. Lewis Hamilton / लुईस हैमिल्टन
- D. Lando Norris / लैंडो नॉरिस
- E. Sergio Pérez / सर्जियो पेरेज़

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

- Lando Norris, a Formula One driver from the United Kingdom, representing the UK-based McLaren team, won the F1 Monaco Grand Prix 2025.
- The race was held at the Circuit de Monaco in Monte Carlo, Monaco.
- This victory was Norris's first-ever win at the Monaco GP and his second win of the 2025 F1 season.
- It was also a historic moment for McLaren, marking their first Monaco GP victory since 2008.

**Recent Grand Prix Winner 2025 :**

- Australian Grand Prix : Lando Norris
- Miami Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri
- Chinese Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri
- Saudi Arabian Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri
- Japanese Grand Prix : Max Verstappen
- Emilia Romagna Grand Prix : Max Verstappen
- Bahrain Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri







**Ques : “Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat” campaign aims to eradicate child marriage in India by which year ?**

**"बाल विवाह मुक्त भारत" अभियान का लक्ष्य किस वर्ष तक भारत में बाल विवाह को समाप्त करना है?**

- A. 2026
- B. 2027
- C. 2028
- D. 2029
- E. 2030

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The “Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat” campaign was launched by Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt. Annapurna Devi on 27 November 2024 in New Delhi.
- The campaign aims to eradicate child marriage in India by 2030.
- As part of the campaign, the Child Marriage Free Bharat Portal was launched, allowing citizens to report incidents, file complaints, and access legal information.
- District Collectors are the Nodal Officers and Child Marriage Prohibition Officers (CMPOs) are appointed in every state.
- A petition to annul child marriage can be filed by the child or their guardian within 2 years of attaining majority (e.g., before the girl turns 20 if she was married before 18).

It strengthens the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 (PCMA), which:

- Replaced the Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929.
- Sets legal marriage age at 21 for boys and 18 for girls.
- Declares child marriages illegal and punishable (up to 2 years in jail or ₹1 lakh fine or both).
- Offences are cognizable and non-bailable.







**Ques: Which countries collaborated with India for hosting the Second Blue Talks in New Delhi ahead of the 3rd UN Ocean Conference (UNOC3)?**

**भारत ने 3रे संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासागर सम्मेलन (UNOC3) से पहले नई दिल्ली में द्वितीय ब्लू टॉक्स की मेज़बानी के लिए किन देशों के साथ सहयोग किया?**

- A. USA and UK / अमेरिका और यूके
- B. France and Costa Rica / फ्रांस और कोस्टा रिका
- C. Germany and Japan / जर्मनी और जापान
- D. Australia and Italy / ऑस्ट्रेलिया और इटली
- E. Norway and Brazil / नॉर्वे और ब्राज़ील

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- The Ministry of Earth Sciences (India), in collaboration with the Embassy of France and the Embassy of Costa Rica, hosted the Second Blue Talks in New Delhi.
- The event supports Sustainable Development Goal 14 (Life Below Water) by promoting ocean conservation and sustainable use.
- It was conducted as a precursor to the 3rd United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3), scheduled for 9–13 June 2025 in Nice, France, jointly organized by France and Costa Rica.

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**Ques: Which organization published the report titled "Designing a Policy for Medium Enterprises"?**

**"मध्यम उद्यमों के लिए नीति डिजाइन करना" शीर्षक वाली रिपोर्ट किस संगठन द्वारा प्रकाशित की गई?**

- A. Reserve Bank of India / भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक
- B. Ministry of MSME / एमएसएमई मंत्रालय
- C. NITI Aayog / नीति आयोग
- D. Confederation of Indian Industry / भारतीय उद्योग परिसंघ
- E. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade / उद्योग और आंतरिक व्यापार संवर्धन विभाग

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The report titled "Designing a Policy for Medium Enterprises" was published by the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog).
- It was launched by Suman Berry, the Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog.
- The report highlights that the MSME sector contributes nearly 29% to India's GDP, 40% to exports, and employs over 60% of the workforce.

**However, the sector is heavily skewed:**

- 97% of registered MSMEs are micro enterprises
- 7% are small enterprises
- Only 0.3% are medium enterprises,
- Yet this 0.3% contributes nearly 40% of MSME exports, indicating their scalability and innovation potential.

**To address these issues, the report outlines a comprehensive policy framework with targeted interventions across six priority areas :**

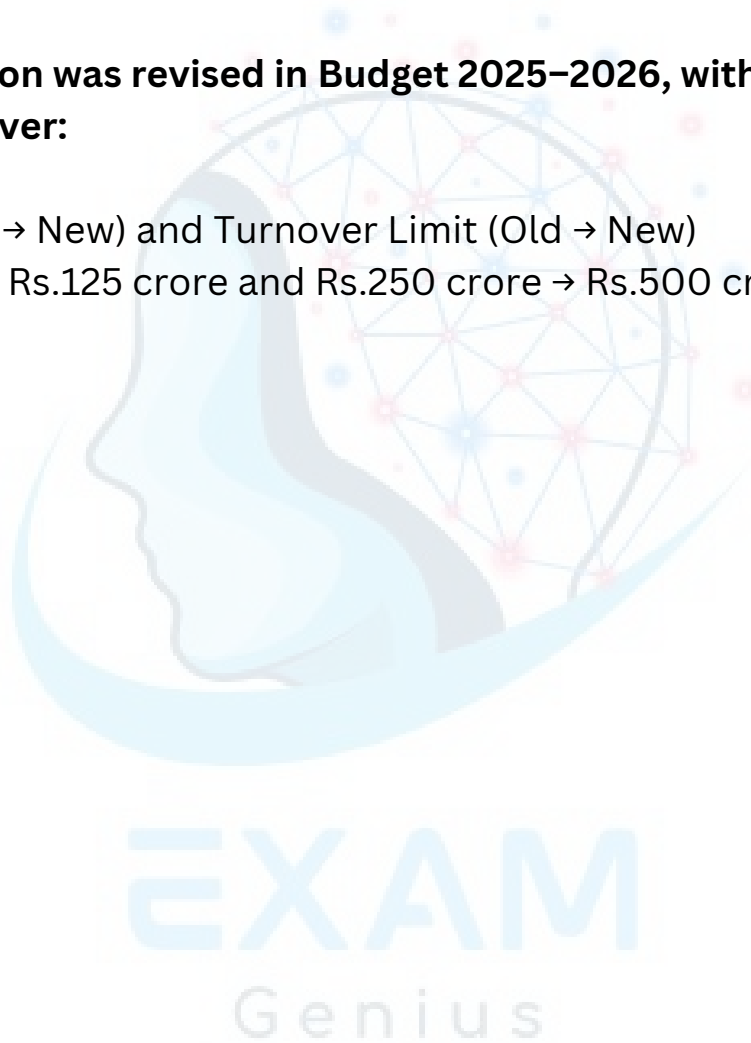
- Centralized Digital Portal : Creation of a dedicated sub-portal within the Udyam platform featuring scheme discovery tools, compliance support, and AI-based assistance to help enterprises navigate resources effectively.
  - Tailored Financial Solutions : a Rs.5 crore credit card facility at market rates.
- Ministry of MSME.



- Technology Integration and Industry 4.0 : India SME 4.0 Competence Centers to promote the adoption of Industry 4.0 solutions.
- Custom Skill Development : Alignment of skilling programmes with enterprise-specific needs by region and sector.
- R&D Promotion Mechanism : Establishment of a dedicated R&D cell within the
- Cluster-Based Testing Infrastructure : Development of sector-focused testing and certification facilities to ease compliance and enhance product quality.

**The MSME classification was revised in Budget 2025–2026, with new thresholds for investment and turnover:**

Investment Limit (Old → New) and Turnover Limit (Old → New)  
Medium Rs.50 crore → Rs.125 crore and Rs.250 crore → Rs.500 crore





**Ques: Who is the author of the book “Test Cricket: A History”, which chronicles 150 years of Test cricket?**

**टेस्ट क्रिकेट के 150 वर्षों के इतिहास को दर्शाने वाली पुस्तक "Test Cricket: A History" के लेखक कौन हैं?**

- A. Gideon Haigh / गिडियन हे
- B. Tim Wigmore / टिम विगमोर
- C. Rahul Bhattacharya / राहुल भट्टाचार्य
- D. Mike Brearley / माइक ब्रेर्ली
- E. James Anderson / जेम्स एंडरसन

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Test Cricket: A History is authored by Tim Wigmore.
- The book provides a comprehensive account of 150 years of Test cricket history, dating back to 1877.
- It captures the players, moments, and evolution of the format that has defined international cricket for over a century.
- This is the first time such a complete narrative of Test cricket's journey has been presented in a single volume.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- "Original Sin" : Jake Tapper and Alex Thompson
- 'Tested : The Remarkable Power of Resolve' : Australian Cricket Captain Patrick James Cummins
- "The Diary of a Cricketer's Wife: A Very Unusual Memoir" : Puja Pujara, the wife of renowned Indian cricketer Cheteshwar Pujara
- "White Lilies" : Vidya Krishnan
- "The Tamils: A Portrait of Community" : Nirmala Lakshman
- Autobiography "Janta Ki Kahani – Meri Aatamkatha" : Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatraya
- "PMO Through the Ages" (full title: Prime Minister's Office Through the Years) : Himanshu Roy
- "India@2047: Leading the Global Economic Order" : Shyam Prakash Sharma
- "The Thinking Machine: Jensen Huang, Nvidia and the World's Most Coveted Microchip" : Stephen Witt
- "Alone in the Ring: Decision-making in Critical Times" : General NC Vij, former Chief of Army Staff
- 'Janta Ki Kahani Meri Aatmkatha' : autobiography of Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatraya
- The School of Life : K. Vasuki's memoir
- "The Johnson & Johnson Files: The Indian Secrets of a Global Giant" : Kaunain Sheriff
- "The Undying Light: A Personal History of Independent India." : author and former Governor of West Bengal Gopalkrishna Gandhi
- "Ramanujan: Journey of a Great Mathematician" : Arun Singhal and Devendra Kumar Sharma
- March to Glory: The Story of India's 1975 World Cup triumph : K. Arumugam
- Buransh: The Fragrance of Words : Anupama Sharma
- Memories and Milestones : Justice P.N. Prakash
- Beyond the Courtroom: Reflections on Law, Constitution, and Nationhood : Fali Sam Nariman
- Mere Achhe Din : Hari Singh Rana





**Ques: What is the name of Google's AI-first restructuring strategy unveiled at the 2025 I/O Developers Conference?**

**Google द्वारा 2025 I/O डेवलपर्स सम्मेलन में प्रस्तुत की गई एआई-प्राथमिक पुनर्गठन रणनीति का क्या नाम है?**

- A. Project Neural Net / प्रोजेक्ट न्यूरल नेट
- B. AI Nest / एआई नेस्ट
- C. AI Matryoshka / एआई मातर्योशका
- D. Gemini Grid / जेमिनी ग्रीड
- E. IntelliStack / इंटेलिस्टैक

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- At the 2025 Google I/O Developers Conference, Google unveiled its AI-first restructuring strategy called AI Matryoshka.
- The term “Matryoshka” refers to Russian nesting dolls, symbolizing a multi-layered AI system.
- At the core lies Google’s advanced AI models, especially the Gemini 2.5 series, which power a wide range of services—from developer APIs to consumer products like Search and Gmail.
- The strategy aims to centralize AI capabilities and extend them through layered applications, offering a more intelligent, integrated, and responsive user experience.
- This marks a shift toward AI as the foundational engine behind all Google platforms.

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**Ques: Which country criticized former U.S. President Donald Trump's plan to rename the Persian Gulf as a cultural attack?**

**पूर्व अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप की फारस की खाड़ी का नाम बदलने की योजना को सांस्कृतिक हमला बताकर किस देश ने निंदा की?**

- A. Saudi Arabia / सऊदी अरब
- B. Iraq / इराक
- C. Iran / ईरान
- D. Qatar / कतर
- E. Kuwait / कुवैत

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Iran strongly condemned former U.S. President Donald Trump's aborted proposal to rename the Persian Gulf as the 'Arabian Gulf' or 'Gulf of Arabia', calling it a cultural attack.
- The proposal reportedly emerged ahead of Trump's visit to Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the UAE.
- The Persian Gulf is located in Western Asia, between the Arabian Peninsula and southwestern Iran.
- It is bordered by Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, the UAE, and Oman.
- Qeshm Island is the largest island in the Persian Gulf.
- The Strait of Hormuz is the only maritime outlet from the Persian Gulf into the Gulf of Oman and the Indian Ocean.
- The Persian Gulf region produces nearly one-third of the world's oil and holds over half of global crude oil reserves and a significant portion of natural gas reserves.







**Ques: Which rare mineral found in Gujarat's Kachchh region is being studied by Indian researchers as a potential geological clock for Mars exploration?**

गुजरात के कच्छ क्षेत्र में पाए गए किस दुर्लभ खनिज का भारतीय शोधकर्ताओं द्वारा मंगल अन्वेषण के लिए संभावित भूवैज्ञानिक घड़ी के रूप में अध्ययन किया जा रहा है?

- A. Hematite / हेमटाइट
- B. Jarosite / जारोसाइट
- C. Magnetite / मैग्नेटाइट
- D. Gypsum / जिप्सम
- E. Goethite / गोएथाइट

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- Indian researchers have studied Jarosite, a rare iron-potassium sulfate mineral, found in the arid Kachchh region of Gujarat, for its potential to serve as a natural geological clock in Mars exploration.
- Jarosite has the chemical formula  $\text{KFe}_3(\text{SO}_4)_2(\text{OH})_6$  and is typically yellow-brown in color.
- It contains potassium (K), ferric iron ( $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ), and sulfate ( $\text{SO}_4$ ).
- This mineral is of special interest because it has also been detected on Mars by NASA's rovers Spirit, Opportunity, and Curiosity, suggesting similar geochemical processes may have occurred there

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**Ques: What is the theme of the 9th Edition of the India Mobile Congress 2025 unveiled by Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia?**

**श्री ज्योतिरादित्य एम. सिंधिया द्वारा भारत मोबाइल कांग्रेस 2025 के 9वें संस्करण के लिए कौन-सा थीम घोषित किया गया है?**

- A. Digital India for All / डिजिटल इंडिया फॉर ऑल
- B. Innovate to Transform / इनोवेट टू ट्रांसफॉर्म
- C. Connecting the Future / कनेक्टिंग द फ्यूचर
- D. Telecom for Progress / टेलीकॉम फॉर प्रोग्रेस
- E. Empowering Youth / एम्पावरिंग यूथ

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Minister for Communications and Development of North East Region, unveiled the theme “Innovate to Transform” for the 9th Edition of the India Mobile Congress 2025.
- The event is scheduled to be held from 8th to 11th October 2025 at Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi.
- During the occasion, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) announced the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Telecom Excellence Awards 2024, given to individuals and organizations for outstanding contributions in Telecom Innovations, Skilling, Services, Manufacturing, and Applications.
- Awardees included Mr. Parag Naik (Sankhya Labs), Niral Networks Private Limited, Bengaluru, Lekha Wireless, Bengaluru, Prof. Chandra Ramabhadra Murthy (IISc Bengaluru), and CDOT.
- Shri Scindia also launched the revamped ‘Sanchar Mitra Scheme’, transforming it into a large-scale youth-driven movement to promote telecom awareness, cybersecurity, and digital empowerment.
- The scheme mobilizes student volunteers as Sanchar Mitras to raise public awareness about mobile safety, telecom fraud prevention, and government digital initiatives.
- The scheme aligns with India’s leadership vision in the four Ds: Democracy, Demography, Digitization, and Delivery.





## Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- 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”
- 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
- 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



**Ques: Where was India's first Mahouts' Village inaugurated by Tamil Nadu CM M.K. Stalin?**

**भारत का पहला महावत गांव तमिलनाडु के मुख्यमंत्री एम.के. स्टालिन द्वारा कहाँ उद्घाटित किया गया?**

- A. Anamalai Tiger Reserve / अनामलाई टाइगर रिज़र्व
- B. Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary / पेरियार वन्यजीव अभयारण्य
- C. Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve / सत्यामंगलम टाइगर रिज़र्व
- D. Mudumalai Tiger Reserve / मुदुमलै टाइगर रिज़र्व
- E. Bandipur National Park / बांदीपुर राष्ट्रीय उद्यान

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation :**

- Tamil Nadu CM M.K. Stalin inaugurated India's first Mahouts' Village at Theppakadu Elephant Camp, located in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Nilgiris district.
- The village includes 44 eco-friendly houses built at a cost of ₹5.6 crore, with lanes and homes named after elephants.
- The Theppakadu Elephant Camp, established in 1917, is the oldest elephant camp in Asia.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and world :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate India's first 9000 HP electric locomotive on May 26 in Dahod, Gujarat
- Uttarakhand Forest Department inaugurated the state's first dedicated Cycad Garden in Haldwani to conserve one of the world's most ancient and endangered groups of plant cycads. The initiative is funded by the Tokyo based Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Cycads, often referred to as 'living fossils'
- 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
- Kerala has emerged as the first state in the country to make robotics education mandatory for all 4.3 lakh students of class 10
- Sub Inspector Geeta Samota of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) created history by becoming the first-ever CISF personnel to scale Mount Everest, the world's highest peak. Mount Everest, also known as Sagarmatha in Nepal and Qomolangma in China, lies on the Nepal-Tibet border
- 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
- Mizoram has become the first Indian state to achieve full functional literacy, meaning over 95% of its population is functionally literate
- The world's first commercial-scale e-methanol plant has been inaugurated in Kasso, southern Denmark
- 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





**Ques: Which country has India overtaken to become the world's fourth-largest economy as per market price GDP?**

भारत ने बाजार मूल्य जीडीपी के आधार पर दुनिया की चौथी सबसे बड़ी अर्थव्यवस्था बनने के लिए किस देश को पीछे छोड़ दिया है?

- A. Germany / जर्मनी
- B. United Kingdom / यूनाइटेड किंगडम
- C. France / फ्रांस
- D. Japan / जापान
- E. Canada / कनाडा

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- India has overtaken Japan to become the world's fourth-largest economy, with a GDP at market price of \$4.187 trillion, compared to Japan's \$4.186 trillion.
- This information was shared by NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam after the 10th NITI Aayog Governing Council meeting held in New Delhi.
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF), in its World Economic Outlook (April 2025), had predicted that India would surpass Japan in 2025 and Germany by 2028 to become the third-largest economy.
- However, there is a notable gap in per capita income, with Japan at \$33,960 and India at \$2,880.
- The Indian economy is predicted by the IMF to expand by 6.2% in 2025–2026 and 6.3% in 2026–2027, respectively.
- As the world's fastest-growing major economy, India is predicted by the IMF to have a gross domestic product (GDP) of \$5.58 trillion at market value by 2028, while Germany's GDP is predicted to reach \$5.25 trillion by the same year.
- As a result, India is predicted to surpass Germany in 2028 and take the third-largest spot globally.





**Ques: What is the name of the new mascot unveiled by NLC India Limited on its 69th Raising Day?**

**एनएलसी इंडिया लिमिटेड ने अपने 69वें स्थापना दिवस पर अपना नया शुभंकर (मास्कॉट) किस नाम से लॉन्च किया?**

- A. Ligno / लिग्नो
- B. Neyon / नियॉन
- C. Shakti / शक्ति
- D. N-Lion / एन-लायन
- E. Veeron / वीरॉन

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- NLC India Limited (NLCIL) celebrated its 69th Raising Day with multiple key announcements.
- The company unveiled its new mascot named 'Neyon', a lion symbolizing power and progress.
- A book titled 'The Guiding Light – NLCIL Ethics Book' was released during the event.
- NLCIL also set an ambitious target to increase lignite production to over 100 million tonnes by 2030, a significant rise from the current 44 million tonnes.

**About NLC India Limited :**

- Established : 1956
- HQ : Neyveli, Tamil Nadu
- CMD : Prasanna Kumar Motupalli

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**Ques: Where was the 15th BRICS Trade Ministers' Meeting held under the presidency of Brazil?**

**ब्राजील की अध्यक्षता में 15वीं ब्रिक्स व्यापार मंत्रियों की बैठक कहाँ आयोजित की गई थी?**

- A. India / भारत
- B. Russia / रूस
- C. Brazil / ब्राजील
- D. China / चीन
- E. South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The 15th BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) Trade Ministers' Meeting was held in Brazil under the presidency of Brazil.
- The theme of the meeting was "Strengthening Global South Cooperation for More Inclusive and Sustainable Governance."
- During the meeting, India proposed the "30 for 30" initiative, aiming to introduce 30 reforms to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 2025.
- India also hosted a Virtual Capacity Building Session on Digital Transformation for BRICS nations, organized by the Department of Telecommunications through the National Communications Academy – Technology (NCA-T), Ghaziabad.

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**Ques: At which tournament did Novak Djokovic win his 100th career singles title?**  
**नोवाक जोकोविच ने अपना 100वां करियर सिंगल्स खिताब किस टूर्नामेंट में जीता?**

- A. Wimbledon / विंबलडन
- B. Australian Open / ऑस्ट्रेलियन ओपन
- C. US Open / यूएस ओपन
- D. Geneva Open / जिनेवा ओपन
- E. French Open / फ्रेंच ओपन

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Novak Djokovic secured his 100th career singles title at the Geneva Open, joining the elite group of male tennis players with 100 or more titles.
- Other players in this club include Jimmy Connors (109 titles) and Roger Federer (103 titles).
- Djokovic also became the first man in the Open Era to win a singles title in 20 different seasons, marking his enduring dominance in the sport.

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## Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Indian shooter Kanak Budhwar won gold in the 10 metre air pistol at the ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany
- Tottenham Hotspur beat Manchester United in the Europa League final at Athletic Bilbao's San Mames Stadium
- 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 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)
- Shubman Gill has been appointed as India's 37th Test captain
- Kush Maini secured a dominant lights-to-flag victory at the Monte Carlo F2 Sprint Race in 2025, racing for DAMS Lucas Oil. This was his second F2 Sprint Race win, following his first at Hungary in 2024
- Arsenal Women stunned defending champions Barcelona with a 1-0 victory to win their second UEFA Women's Champions League title.
- The 82nd edition of the Italian Open Tennis 2025 crowned Carlos Alcaraz (Spain) as the Men's Singles champion
- 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 Indian U-19 men's football team, also known as the 'Blue Colts', defeated Bangladesh in the final of the SAFF U-19 Championship 2025
- Indian shooters Kynan Chenai and Sabeera Haris won a bronze medal in the Trap Mixed Team event at the ISSF Shotgun World Cup 2025, held in Nicosia, Cyprus
- Max Verstappen, a Belgian-Dutch driver of Red Bull, won the Formula 1 (F1) Emilia Romagna Grand Prix (GP) 2025 held at Autodromo Internazionale Enzo e Dino Ferrari in Imola, Italy.
- Bangladesh all-rounder Mehidy Hasan Miraz and Scotland captain Kathryn Bryce have been named as the ICC Men's and Women's Players of the Month for April 2025



**Ques: Who was awarded the prestigious Raja Ramanna Chair by the Department of Atomic Energy in 2025?**

**वर्ष 2025 में परमाणु ऊर्जा विभाग द्वारा प्रतिष्ठित राजा रामन्ना चेयर किसे प्रदान की गई?**

- A. Tessy Thomas / टेसी थॉमस
- B. Ritu Karidhal / रितु करिधाल
- C. Manorama Sunkara Vardhireddy / मनोरमा सुंकरा वधिरिड्डी
- D. Soumya Swaminathan / सौम्या स्वामीनाथन
- E. Gagandeep Kang / गगनदीप कांग

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Dr. Manorama Sunkara Vardhireddy, former Chief Scientist at CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT), has been awarded the Raja Ramanna Chair (RRC) by the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) for a period of three years.
- She is widely recognized for her significant contributions to materials science, especially in the areas of chemical sensors and nanostructured materials.
- The Raja Ramanna Chair is a prestigious scientific honor granted by DAE to eminent scientists in fields such as nuclear science, materials science, and defense research.
- The Chair is named after Dr. Raja Ramanna, a distinguished Indian physicist known for his key role in India's first nuclear test (Pokhran-I, 1974) and his leadership as Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.
- He was honored with the Padma Shri (1968), Padma Bhushan (1973), and Padma Vibhushan (1975).

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## Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- International Booker Prize 2025 : Banu Mushtaq for her short story collection 'Heart Lamp'
- 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





**Ques: Which company successfully fired India's first electric motor-driven semi-cryogenic engine?**

**किस कंपनी ने भारत का पहला इलेक्ट्रिक मोटर चालित सेमी-क्रायोजेनिक इंजन सफलतापूर्वक प्रक्षेपित किया?**

- A. ISRO / इसरो
- B. AgniKul Cosmos / अग्निकुल कॉसमॉस
- C. DRDO / डीआरडीओ
- D. Skyroot Aerospace / स्काईरूट एयरोस्पेस
- E. Antrix Corporation / एंट्रिक्स कॉरपोरेशन

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- AgniKul Cosmos Private Limited successfully fired India's first electric motor-driven semi-cryogenic engine, which will power its upcoming Agnibaan launch vehicle.
- This marks the first-ever development and testing of such an engine in India.
- The engine components were 3D-printed and assembled at AgniKul's Rocket Factory – 1 located at IIT Madras Research Park.
- A semi-cryogenic engine uses a combination of Liquid Oxygen (LOX) as a cryogenic oxidizer and RP-1 (a refined kerosene) as a room-temperature hydrocarbon fuel.

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**Ques: Which renowned Sri Lankan actress, known as the “Queen of Sri Lankan Cinema,” passed away at the age of 78?**

**78 वर्ष की आयु में दिवंगत हुई प्रसिद्ध श्रीलंकाई अभिनेत्री, जिन्हें "श्रीलंकाई सिनेमा की रानी" कहा जाता था, कौन थीं?**

- A. Malini Fonseka / मालिनी फोंसेका
- B. Anoja Weerasinghe / अन्नोजा वीरासिंघे
- C. Swarna Mallawarachchi / स्वर्णा मल्लवाराच्ची
- D. Geetha Kumarasinghe / गीता कुमारसिंघे
- E. Nita Fernando / नीता फर्नांडो

**Answer:** Option A:

**Explanation:**

- Malini Snehelatha Fonseka, popularly known as the “Queen of Sri Lankan Cinema,” passed away at the age of 78.
- She was a renowned film actor and also served as a member of the Sri Lankan Parliament.
- Over her career, she starred in nearly 150 films.
- In 2010, she was named by CNN among Asia’s 25 Greatest Film Actors of All Time for her remarkable contribution to South Asian cinema.

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## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

At the Asian Athletics Association (AAA) Congress, Adille J. Sumariwalla, the vice president of World Athletics and a former president of the Athletics Federation of India, received the Asian Athletics Leadership Gold Pin.

The Nagshankar Temple, located in Biswanath district of Assam, has been designated as a model temple for turtle conservation on World Turtle Day. The initiative was acknowledged by MLA Padma Hazarika

Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has decided to extend the due date for filing returns. It has been decided that the due date for filing of ITRs, originally due on 31st July, 2025, is extended to 15th September, 2025.

Samtel Avionics Limited and Aerospace Technology Systems Corporation Sdn.Bhd. (ATSC), based in Kuantan, Malaysia, have teamed together to serve the Royal Malaysian Air Force's (RMAF) fleet, particularly the Su30MKM aircraft.

Neeraj Chopra Appointed as Brand ambassador of Mumbai (Maharashtra) based Audi India

Nicusor Dan Appointed as President of Romania for 5 year term. Bucharest is the Capital of Romania and Currency is Leu





## महत्वपूर्ण एक-लाइनर करंट अफेयर्स

एशियाई एथलेटिक्स एसोसिएशन (एएए) कांग्रेस में, विश्व एथलेटिक्स के उपाध्यक्ष और भारतीय एथलेटिक्स महासंघ के पूर्व अध्यक्ष आदिल जे. सुमरिवाला को एशियाई एथलेटिक्स नेतृत्व स्वर्ण पिन प्राप्त हुआ।

असम के विश्वनाथ जिले में स्थित नागशंकर मंदिर को विश्व कछुआ दिवस पर कछुओं के संरक्षण के लिए एक आदर्श मंदिर के रूप में नामित किया गया है। इस पहल को विधायक पद्मा हजारीका ने स्वीकार किया

केंद्रीय प्रत्यक्ष कर बोर्ड (सीबीडीटी) ने रिटर्न दाखिल करने की नियत तिथि को बढ़ाने का फैसला किया है। यह निर्णय लिया गया है कि आईटीआर दाखिल करने की नियत तिथि, जो मूल रूप से 31 जुलाई, 2025 थी, को बढ़ाकर 15 सितंबर, 2025 कर दिया गया है।

सैमटेल एवियोनिक्स लिमिटेड और मलेशिया के कुआंतान में स्थित एयरोस्पेस टेक्नोलॉजी सिस्टम्स कॉर्पोरेशन.एसडीएन.बीएचडी. (एटीएससी) ने रॉयल मलेशियाई वायु सेना (आरएमएएफ) के बेड़े, विशेष रूप से सुखोई 30एमकेएम विमान की सेवा के लिए एक साथ मिलकर काम किया है।

नीरज चोपड़ा को मुंबई (महाराष्ट्र) स्थित ऑडी इंडिया का ब्रांड एंबेसडर नियुक्त किया गया

निकुसोर डैन को 5 साल के कार्यकाल के लिए रोमानिया का राष्ट्रपति नियुक्त किया गया। बुखारेस्ट रोमानिया की राजधानी है और इसकी मुद्रा ल्यू है

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