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**Ques: Who chaired the review meeting of Public Sector General Insurance Companies (PSGICs) held in New Delhi in 2025?**

- A. Dr. Jitendra Singh
- B. Shri Amit Shah
- C. Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman
- D. Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw
- E. Shri Piyush Goyal

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the review meeting of Public Sector General Insurance Companies (PSGICs) in New Delhi.
- After seven years, United India Insurance Company Ltd. (UIICL) reported a profit in Q3 of FY 2024-25. Oriental Insurance Company Ltd. (OICL) and National Insurance Company Ltd. (NICL) began reporting quarterly profits in Q4 of FY 2023-24 and Q2 of FY 2024-25, respectively.
- Notably, New India Assurance Company Ltd. (NIACL) has been profitable on a regular basis and has continuously held its position as the market leader.

**Key highlights from the meeting:**

- PSGICs' total premium collection increased from Rs.80,000 crore in 2019 to nearly Rs.1.06 lakh crore in 2025.
- The overall general insurance industry reported Rs.3.07 lakh crore in premium collections in FY 2024-25.
- Insurance penetration in India is still low at 1% of GDP, compared to the global average of 4.2% (2023).
- Insurance density rose from \$9 in 2019 to \$25 in 2023.





**Ques: What new rule has the NPCI introduced for UPI apps effective from 30 June 2025?**

- A. Only QR code-based payments will be allowed
- B. Maximum UPI limit reduced to Rs.50,000
- C. Payment reminders must be disabled
- D. UPI apps must charge a transaction fee
- E. Recipient's verified bank name must be shown, not custom names

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India) has mandated that from 30 June 2025, UPI apps must show only the recipient's name as registered with their bank.
- This means custom or user-defined names will no longer be displayed.
- The decision aims to prevent digital payment fraud caused by scammers using fake or misleading recipient names to trick users.
- This move enhances transparency and trust in UPI transactions.

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**Ques : Why did SEBI impose a fine of Rs.25 lakh on MCX?**

- A. For insider trading
- B. For improper disclosure of payments to 63 Moons Technologies / 63 Moons Technologies
- C. For failure to launch a new platform
- D. For manipulation in commodity prices
- E. For non-submission of quarterly reports

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) imposed a fine of ₹25 lakh on MCX, India's largest commodity exchange.
- Reason: Failure to disclose significant payments (₹222 crore across three quarters from Oct 2022 to June 2023) made to 63 Moons Technologies for support & managed services.
- These payments were not mentioned in press releases or financial notes, which misled investors.
- The disclosure was delayed until January 11, 2023, which was considered a serious lapse in transparency.
- MCX later termed it an inadvertent mistake, but SEBI found the non-disclosure to be a violation of fair disclosure norms, hence the penalty.



**Ques: Which financial institution has received regulatory approval to open branches and offer credit services in Jammu & Kashmir?**

- A. Bajaj Finance
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. IIFL Finance
- D. Muthoot Finance
- E. SBI

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation :**

- IIFL Finance has received regulatory approval to open new branches and provide credit services in Jammu & Kashmir.
- This move is aimed at expanding financial access to underserved communities, including small businesses and households in the region.
- It aligns with IIFL's CSR efforts, which are focused on areas like education, healthcare, and community empowerment in Jammu & Kashmir.
- The initiative is also expected to support the revival of local businesses and contribute to the region's economic development.

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**Ques: What is the maximum short-term loan amount eligible for interest subvention under the Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS) through Kisan Credit Cards (KCC)?**

- A. Rs.1 lakh
- B. Rs.2 lakh
- C. Rs.3 lakh
- D. Rs.5 lakh
- E. Rs.10 lakh

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, approved the continuation of the Interest Subvention (IS) component under the Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS) for FY 2025–26.
- MISS is a Central Sector Scheme aimed at providing affordable short-term credit to farmers via Kisan Credit Cards (KCC).
- There are over 7.75 crore KCC accounts in India.
- Institutional credit disbursement through KCC rose from Rs.4.26 lakh crore in 2014 to Rs.10.05 lakh crore in December 2024.
- Overall agricultural credit flow grew from Rs.7.3 lakh crore (FY 2013–14) to Rs.25.49 lakh crore (FY 2023–24).

**Key Features:**

- Farmers can avail short-term loans up to Rs.3 lakh through KCC at a 7% interest rate.
- 1.5% interest subvention is provided to eligible lending institutions.
- Farmers who repay promptly get a Prompt Repayment Incentive (PRI) of 3%, reducing the effective interest rate to 4%.
- For loans exclusively for animal husbandry or fisheries, the interest subvention applies up to Rs.2 lakh.





**Ques: Which is India's first pet food brand to achieve Unicorn status in 2025?**

- A. Netradyne
- B. Porter
- C. JSW One Platforms
- D. Drools
- E. Juspay

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Drools Pet Food Private Limited has become India's first pet food brand to achieve Unicorn status in 2025.
- The milestone came after Nestlé S.A. (Switzerland) acquired a minority stake, elevating Drools' valuation to over USD 1 billion.
- The company is backed by USA-based L Catterton.
- Drools is the fifth Indian startup to enter the unicorn club in 2025, following Netradyne, Juspay, Porter, and JSW One Platforms.
- A Unicorn is a privately held startup valued at USD 1 billion or more.

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**Ques: Which company has recently been authorised by RBI to act as a Payment Aggregator for import and export transactions?**

- A. Razorpay
- B. PhonePe
- C. Paytm
- D. Worldline ePayments India
- E. BharatPe

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Worldline ePayments India, a leading digital payments company, has been authorised by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a Payment Aggregator (PA) for cross-border trade, i.e., import and export transactions.
- The authorisation was granted under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.
- This move empowers Worldline to enable seamless digital payments for international trade, enhancing efficiency and compliance in global transactions.
- Worldline already manages a significant volume of domestic digital payments in India and is now expanding into the cross-border segment with this RBI approval.

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**Ques: What is the name of the two-seater electric trainer aircraft being developed indigenously in India?**

- A. Tejas Lite
- B. E-Hansa
- C. Akash Trainer
- D. Bharat Hawk
- E. Garuda-X

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- E-Hansa is a next-generation two-seater electric trainer aircraft being indigenously developed by CSIR–National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), Bengaluru.
- It is part of the HANSA-3 (NG) trainer aircraft program aimed at offering affordable pilot training solutions in India.
- The aircraft is expected to cost roughly half as much as imported trainer aircraft, supporting self-reliance in aviation.
- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh described the initiative as a matter of national pride during a review meeting with Science Department Secretaries.
- This effort aligns with India's push toward innovation, cost-efficiency, and Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India) in the aerospace sector.

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**Ques: What is the estimated cost of the recently approved multitracking projects in Maharashtra & Madhya Pradesh?**

- A. Rs.1,499 crore
- B. Rs.3,399 crore
- C. Rs.4,000 crore
- D. Rs.2,999 crore
- E. Rs.5,000 crore

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Under the PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan, the Union Cabinet approved two railway multitracking projects: Ratlam–Nagda (3rd & 4th Line) and Wardha–Balharshah (4th Line) in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.
- These projects will add 176 km of rail tracks, benefiting 784 villages with a combined population of 19.74 lakh.
- The total estimated cost is Rs.3,399 crore, with completion targeted by FY 2029–30.
- The projects will generate approximately 74 lakh human-days of direct employment.
- They will enhance freight capacity by 18.40 million tonnes per annum, reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 99 crore kg, and cut oil imports by 20 crore litres.

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**Ques: NIBE Limited recently secured a major export order from which country for Universal Rocket Launchers?**

- A. France
- B. Israel
- C. Germany
- D. South Korea
- E. USA

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- NIBE Limited received a significant export purchase order worth USD 17.52 million from a leading technology-based firm in Israel.
- The order is for the manufacturing and supply of Universal Rocket Launchers, marking the first time such an advanced system is being produced in India for international markets.
- The system features cutting-edge technology and is comparable to the Precise & Universal Launching System (PULS) developed by Elbit Systems Limited, an Israeli defense technology firm.
- The rocket launchers have a maximum range capability of 300 kilometers, demonstrating India's growing capabilities in defense manufacturing and exports.

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**Ques: Who has been nominated as the Forest and Wildlife Ambassador by the Environment Ministry?**

- A. M.S. Dhoni
- B. Sachin Tendulkar
- C. Rahul Dravid
- D. Anil Kumble
- E. Kapil Dev

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Eshwar B. Khandre, Minister for Forest, Biology & Environment, announced the nomination of former cricketer Anil Kumble as the Forest and Wildlife Ambassador.
- Kumble has accepted the role without any remuneration.
- His role involves promoting public awareness regarding forest conservation, forest development, and wildlife protection.
- Leveraging his global fame and commitment, Kumble aims to support conservation efforts and environmental awareness campaigns.

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**Ques: Which university became the first American university to receive approval to set up a campus in India under UGC's 2023 regulations?**

- A. Harvard University
- B. Stanford University
- C. University of California, Berkeley
- D. Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago
- E. MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The University Grants Commission (UGC) approved the establishment of campuses for five internationally recognized foreign universities in India under the UGC (Setting Up and Operation of Campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in India) Regulations, 2023.
- The Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago (USA) became the first American university to get approval for a campus in India.
- University of Southampton (UK) was the first foreign institution overall to receive UGC approval to set up a campus in India.

**Other approved universities include:**

- University of Liverpool, UK – expected to begin operations by 2026 or 2027
- Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia
- Western Sydney University, Penrith, Australia
- Istituto Europeo di Design, Milan, Italy





**Ques : Which northeastern capital has recently been connected to the national railway network?**

- A. Imphal
- B. Shillong
- C. Itanagar
- D. Aizawl
- E. Kohima

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Mizoram's capital Aizawl has been integrated into the national railway network via the Bairabi–Sairang railway line.
- With this, Mizoram becomes the 4th northeastern state capital connected by rail, after Assam (Dispur), Tripura (Agartala), and Arunachal Pradesh (Itanagar).
- The Bairabi–Sairang rail project is a 51.38 km line involving 48 tunnels, 55 major bridges, 87 minor bridges, 5 Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and 6 Road Under Bridges (RUBs)
- Bridge No. 196, at 104 meters tall, is taller than the Qutub Minar by 32 meters.
- The inauguration is expected after June 17, following the CRS (Commission of Railway Safety) inspection.

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**Ques: By which year does the Government aim to operationalise 76 waterways across India?**

- A. 2025
- B. 2026
- C. 2027
- D. 2030
- E. 2047

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India has set a target to operationalise 76 waterways by the year 2027 to promote inland water transport.
- The initiative aligns with the Maritime India Vision 2030, which aims to handle 200 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) of cargo through inland waterways.
- Cargo traffic is expected to reach 156 MTPA by March 2026, progressing toward that goal.
- The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is actively surveying 10,000 km monthly to evaluate the Least Available Depth (LAD) for navigational purposes.

Key infrastructure developments include:

- NW-1 (Ganga): 1,390 km corridor with terminals at Varanasi, Kalughat, Sahibganj, and Haldia.
- NW-2 (Brahmaputra): Terminals at Dhubri, Jogighopa, Pandu, and Bogibeel, plus 13 floating terminals.
- Rs.208 crore ship repair facility at Pandu and a ₹180 crore road project to be completed by 2026.
- NW-16 (Barak) and NW-31 (Dhansiri) also under active development.







**Ques: Who inaugurated the curtain raiser event for Wings India 2026, Asia's largest civil aviation event?**

- A. Jyotiraditya Scindia
- B. Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu
- C. Ashwini Vaishnaw
- D. Nitin Gadkari
- E. Hardeep Singh Puri

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Union Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu, Ministry of Civil Aviation, inaugurated the curtain raiser event for Wings India 2026 in New Delhi.
- Wings India is Asia's largest civil aviation event, held to showcase advancements and opportunities in the aviation sector.
- The event is organized in collaboration with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
- The theme for Wings India 2026 is "Indian Aviation: Paving the Future – from Design to Deployment, Manufacturing to Maintenance, Inclusivity to Innovation and Safety to Sustainability."

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**Ques: What is the main purpose of the 'Know Your PIN Code' web application launched by the Department of Posts?**

- A. Track postal parcel location
- B. Locate nearby post offices
- C. Identify correct PIN Code using GNSS-based location
- D. Generate new PIN Codes
- E. Book speed post online

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The 'Know Your PIN Code' web application was launched by the Department of Posts to help users identify the correct PIN Code using their real-time location through GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System) technology.
- This initiative is a result of a nationwide geofencing exercise that mapped all PIN code boundaries across India.
- The application also allows users to submit feedback to enhance the accuracy of the PIN code data.
- The geo-referenced PIN code dataset has been made publicly available on the Open Government Data Platform under the title "All India PIN Code Boundary geo-json."
- This effort aligns with the objectives of Digital India and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), improving digital governance and service accessibility.

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**Ques: Which Indian university has produced India's first gene-edited sheep enhancing muscle mass by 30%?**

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- A. National Dairy Research Institute
- B. Tamil Nadu Veterinary University
- C. SKUAST, Srinagar
- D. IVRI, Bareilly
- E. ICAR, Delhi

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Researchers from Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST), Srinagar, have produced India's first gene-edited sheep by using the CRISPR gene-editing technology to modify the myostatin gene, which regulates muscle growth.
- This achievement, after four years of research, has resulted in a 30% increase in the muscle mass of the sheep.
- This is a significant scientific advancement as it directly edits the gene rather than relying on traditional cross-breeding methods, offering potential benefits such as disease resistance and animal twinning.

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**Ques: Which Fiji-born, Mumbai-based singer and humanitarian was awarded the Companion of the Order of Fiji, the highest civilian honour in Fiji?**

- A. Dr. Krupali Tappoo
- B. Sumeet Tappoo
- C. Sri Madhusudan Sai
- D. Udit Narayan
- E. Vijay Prakash

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Sumeet Tappoo, a Fiji-born, Mumbai-based singer and humanitarian, was awarded the Companion of the Order of Fiji, the highest civilian honour in Fiji.
- The award was presented by the President of Fiji, His Excellency Ratu Naiqama Tawakecolati Lalabalavu.
- Other recipients included Dr. Krupali Tappoo, Director of Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Children's Hospital, Fiji and Sri Madhusudan Sai, Founder of the "One World, One Family" Global Humanitarian Mission
- Other awards received by Sumeet Tappoo is Fiji Presidential Medal (2020), Pravasi Bharatiya Samman (2021), Youth Icon of Fiji (2022), and Government of India Sanskriti Award 2016

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**Ques: Who became the first cricketer to score 9000 T20 runs for a single franchise?**

- A. Rohit Sharma
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. David Warner
- D. Jos Buttler
- E. AB de Villiers

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Virat Kohli, playing for Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), became the first cricketer to score 9000 T20 runs for a single franchise.
- He achieved this milestone in IPL 2025 by scoring 54 runs off 30 balls against Lucknow Super Giants.
- Kohli also surpassed David Warner's record for the most half-centuries in IPL, reaching 63 half-centuries.
- This achievement highlights his consistency and dominance in the T20 format for a single team over many years.

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## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Liverpool Football Club lifted the Premier League trophy marking their 20th English league title. English Premier League (EPL) season – the top-tier football league in England

Prashant Thakker Appointed as Head of Citigroup Inc. corporate bank for South- and Southeast Asia

The 2025 Malaysia Masters, officially titled the Perodua Malaysia Masters 2025 organised by Badminton Association of Malaysia was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Rakesh Gangwal and his family trust sold a 5.7% stake in InterGlobe Aviation (IndiGo) through a block deal worth approximately Rs.11,559 crore. The shares were sold at Rs.5,230.50 per share, which was a 3.5% discount to the previous closing price of Rs.5,420.

Bollywood star Shahid Kapoor has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Vogue Eyewear. This marks a notable collaboration, as he joins Taapsee Pannu, who has been associated with the brand for a long time

Dr. Samir V. Kamat has been given an extension in his role as Secretary of the Department of Defence Research and Development (DDR&D) and Chairman of DRDO. His tenure has been extended from June 1, 2025, to May 31, 2026, or until further orders

Vishweshwar Sahakari Bank Ltd., Pune has been officially included in the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. It was subsequently published in the Gazette of India on May 09, 2025, under Part III – Section 4.





**Ques: SBI Life Insurance and which firm jointly acquired a 4.25% stake in National Highways Infra Trust (NHIT)?**

- A. LIC Housing Finance
- B. Aditya Birla Capital
- C. HDFC Pension
- D. Vidyaniti LLP
- E. ICICI Prudential

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- SBI Life Insurance Company Limited and Vidyaniti LLP have jointly acquired a 4.25% stake in the National Highways Infra Trust (NHIT) for Rs.1,100.61 crore.
- Out of this, SBI Life purchased approximately 3.74 crore units, equating to a 1.93% stake.
- Vidyaniti LLP acquired over 4.49 crore units, which amounts to a 2.3% stake in NHIT.
- This investment marks a significant move in India's infrastructure sector.

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**Ques: What was the share of UPI in total retail payments by volume in 2024–25?**

- A. 70%
- B. 75%
- C. 80%
- D. 84%
- E. 90%

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- UPI continued to dominate India's digital payment landscape in 2024–25.
- UPI transactions grew by 41.7% in volume and 30.3% in value compared to the previous year.
- It accounted for 84% of total retail payment transactions by volume, the highest among all payment modes.
- The growth was also supported by a 91.5% increase in UPI QR codes, which reached 65.8 crore by March 31, 2025.
- RBI also authorized 26 new online payment aggregators to strengthen the retail payment ecosystem.

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**Ques: What was the total size of RBI's balance sheet at the end of FY 2024–25?**

- A. Rs.72.50 lakh crore
- B. Rs.74.10 lakh crore
- C. Rs.76.25 lakh crore
- D. Rs.78.90 lakh crore
- E. Rs.80.00 lakh crore

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- RBI's balance sheet expanded by 8.2% in FY 2024–25, reaching a total size of Rs.76.25 lakh crore.
- Net income grew by 27% to Rs.2.11 lakh crore, and Rs.1.28 lakh crore surplus was transferred to the government.
- Provisioning for the contingency fund rose significantly to Rs.50,994 crore, compared to around Rs.38,000 crore the previous year.
- The rise in income was supported by foreign exchange gains and a sharp increase in interest income from foreign assets, which crossed Rs.1.35 lakh crore.
- Despite higher income, expenditure increased only 8%, reflecting strong cost discipline by the RBI.

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**Ques: What is the new per-transaction limit for UPI tax payments as per the RBI's latest revision?**

- A. Rs.1 lakh
- B. Rs.2 lakh
- C. Rs.3 lakh
- D. Rs.5 lakh
- E. Rs.10 lakh

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has enhanced various UPI limits to promote its wider adoption.
- For direct and indirect tax payments, the UPI limit has been increased from Rs.1 lakh to rs.5 lakh per transaction.
- This is aimed at making UPI more useful for high-value government transactions.
- Other enhancements include raising the UPI123Pay limit to Rs.10,000 per transaction, and the UPI Lite wallet limit to Rs.1,000 per transaction and Rs.5,000 overall

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**Ques: What was the percentage growth in UPI QR codes as of March 31, 2025?**

- A. 65%
- B. 78.3%
- C. 84%
- D. 91.5%
- E. 100%

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- UPI QR codes increased by 91.5%, reaching 65.8 crore by March 31, 2025.
- This growth in QR infrastructure supported the expansion of UPI usage.
- Alongside, UPI transactions rose by 41.7% in volume and 30.3% in value, further strengthening its dominance in the retail payment ecosystem.
- The RBI also approved 26 new online payment aggregators, enhancing digital payment capabilities across the country.

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**Ques: Which country was the top source of FDI equity inflows into India in FY 2024–25?**

- A. United States
- B. Japan
- C. Netherlands
- D. Mauritius
- E. Singapore

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Singapore remained the top source of FDI equity inflows into India in both FY 2023–24 and FY 2024–25.
- Inflows from Singapore rose from US\$ 12.5 billion to US\$ 15 billion.
- Mauritius came second, with inflows increasing slightly from US\$ 8.5 billion to US\$ 9 billion.
- The United States maintained third place, with an increase from US\$ 5 billion to US\$ 5.5 billion.
- UAE showed a notable rise in FDI ranking, while Japan's inflow declined during FY 2024–25.

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**Ques: What was the value of RBI's forex transaction gains in FY 2024-25?**

- A. \$9 billion
- B. \$11 billion
- C. \$15 billion
- D. \$13 billion
- E. \$17 billion

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- RBI earned \$13 billion (Rs.1.11 lakh crore) from foreign exchange transactions in FY 2024-25, marking a nearly 33% increase year-on-year.
- This gain was a key driver behind the 27.5% rise in net income, which reached Rs.2.69 lakh crore.
- Interest income from foreign securities also rose significantly to Rs.97,070 crore, up from Rs.65,328 crore the previous year.
- The RBI's balance sheet expanded by 8.2% to Rs.76.25 lakh crore, reflecting strength in its monetary and reserve management policies.
- These forex gains contributed to a substantial dividend transfer to the government and increased provisioning to the contingency fund, now at Rs.4.84 lakh crore.

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**Ques : RBI has issued how many draft guidelines outlining the procedures for banks and NBFCs to issue gold loans to individuals ?**

- A 5
- B 6
- C 7
- D 8
- E 9

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation :**

• Draft guidelines detailing the steps for banks and non-banking financial institutions (NBFCs) to offer gold loans to consumers have been released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

**About the Proposals :**

- When a borrower takes out a loan secured by gold, lenders are required to provide a certificate attesting to the gold's value and purity. This certificate will include information on the gold's weight, carat purity, any deductions (such as stones or other materials), and the collateral's estimated worth.
- Loans Against Silver Now Allowed, Specially minted silver coins sold by banks with a minimum purity of 925 will now be acceptable as collateral under these draft guidelines
- Loan-to-Value (LTV) Ratio Capped at 75%. This means that if the pledged gold was worth Rs.100, the maximum loan amount would be around Rs.75
- As per the proposal, the gold must be returned within 7 working days to the borrower after the full payment. In case of delay, the lender will pay Rs 5,000 for each day of delay
- According to the draft, only gold jewellery, ornaments, and specified gold coins are eligible as collateral for gold loan
- The gold will be valued at the price of 22-carat purity, regardless of the actual purity of your gold







- As per the draft, the aggregate weight of gold ornaments pledged by a borrower should not exceed 1 Kilogram (kg), and the total weight of gold coins should not exceed 50 grams (gm) per borrower
- According to the RBI draft, borrowers would need to provide evidence of ownership for the gold that will be pledged as security.
- The loan document must include complete details of the pledged gold (description, weight, value, etc.)



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**Ques: What is the percentage of Currency in Circulation (CIC) as a share of GDP in FY 2024-25?**

- A. 12.2%
- B. 13.5%
- C. 14.4%
- D. 11.2%
- E. 10.0%

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- In FY 2024-25, Currency in Circulation (CIC) as a percentage of GDP declined to 11.2%, continuing a downward trend from 14.4% in FY 2020-21.
- This level is even lower than the pre-demonetisation level of 12.2% recorded in FY17.
- The decline indicates growing adoption of UPI and other digital payment methods.
- However, in absolute terms, CIC increased from Rs.13.35 lakh crore in FY17 to Rs.37.24 lakh crore in FY25.
- Also, 98.99% of CIC is in the form of banknotes as of FY25.

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**Ques: What is the revised monthly stipend range recommended under NAPS and NATS by the Central Apprenticeship Council in its 38th meeting?**

- A. Rs.5,000 – Rs.9,000
- B. Rs.6,000 – Rs.10,500
- C. Rs.8,000 – Rs.14,000
- D. Rs.7,500 – Rs.13,000
- E. Rs.6,800 – Rs.12,300

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The 38th Meeting of the Central Apprenticeship Council (CAC) recommended a 36% hike in the stipend under two national schemes National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS)
- Once notified by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), the monthly stipend range under both schemes will rise from Rs.5,000– Rs.9,000 to Rs.6,800– Rs.12,300 across five bands.
- NAPS: Provides stipend subsidy of Rs.1,500/month or 25%, whichever is lower, to employers.
- NATS: Under the Ministry of Education, reimburses 50% of the stipend to employers.
- The CAC also recommended automatic revision of stipends every two years based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- CAC is a statutory body under the Apprenticeship Act, 1961, reconstituted in October 2024 with a 3-year tenure and 54 members.
- Union MoS Jayant Chaudhary is the Chairman, and MP Vikramjit Singh Sahney is the Vice-Chairman.





**Ques: Which upcoming indigenous programme aims to develop India's fifth-generation fighter aircraft?**

- A. Tejas MK-2
- B. Rafale India
- C. AMCA Programme
- D. Gaganyaan Mission
- E. Astra Initiative

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved the execution model of the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programme, which aims to build India's first fifth-generation fighter aircraft.
  - The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) under DRDO will design the aircraft.
  - Private companies will participate for the first time in the manufacturing process.
  - Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) will have to bid to develop the prototype.
  - Currently, India's most advanced fighter jets include the Rafale (4.5-generation) and Tejas MK-1A, also a 4.5-generation indigenous aircraft.
  - Only three nations in the world currently possess fifth-generation combat aircraft.
  - Lockheed Martin in the US produced the F-22 Raptor and the F-35 Lightning II fighter aircraft, which are owned by the US.
  - The J-20 Mighty Dragon is produced by Chengdu Aerospace Corporation in China. It is also working on the J-35 aircraft.
  - The SU-57 is a Russian aircraft developed by the Sukhoi Design Bureau.
- Lockheed Martin's F-22 Raptor is regarded as the first fifth-generation fighter aircraft in history.





**Ques: Which airline will be the first to operate from the Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA)?**

- A. Air India
- B. Vistara
- C. GoAir
- D. IndiGo
- E. SpiceJet

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- IndiGo will be the first airline to commence operations at the upcoming Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) with 18 daily flights to 15 cities on the first day of commercial operations.
- The airline plans to scale up its operations to 79 daily departures (158 ATMs), including 14 international departures, by November 2025.
- By March 2026, IndiGo aims to operate 100+ daily departures, and by November 2026, it will reach 140 daily departures (280 ATMs), including 30 international departures.
- NMIA is being developed by Navi Mumbai International Airport Ltd (NMIAL), a joint venture of Adani Airport Holdings Ltd (AAHL) and CIDCO.
- The new airport aims to alleviate congestion at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) in Mumbai.

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**Ques: Which crop has received the highest percentage increase in MSP for 2025–26?**

- A. Maize
- B. Nigerseed
- C. Ragi
- D. Soybean
- E. Paddy

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved a hike in Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for 14 Kharif crops for the 2025–26 season.
- Ragi received the highest percentage increase in MSP at 13.89%.
- Nigerseed, however, received the highest absolute increase of Rs.820 per quintal.
- This reflects the government's strategy to encourage crop diversification by offering higher MSP hikes for coarse cereals like ragi and maize.
- The MSP for ragi was increased to incentivize farmers toward cultivating more nutritious and climate-resilient crops.

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**Ques: As per the 2025 Amendment Order, what is the maximum stock limit of wheat allowed for Traders/Wholesalers across India?**

- A. 5000 MT
- B. 1000 MT
- C. 1500 MT
- D. 3000 MT
- E. No Limit

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- To manage food security and prevent hoarding, the Government of India imposed stock limits on wheat through The Removal of Licensing Requirements, Stock Limits and Movement Restrictions on Specified Foodstuffs (Amendment) Order, 2025, effective from 27 May 2025 to 31 March 2026.
- As per the Order, Traders/Wholesalers are allowed to hold a maximum of 3000 metric tonnes (MT) of wheat.

**Other limits include:**

- Retailers: 10 MT per outlet
- Big Chain Retailers: 10 MT × number of outlets (total stock limit across outlets and depots)
- Processors: 70% of Monthly Installed Capacity × remaining months of FY 2025–26







**Ques: At which international event in 2025 did Neeraj Chopra win a silver medal in javelin throw?**

- A. Diamond League, Doha
- B. World Athletics Championships
- C. Janusz Kusociński Memorial
- D. Asian Athletics Championships
- E. Golden Spike Meet

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- Neeraj Chopra won the silver medal at the 71st edition of the Janusz Kusociński Memorial 2025 held in Chorzów, Poland.
- His best throw was 84.14 meters, achieved on his sixth and final attempt.
- Germany's Julian Weber won the gold with 86.12 m, while Anderson Peters (Grenada) took bronze with 83.24 m.
- This marked Neeraj's 22nd consecutive top-two finish in international events since June 2021, a remarkable consistency in performance.

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**Ques: What is Indrajaal Infra, recently launched by Indrajaal, designed to protect?**

- A. Satellite communication systems
- B. National highways
- C. High-value infrastructure from drone threats
- D. Submarine cables
- E. Banking networks

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Indrajaal Infra is an AI-powered anti-drone solution launched by Indrajaal, designed to protect critical infrastructure such as nuclear power plants, ports, airports, oil refineries, and power grids.
- It is built on the SkyOS platform, integrating AI-based threat detection with sensors, spoofers, and jammers, offering protection across up to 4,000 sq km of airspace.
- First operational at a naval port in Gujarat, it is now being deployed at India's largest naval port in Karnataka to strengthen maritime and industrial defence.

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**Ques: Which states are involved in the Rs.7,000-crore rail and road projects approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)?**

- A. Maharashtra, Gujarat, Telangana
- B. Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh
- D. Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Odisha
- E. Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved over Rs.7,000 crore worth of rail and road infrastructure projects.
- The states involved in these projects are Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Andhra Pradesh.
- Of this amount, Rs.3,399 crore is allocated for multi-tracking railway projects in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, to be completed by FY 2029–30.
- A four-lane highway corridor from Badvel to Nellore in Andhra Pradesh has also been approved with an estimated cost of Rs.3,653 crore.
- These projects will enhance connectivity to 784 villages, add 176 km of rail tracks, increase freight capacity by 18.4 MTPA, and save 20 crore litres of fuel while reducing 99 crore kg of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.





**Ques: Which country was the top destination for India's petroleum exports in FY 2024–25 despite an overall decline?**

- A. Netherlands
- B. Singapore
- C. United Arab Emirates
- D. United States
- E. South Africa

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Netherlands remained the top destination for India's petroleum exports in FY 2024–25.
- However, exports to the Netherlands declined from US\$ 15.2 billion to 13.7 billion compared to FY 2023–24.
- Overall, petroleum export volume dropped in most months of FY 2024–25.
- For example, in December, export volume dropped from 12.7 million tonnes to 9.4 million tonnes, and value fell from US\$ 9.1 bn to 6.4 bn.
- Major destinations like UAE, Singapore, Australia, and the US also saw declines.
- Only South Africa among the top destinations showed an increase in export value.

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**Ques: AM Green has signed an MoU with which European port to establish a green energy supply chain between India and Northwestern Europe?**

- A. Port of Rotterdam
- B. Port of Hamburg
- C. Port of Antwerp
- D. Port of Marseille
- E. Port of Valencia

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- AM Green signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Port of Rotterdam Authority, located in the Netherlands, which is Europe's largest energy port.
- The MoU is aimed at creating a green energy supply chain connecting India and Northwestern Europe via the Port of Rotterdam.
- The partnership is expected to enable annual trade of 1 million tonnes of green fuels, including Green ammonia and Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF)
- The trade is valued at approximately USD 1 billion annually.
- AM Green will start production at its green ammonia facility in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh in the second half of 2026.
- The facility involves an investment of Rs.12,500 crores.





**Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of IndiGo, replacing Venkataramani Sumantran?**

- LA. Ronojoy Dutta
- B. Aditya Ghosh
- C. Rahul Bhatia
- D. Vikram Singh Mehta
- E. Sanjay Kumar

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation :**

- Vikram Singh Mehta has been appointed as the new Chairman of IndiGo (InterGlobe Aviation Ltd).
- He succeeds Venkataramani Sumantran in this role.
- Mehta has been on IndiGo's Board since May 2022.
- He is a former IAS officer and also served as the Chairman and CEO of Shell Companies in India and Egypt.
- His vast leadership experience is expected to guide IndiGo in its next phase of growth.

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**Ques: Which country topped the medal tally at the ISSF Junior World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun 2025 (1st leg) held in Suhl, Germany?**

- A. USA
- B. Germany
- C. France
- D. China
- E. India

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation :**

- From May 19–27, 2025, Suhl, Germany, hosted the first leg of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun 2025.
- India took first place with 11 medals, including 3 gold, 4 silver, and 4 bronze. China came in second with 4 medals.
- The ISSF Junior World Cup 2025's second (final) leg will take place in New Delhi, India, from September 24 to October 2, 2025.

**Indian Medal Winners at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2025 (1st leg) :**

**Gold Medal :**

- Kanak Budhwar : Women's 10m air pistol
- Tejaswani Sawant : Women's 25m pistol
- Shambhavi Shravan Kshirsagar : Women's 10m air rifle

**Silver Medal :**

- Khyaty Chaudhary and Naraen Pranav Vanitha Suresh : 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team
- Ojasvi Thakur : Women's 10m Air Rifle
- Raiza Dhillon : Women's Skeet
- Adriyan Karmakar : Men's 50m Rifle Prone





**Ques: Who won the Palme d'Or at the 78th Cannes International Film Festival held in 2025?**

- A. Payal Kapadia
- B. Jafar Panahi
- C. Juliette Binoche
- D. Hirokazu Kore-eda
- E. Pedro Almodóvar

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The 78th Cannes International Film Festival took place in Cannes, France in 2025.
- Iranian filmmaker Jafar Panahi won the prestigious Palme d'Or for his film 'It Was Just an Accident'.
- The jury was chaired by French actress Juliette Binoche, and included Indian director Payal Kapadia among its nine members.
- The India Pavilion at Cannes 2025 adopted the theme "Create In India", promoting India's growing role in global content creation.

**2025 Winners of Cannes Film Festival :**

- Jafar Panahi(Iran) : It Was Just an Accident (Palme d'Or Award)
- Oliver Laxe(Spain) : Sirat (Jury Prize Award)
- Kleber Mendonça Filho(Brazil) : The Secret Agent (Best Director Award)
- Joachim Trier(Norway) : Sentimental Value (Grand Prix Award)
- Nadia Melliti(France) : The Little Sister (Best Performance by an Actress Award)
- Wagner Moura(Brazil) : The Secret Agent (Best Performance by an Actor Award)
- Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne(Belgium) : Young Mothers (Best Screenplay Award)
- Mascha Schilinski(Germany) : Sound of Falling (Jury Prize Award)





**Ques: According to the government, what is the estimated record foodgrain production for the crop year ending June 2025?**

- A. 332.3 million tonnes
- B. 350.5 million tonnes
- C. 345.10 million tonnes
- D. 360.25 million tonnes
- E. 353.96 million tonnes

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- India has recorded its highest-ever foodgrain production at 353.96 million tonnes (MT) for the crop year ending June 30, 2025.
- This includes all-time high production of rice (149.07 MT), wheat (117.51 MT), and maize (42.28 MT).
- The output is 6.5% higher than the previous year's production of 332.3 MT.
- According to Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the achievement is due to the dedication of farmers, agricultural scientists, and supportive government policies.
- There was also an increase in pulses, oilseeds, and nutri cereals. While mustard production declined, soybean and groundnut helped offset the loss.

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**Ques: NLC India Renewables Ltd (NIRL) has signed a Joint Venture Agreement with which organization to develop renewable energy projects in Maharashtra?**

- A. SECI
- B. NTPC Green Energy
- C. MAHAPREIT
- D. IREDA
- E. MSEDCL

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- NLC India Renewables Limited (NIRL), a subsidiary of NLC India Ltd, signed a Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) with Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology Ltd (MAHAPREIT).
- The Joint Venture Company (JVC) to be formed will develop up to 2000 MW of renewable energy projects, expanding to 5000 MW in Maharashtra.
- The initial focus will be on 500 MW under Phase I.
- The equity structure of the JVC will be 74% NIRL and 26% MAHAPREIT.
- Project types include solar, wind, hybrid, floating solar, BESS (Battery Energy Storage Systems), pumped storage, and solar parks.

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**Ques: According to the ILO & NASK report, what percentage of jobs worldwide fall under the highest risk category due to Generative AI?**

- A. 3.3%
- B. 4.7%
- C. 9.6%
- D. 2.4%
- E. 11%

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The report titled "Generative AI and Jobs: A Refined Global Index of Occupational Exposure" was jointly published by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and National Research Institute (NASK).
- It reveals that 3.3% of jobs globally fall under the highest risk category due to the impact of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI).
- The report highlights a gender disparity, with 4.7% of women's jobs being at high risk compared to 2.4% of men's jobs.
- In High-Income Countries (HICs), the gender gap is more pronounced—9.6% of women's jobs are at high risk vs. 3.5% for men.

**About International Labour Organisation :**

- Established : 1919
- HQ : Geneva, Switzerland
- Member : 187
- Director-General : Gilbert F. Hounbo





## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Swiggy rebranded its quick-commerce vertical Instamart by dropping the parent name 'Swiggy' to build an independent brand. It launched a new logo, kept the 'S-Pin' icon, and aims to reflect innovation and convenience.

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has approved the grant of "Miniratna" status Category-I for Munitions India Limited (MIL), Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL) & India Optel Limited (IOL)

Karnataka Cabinet Renamed Ramanagara District as 'Bengaluru South'

Cristiano Ronaldo has once again amazed the football world. On May 26, 2025, he scored his 800th club goal in a Saudi Pro League match for Al-Nassr against Al-Fateh. Messi has 753 goals, but is still behind him.

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has approved 3 new high-yielding crop varieties developed by Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth. The new varieties include AKAW 5100 Wheat, CSV 65 Yellow Sorghum (Kharif), and Super Jaki Chickpea (AKG 1402)

Intelsat, a multinational satellite services provider, has received an approval from the IN-SPACe to provide direct satellite coverage to media organizations in India. The approval authorizes Intelsat to operate four Geostationary satellites such as Indian Space (IS)-17, IS-20, IS-36, and IS-39, offering Communication Band (C-Band) coverage across India.





**Ques: What was India's fiscal deficit as a percentage of GDP in FY 2024–25?**

- A. 5.4%
- B. 6.1%
- C. 4.8%
- D. 4.5%
- E. 3.9%

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- India's fiscal deficit for FY 2024–25 stood at 4.8% of GDP, as per data released by the Comptroller General of Accounts.
- The deficit amounted to Rs.15.77 lakh crore, which is 100.5% of the revised annual target.
- Total expenditure was Rs.46.56 lakh crore, or 98.7% of the revised budget target.
- Revenue receipts stood at Rs.30.36 lakh crore – with Rs.24.99 lakh crore from taxes and Rs.5.38 lakh crore from non-tax revenue.
- Capital expenditure was Rs.10.52 lakh crore, exceeding the target at 103.3%.
- Revenue deficit was at Rs.5.67 lakh crore or 92.9% of the target.
- RBI surplus transfer to the government was Rs.2.11 lakh crore for FY24

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**Q. Which Indian fintech company recently completed a reverse flip to shift its parent domicile from the US to India?**

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- A. PhonePe
- B. Razorpay
- C. Paytm
- D. Groww
- E. CRED /

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- Fintech unicorn Razorpay, backed by Y Combinator and Peak XV, has successfully completed the reverse flip process by merging its US-based parent entity with Razorpay Software India.
- This shift brings the company's operations under Indian jurisdiction and supports its goal of listing on Indian stock exchanges.
- Co-founder Shashank Kumar highlighted this as a milestone, reflecting confidence in India's economic and innovation ecosystem.
- Razorpay's move follows the trend set by other startups like PhonePe, Groww, and Zepto, who also shifted their domicile to India.

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**Ques: What is the projected value of India's overall goods and services exports for FY 2025–26, as per FIEO?**

- A. \$850 billion
- B. \$900 billion
- C. \$950 billion
- D. \$1 trillion
- E. \$1.1 trillion

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- According to the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), India's overall goods and services exports are projected to reach \$1 trillion in FY 2025–26, reflecting a 21% increase over the previous year.
- In FY 2024–25, total exports stood at \$825 billion.
- Merchandise exports are expected to rise from \$437 billion to \$525–535 billion (around 12% growth).
- Services exports are projected to grow from \$387 billion to \$465–475 billion (around 20% growth).

**About Federation of Indian Export Organisations :**

- Established : 1965
- HQ : New Delhi
- Director General & CEO : Dr. Ajay Sahai
- President : Ashvini Kumar





**Q. Who has been recommended as the new MD & CEO of Union Bank of India by FSIB?**

- A. Kalyan Kumar
- B. A. Manimekhalai
- C. Asheesh Pandey
- D. Rajkiran Rai G
- E. Atul Kumar Goel

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) has recommended Asheesh Pandey as the new Managing Director and CEO of Union Bank of India (UBI).
- He is currently serving as Executive Director at Bank of Maharashtra.
- Along with him, Kalyan Kumar, Executive Director at Punjab National Bank, has been recommended for the role of MD & CEO of Central Bank of India.
- FSIB conducted interviews of 23 candidates between May 27–30, 2025, for top leadership roles in public sector banks.
- These recommendations are part of the government's selection process for ensuring strong leadership in the public banking sector.

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**Ques: What is the name of the new investor-focused initiative launched by IEPFA and SEBI in Pune on June 1, 2025?**

- A. NiveshakSahyog
- B. SmartInvestor Camp
- C. NiveshakShivir
- D. DhanSuraksha Mission
- E. SEBI Helpdesk Yatra

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, in collaboration with SEBI, launched a new pilot initiative titled “NiveshakShivir”.
- The first camp was held in Pune on June 1, 2025.
- The initiative aims to be a one-stop solution for resolving issues related to unclaimed dividends and shares and providing access to investor services.
- Over 1.1 billion unclaimed shares, worth approximately Rs.1 lakh crore, and unclaimed dividends worth Rs.6,000 crore are currently with the IEPFA.

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**Ques: Which Indian city will host the 2026 Asian Weightlifting Championships?**

- A. Ahmedabad
- B. Mumbai
- C. New Delhi
- D. Chennai
- E. Bengaluru

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The Asian Weightlifting Federation (AWF), headquartered in Doha, Qatar, has announced that Ahmedabad, Gujarat will host the 2026 Asian Weightlifting Championships.
- This will mark India's return as host of the event after 44 years, the last time being in 1982 in New Delhi during the Asian Games.
- The championship will be organized by the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLF) under the supervision of AWF.
- India received the hosting rights in 2024 during the AWF Congress held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

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**Ques: Who is the youngest Indian to complete the Seven Summits challenge?**

- A. Kamya Karthikeyan
- B. Jordon Romero
- C. Arjun Vajpai
- D. Vishwanath Karthikey Padakanti
- E. Krushnaa Patil

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Vishwanath Karthikey Padakanti, a 16-year-old from Hyderabad, became the youngest Indian and second youngest globally to complete the 7 Summits challenge.
- He broke the previous Indian record held by Kamya Karthikeyan, who completed the challenge at age 17.
- The world record is held by Jordon Romero of the USA, who achieved it at age 15 in 2011.
- Vishwanath's final climb was Mount Everest (8,848 meters), marking the completion of his challenge.

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**Q. How much additional tax devolution was approved by the Centre for states on June 2, 2025?**

- A. Rs.72,000 crore
- B. Rs.81,735 crore
- C. Rs.1,00,000 crore
- D. Rs.12.86 lakh crore
- E. Rs.14.22 lakh crore

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- On June 2, 2025, the Government of India approved Rs.81,735 crore in additional tax devolution to the states.
- This amount is separate from the regular monthly instalment, which is scheduled for June 10, 2025.
- The funds will support capital spending, welfare programs, and priority projects in various states.
- This move reflects the government's commitment to cooperative federalism and the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047.
- In FY25, the total tax devolution to states stood at Rs.12.86 lakh crore, up Rs.1.57 lakh crore from the previous year.
- For FY26, the estimated tax devolution is Rs.14.22 lakh crore.
- According to the devolution formula, 41% of the Centre's net tax collection is transferred to states in monthly instalments.





**Ques : Who has approved the grant of 'Miniratna' Category-I status to 3 Indian Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) ?**

- A Amit Shah
- B Yogi Adityanath
- C Anurag Thakur
- D Rajnath Singh
- E Narendra Modi

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation :**

- Munitions India Limited (MIL), Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL), and India Optel Limited (IOL) are the three Indian Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) that have been granted "Miniratna" Category-I status by Union Minister Rajnath Singh of the Ministry of Defence (MoD).
- The Ordnance Factory Board (OFB), which gave rise to these three DPSUs, was reorganized into seven organizations on October 1, 2021, in an effort to increase independence and creativity in defense manufacturing.
- There are fifty-two central PSUs in the nation with Miniratna Category-I designation. There are ten CPSEs in total at the Miniratna Category-II status.
- Munitions India Limited Manufactures ammunition and explosives and Headquarters in Khadki, Pune, Maharashtra
- Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited. Manufactures vehicles for the armed forces and Headquarters in Avadi, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- India Optel Limited Manufactures opto-electronic items. And Headquarters in Dehradun, Uttarakhand

**About Criteria for Miniratna status :**

- Miniratna Category-I : Made profit consecutively for 3 years, pre-tax profit is Rs 30 crore or more in at least 1 of 3 years and have positive net worth are eligible
- Miniratna Category-II : Have made profit consecutively for 3 years and have positive net worth are eligible







**Ques: Who was awarded the Global Indian of the Year 2025 by the Canada India Foundation (CIF)?**

- A. Ratan Tata
- B. Jagadish "Jaggi" Vasudev (Sadhguru)
- C. Sundar Pichai
- D. Raj Subramaniam
- E. Indra Nooyi

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Jagadish “Jaggi” Vasudev, widely known as Sadhguru, was awarded the Global Indian of the Year 2025.
- The award was presented by the Canada India Foundation (CIF) in October 2024.
- The award includes a cash prize of CAD 50,000.
- It was presented by Ritesh Malik, Chairperson of CIF, and Sunita Vyas, National Convenor of CIF.
- Sadhguru dedicated the award to the Cauvery Calling initiative, aimed at revitalizing the Cauvery River and improving the livelihoods of 84 million people in Southern India.

**About CIF Global Indian Award :**

- Started : 2008
- Awarded by : Canada India Foundation
- Given to : A recipient who has demonstrated global leadership, vision and professional excellence that has made all people of Indian origin extremely proud of their Indian heritage
- Prize : \$50,000
- 2023 winner : Sudha Murty, Chairman, Murty Trust





**Q. Which country recently launched the Tianwen-2 mission to collect asteroid samples by 2027?**

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- China launched the Tianwen-2 spacecraft to collect samples from near-Earth asteroid 2016HO3 and to explore main-belt comet 311P.
- The mission aims to return asteroid samples by 2027, enhancing our understanding of the solar system's formation.
- Tianwen-2 is part of China's ambitious space exploration program, contributing to its goal of becoming a global space power.
- This effort will expand human knowledge of the cosmos, marking a significant step in planetary science and deep space research.

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**Ques: What is the name of the scheme launched by the Gujarat Government to provide cashless medical treatment to its employees and pensioners?**

- A. Karmayogi Swasthya Suraksha Yojana
- B. Gujarat Aarogya Suraksha Yojana
- C. Ayushman Bharat Gujarat Yojana
- D. Gujarat Medisave Scheme
- E. Swasth Gujarat Mission

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The Gujarat Karmayogi Swasthya Suraksha Yojana was launched by the Government of Gujarat.
- It aims to provide cashless medical treatment up to ₹10 lakh per annum.
- The scheme is overseen by the State Health Agency (SHA).
- Beneficiaries receive a specially issued “G” category card under the PMJAY (Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana) framework.

**Beneficiaries include:**

- All India Services (AIS) officers and pensioners
- Gujarat state government officers, employees, and pensioners
- Fixed-pay employees, subject to specific conditions

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**Ques: Which satellite service provider received approval from IN-SPACe to offer direct satellite coverage to media organizations in India?**

- A. Intelsat
- B. Hughes Network Systems
- C. SES S.A.
- D. Starlink
- E. Telesat

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Intelsat, a multinational satellite services provider, has received approval from IN-SPACe (Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre), based in Ahmedabad.
- The approval permits Intelsat to operate four Geostationary (GEO) satellites — IS-17, IS-20, IS-36, and IS-39.
- These satellites will provide C-Band communication coverage across India.
- Following the approval, Intelsat signed contracts with three of India's largest media organizations, enhancing its presence in the Indian broadcasting sector.

**About Intelsat :**

- Established : 20 August 1964
- HQ : Virginia, United States of America
- CEO : David C. Wajsgras

**About IN-SPACe :**

- Established : 24 June 2020
- HQ : Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Chairman : Pawan Kumar Goenka





**Ques: Where was the 22nd edition of the Shangri-La Dialogue (Asian Security Summit) held in 2025?**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Kuala Lumpur
- C. Tokyo
- D. Singapore
- E. Bangko

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The 22nd edition of the Shangri-La Dialogue, also known as the Asian Security Summit, was held in 2025 at the Shangri-La Hotel in Singapore.
- It is organised annually by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in collaboration with the Singapore government.
- The summit started in 2002.
- Notably, no Indian government officials attended the 21st edition held in 2024.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi became the first Indian PM to attend the summit in 2018

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**Ques: Where will India establish its first Artificial Intelligence-focused Special Economic Zone (SEZ)?**

- A. Bengaluru, Karnataka
- B. Hyderabad, Telangana
- C. Pune, Maharashtra
- D. Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- E. Indore, Madhya Pradesh

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- India will set up its first AI-focused SEZ in Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
- The project is being developed by RackBank Datacenters Pvt. Ltd., based in Indore, with an investment of Rs.1,000 crore.
- The SEZ will cover 6 acres and include a 1.5 lakh sq. ft. data centre.
- It will feature 4 high-density data centres with a total power capacity of 80 megawatts.
- The SEZ will function under the existing SEZ Act of 2005.
- As per the Commerce Ministry, 423 SEZs have been approved in India, of which 270 are operational.

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**Ques: Which state recently became the 24th State/Union Territory to achieve 100% electrification of rail tracks?**

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Gujarat
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Punjab

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- Gujarat has become the 24th State/UT to achieve 100% electrification of its railway tracks.
- This was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the inauguration of the Dahod Electric Locomotive Factory in Gujarat.
- The first electric train in India ran between Mumbai and Thane in 1925.
- The first Five-Year Plan (1951–1956) included a target to electrify 141 km of rail routes.
- The Central Organisation for Railway Electrification (CORE), which oversees electrification efforts, is headquartered in Prayagraj (formerly Allahabad), Uttar Pradesh.

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## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Prashant Tripathy Resigned as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Axis Max Life Insurance Limited

Luis Filipe Montenegro Cardoso de Moraes Esteves, leader of the Democratic Alliance (AD) Party Appointed as 119th Prime Minister (PM) of Portugal

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur and Singapore's Institute of Microelectronics (IME), under the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A\*STAR) Signed MOU at SEMICON Southeast Asia 2025 to collaborate on semiconductor research and talent development

PepsiCo (USA) has entered into a strategic partnership with Formula One (F1) until 2030. Sting Energy (Energy Drink partner), Gatorade (official partner of F1 Sprint events) and Doritos (official savoury snack partner)

The 25th edition of Fit India Sundays on Cycle, celebrated as Tiranga Cycling Rally, was successfully held across the nation. The edition saw the launch of two key initiatives – the Fit India Newsletter and the Carbon Credit Feature on the Fit India mobile app

Raman Aggarwal Appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC) - Representative body of NBFCs





**Ques: Where was the 17th edition of the India-Mongolia joint military exercise Nomadic Elephant held in 2025?**

- A. Umroi, Meghalaya
- B. New Delhi, India
- C. Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- D. Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh
- E. Thimphu, Bhutan

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- The 17th edition of the India–Mongolia joint military exercise Nomadic Elephant was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- The Indian Army was represented by 45 personnel, primarily from the Arunachal Scouts.
- Mongolia was represented by 150 troops from a Special Forces unit.
- The previous edition (16th) was held in Umroi, Meghalaya in 2024.
- The exercise began in 2004, and it aims to strengthen interoperability and coordination between the two armies in counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations.

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**Ques: Which Indian state was recently declared fully literate under the ULLAS - Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram?**

- A. Kerala
- B. Goa
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Tamil Nadu
- E. Sikkim

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant declared Goa as fully literate under the ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram, a centrally sponsored scheme.
- Goa became the second state in India to cross the 95% literacy benchmark.
- The declaration was made on Goa's 39th Statehood Day (May 30, 2025).
- According to PLFS Report 2023–24, Goa's literacy rate is 93.60%.
- ULLAS aims to achieve full literacy by 2030, in alignment with NEP 2020, and targets adults aged 15 years and above who missed formal education.
- The scheme includes 5 components: Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, Critical Life Skills, Basic Education, Vocational Skills and Continuing Education

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### **Ques : Which Airport tops in Air Connectivity Ranking 2024 ?**

- A. Tokyo International (Haneda) Airport
- B. London Heathrow Airport
- C. Indira Gandhi International Airport
- D. Dubai International Airport
- E. Shanghai Pudong International Airport

**Answer : Option D**

### **Explanation :**

- Air Connectivity Ranking 2024 Published by Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) of China based Airports Council International (ACI) Asia-Pacific & Middle East (APAC & MID)
- Dubai International Airport topped (DXB), located in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) the airports in Air Connectivity in 2024
- The report's 2025 edition also includes a recently added Hub Connectivity Index, where Dubai International Airport came in first.
- The airport code DEL designates Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), which is situated in New Delhi (Delhi) and was ranked 10th on the list of hub airports with strong connectivity leadership for 2024.

### **Ranking of Top 5 Airports in Airports in Air Connectivity in 2024 :**

- 1 Dubai International Airport, UAE
- 2 Shanghai Pudong International Airport, China
- 3 Incheon International Airport, South Korea
- 4 Hamad International Airport, Qatar
- 5 Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, China

### **Ranking of Top 5 Airport Hubs in Connectivity Leadership in 2024 :**

- 1 Dubai International Airport , UAE
- 2 Shanghai Pudong International Airport , China
- 3 Hamad International Airport , Qatar





- 4 Incheon International Airport , South Korea
- 5 Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport , China
- 10 Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) , India



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**Ques: What is the primary objective of the “Battery Aadhaar” project launched by the Government of India in 2025?**

- A. Promote battery exports from India
- B. Subsidize EV battery manufacturing
- C. Ensure transparency and safety in battery systems
- D. Create employment in the EV sector
- E. Monitor fuel prices digitally

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Battery Aadhaar project was launched by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) at the Battery Summit 2025, held in New Delhi on 28 May 2025.
- It aims to assign a unique digital identity to locally manufactured EV batteries.
- The initiative promotes transparency, provides battery usage history, manufacturer identity, and material composition.
- It addresses safety concerns from unregulated EV charging stations, prevents counterfeiting, and supports safe battery disposal.
- The project is a part of the UNEP-GEF initiative “Electrifying Mobility in Cities” and is being implemented by NITI Aayog in partnership with DST.
- The Battery Summit was organized by WRI India with support from UNEP, Battery360 Alliance, and NITI Aayog.

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**Ques: Who presented the National Florence Nightingale Awards 2025 to outstanding nursing professionals?**

- A. President of India
- B. Union Minister of Health
- C. Prime Minister of India
- D. Vice President of India
- E. Union Minister of Women and Child Development

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation:**

- The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, conferred the National Florence Nightingale Awards 2025 to 15 exceptional nurses.
- The awards are instituted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to recognize the dedication, compassion, and resilience in the nursing profession.
- Each award consists of a Certificate of Merit, a cash prize of Rs.1,00,000, and a medal.

**List of Awardees – National Florence Nightingale Awards 2025 :**

- Lady Health Visitors (LHVs) : Bina Pani Deka (Assam)
- Nurse : Kijum Sora Karga (Arunachal Pradesh)
- Nurse : Dimple Arora (Delhi)
- Nurse : Maj Gen Sheena P D (Delhi)
- Nurse : Dr. Banu M R (Karnataka)
- Nurse : Leimapokpam Ranjita Devi (Manipur)
- Nurse : V Lalhmangaihi (Mizoram)
- Nurse : L S Manimozhi (Puducherry)
- Nurse : Alamelu Mangayarkarasi K (Tamil Nadu)
- Nurse : Doli Biswas (West Bengal)
- Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) : Reba Rani Sarkar (Andaman and Nicobar Islands)
- ANM : Valiveti Subhavathi (Andhra Pradesh)
- ANM : Saroj Fakirbhai Patel (Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu)
- ANM : Raziya Beegum P B (Lakshadweep)







**Ques: Who has been appointed as the Independent President of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) for the term 2026–2028?**

- A. Yang Yang
- B. Witold Banka
- C. Thomas Bach
- D. Sebastian Coe
- E. Sun Yang

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Witold Banka (Poland) has been appointed as the Independent President of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) for the third and final term from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2028.
- He first assumed office on January 1, 2020.
- Yang Yang (China), the first Chinese to hold the position, has been reappointed as the Vice President of WADA.
- WADA was established in 1999 and is headquartered in Montreal, Canada.

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**Ques: What is the objective of the 'Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan' launched in May 2025?**

- A. Promote agricultural exports
- B. Transform agriculture through technology adoption
- C. Digitalize agricultural markets
- D. Increase MSP for all crops
- E. Provide crop insurance to every farmer

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the 'Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan' at ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar on May 29, 2025.
- The 15-day campaign (May 29–June 12, 2025) aims to transform Indian agriculture by promoting the adoption of advanced agricultural and fisheries technologies among over 1.5 crore farmers.
- The initiative connects farmers with innovations from 731 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and 113 ICAR institutes.
- It focuses on climate-resilient farming, natural farming, and effective use of Soil Health Cards.
- A major highlight was the launch of "CIFA Argu VAX-I", a vaccine developed to combat parasitic fish infections, reducing economic losses in aquaculture.

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**Ques: Under which international initiative have 10 Indian AI startups been selected to undergo acceleration in Paris, France?**

- A. India AI Global Connect Program
- B. India AI Startups Global Initiative
- C. Global AI Acceleration Scheme
- D. Paris AI Innovation Exchange
- E. HEC AI Fellowship Programme

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The India AI Startups Global Initiative is an international acceleration programme launched under the India AI Mission.
- It is conducted in partnership with Station F (the world's largest startup campus) and HEC Paris, both based in France.
- As part of this initiative, 10 cutting-edge Indian AI startups will undergo a 4-month acceleration programme at Station F in Paris to boost their global AI presence.

**List of 10 Indian AI Startups :**

- PrivaSapien Technologies : Bengaluru, Karnataka
- CoRover.ai : Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Staqu Technologies (Jarvis) : Gurugram, Haryana
- SatSure Analytics : Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Storyvord : National Capital Region, Delhi
- VolarAlta : Pune, Maharashtra
- Smartail : Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN)
- Secure Blink : Noida, Uttar Pradesh (UP)
- NeuroPixel.AI : Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Voicing AI : National Capital Region, Delhi

About IndiaAI Mission :





- Launched : 2024
- Implemented by : Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
- Outlay : Rs 10,300 crores
- Objective : Building AI infrastructure, enhancing data quality, and promoting AI applications





**Ques: What is 'Meghdoot Millennium', recently inaugurated by the Indian Army Postal Service Corps and Department of Posts?**

- A. A military weather forecasting system
- B. A secure postal software for defence personnel
- C. A cloud storage service for army communication
- D. A new postal stamp series for the Indian Army
- E. An AI surveillance tool for border regions

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- 'Meghdoot Millennium' is a secure, real-time postal software designed specifically for defence personnel, ensuring modernized and efficient postal services.
- It was developed by the Centre for Excellence in Postal Technology (CEPT) in Mysuru, Karnataka.
- The software was inaugurated in collaboration with the Indian Army Postal Service Corps and Department of Posts.
- The initiative is part of the Indian Army's 'Year of Tech Absorption' (2024) and supports the larger vision of 'Decade of Transformation', which focuses on modernizing defence logistics and communication systems.

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**Ques: What is the main objective of the newly launched AyushSuraksha Portal?**

- A. To promote Ayurvedic education in rural areas
- B. To regulate the export of Ayush products
- C. To monitor misleading advertisements and adverse drug reactions in Ayush sector
- D. To provide free online Ayush consultations
- E. To register Ayush startups for government funding

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Diu district, part of the Union Territory Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, has become the first district in India to meet 100% of its electricity demand from solar energy.
- The total installed solar capacity in the district is 11.88 MW, comprising of 9 MW ground-mounted solar park (located in Fudam) and 2.88 MW rooftop solar systems
- The achievement was announced by Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy.

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**Ques: Who won the 72nd Miss World title in 2025?**

- A. Nandini Gupta (India)
- B. Krystyna Pyszkova (Czech Republic)
- C. Opal Suchata Chuangsri (Thailand)
- D. Hasset Dereje Admassu (Ethiopia)
- E. Maja Klajda (Poland) /

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The AyushSuraksha Portal was launched by Union Minister Shri Prataprao Jadhav, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Ayush.
- It aims to act as a watchtower against misleading advertisements and ensure only safe and credible Ayush products reach the public.
- The portal was developed with technical support from the Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS).
- It is aligned with the National Pharmacovigilance Program.
- It allows consumers, healthcare professionals, and regulators to digitally report and monitor misleading ads and adverse drug reactions (ADRs).

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**Ques: Which district has become the first in India to meet its entire power demand through solar energy?**

- A. Leh, Ladakh
- B. Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu
- C. Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh
- D. Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- E. Bikaner, Rajasthan

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The 72nd Miss World 2025 title was won by Miss Thailand, Opal Suchata Chuangsri.
- The event was held at HITEX Exhibition Centre, Hyderabad, Telangana.
- She was crowned by Miss World 2024, Krystyna Pyszkova from the Czech Republic.
- The event was co-hosted by Former Miss World 2016 Stephanie Del Valle and Indian television personality Sachiin Kumbhar.
- India's representative was Nandini Gupta from Rajasthan.
- The 1st Runner-Up was Hasset Dereje Admassu (Ethiopia) and the 2nd Runner-Up was Maja Klajda (Poland).
- The jury was led by Julia Morley, Chairwoman of the Miss World Organisation.
- A total of 108 contestants participated.
- This was the third time the Miss World pageant was held in India, after 1996 and 2023.

**About Miss World :**

- Started : 1951
- Total Indian winner : 6
- 1st indian winner : Reita Faria (1966)
- Last Indian winner : Manushi Chhillar (2017)
- 2023 winner : Krystyna Pyszková (Czech Republic)





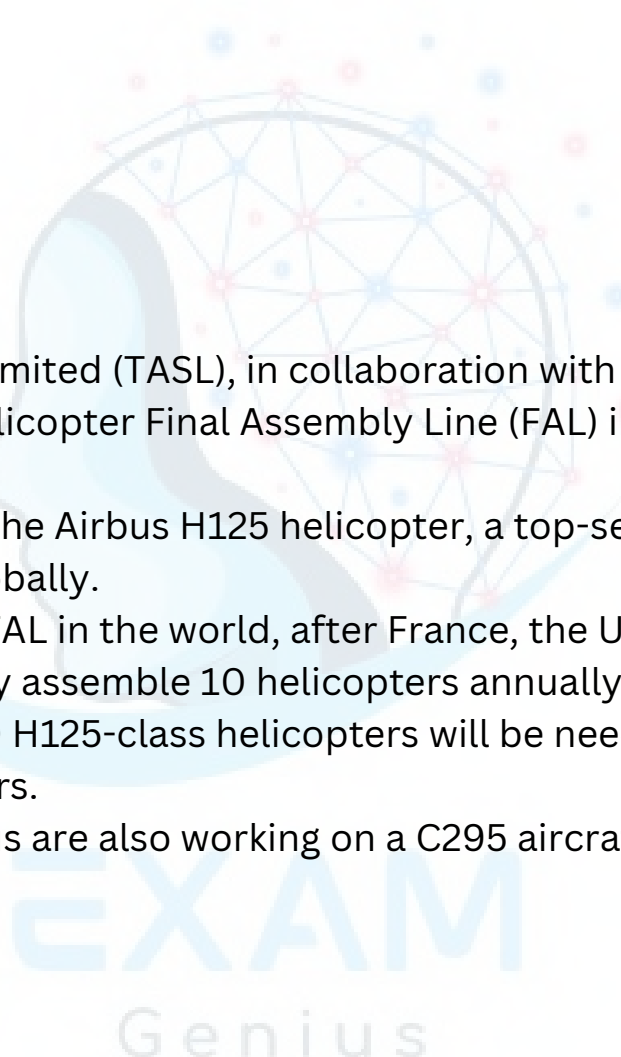
**Ques: Where is India's first privately led helicopter Final Assembly Line (FAL) being set up by Tata Advanced Systems and Airbus?**

- A. Kolar, Karnataka
- B. Vadodara, Gujarat
- C. Hyderabad, Telangana
- D. Nagpur, Maharashtra
- E. Bengaluru, Karnataka

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL), in collaboration with Airbus, will establish India's first privately led helicopter Final Assembly Line (FAL) in Kolar district, Karnataka.
- The facility will assemble the Airbus H125 helicopter, a top-selling intermediate single-engine helicopter globally.
- It will be the fourth H125 FAL in the world, after France, the US, and Brazil.
- The Kolar plant will initially assemble 10 helicopters annually, with plans for scaling.
- Airbus estimates over 500 H125-class helicopters will be needed in the Asia-Pacific region over the next 20 years.
- Separately, Tata and Airbus are also working on a C295 aircraft assembly plant in Vadodara, Gujarat.





**Ques: What was the theme of the year-long celebration of Sikkim's 50th Statehood anniversary in 2025?**

- A. Vibrant Sikkim
- B. One India, One Sikkim /
- C. Sunaulo, Samriddha and Samarth Sikkim
- D. Golden Sikkim at 50
- E. Evergreen Sikkim

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually addressed the “Sikkim@50” event on 29 May 2025 from Gangtok, marking 50 years of Sikkim's statehood.
- He released a Rs.50 commemorative silver coin and a postage stamp to mark the occasion.
- The event was a part of the year-long celebration led by the Government of Sikkim.
- Sikkim became the 22nd state of India through the 36th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1975 after a referendum in which 97% of the population supported the merger with India.
- The theme for the year-long celebration was “Sunaulo, Samriddha and Samarth Sikkim” (Golden, Prosperous and Capable Sikkim).

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**Ques: Who won the 2025 Princess of Asturias Award for Sports?**

- A. Rafael Nadal
- B. Serena Williams
- C. Lionel Messi
- D. Novak Djokovic
- E. Simone Biles

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation :**

- Former tennis player Serena Williams wins Princess of Asturias for sports 2025.
- It is given by Spain's Princess Leonor at northern Spanish city of Oviedo
- The Prize money is 50,000-euro (\$57,000)
- With 73 career singles titles, including a staggering 23 Grand Slam victories, Serena Williams is widely considered among the greatest athletes of all time

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**Ques: What was the theme of World No Tobacco Day 2025 observed on 31st May?**

- A. Tobacco Threatens Our Environment
- B. Unmasking the Appeal: Exposing Industry Tactics on Tobacco and Nicotine Products
- C. Protecting Youth from Industry Manipulation
- D. Quit Tobacco to Save Lives
- E. Tobacco and Heart Disease

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- World No Tobacco Day is observed every year on 31st May to raise awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco use.
- The 2025 theme was “Unmasking the Appeal: Exposing Industry Tactics on Tobacco and Nicotine Products.”
- India is the second largest producer of tobacco in the world after China.
- Major tobacco-producing states in India include Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Gujarat.

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**Ques: Who has been appointed as the 9th President of the African Development Bank (AfDB)?**

- A. Akinwumi Adesina
- B. Sidi Ould Tah
- C. Donald Kaberuka
- D. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
- E. Moussa Faki

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Mauritanian economist Sidi Ould Tah has been appointed as the 9th President of the African Development Bank (AfDB).
- He succeeds Akinwumi Adesina of Nigeria.
- His term will be for 5 years.
- The African Development Bank (AfDB) was established on September 10, 1964.
- It is headquartered in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, and has 81 member countries.
- AfDB plays a crucial role in promoting economic development and social progress across the African continent.

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**Ques: What is the title of the documentary series launched by RBI in collaboration with Jio Hotstar?**

- A. Rupee Chronicles /
- B. RBI
- C. RBI Unlocked: Beyond the Rupee
- D. The Reserve Story
- E. Money Matters India

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced a five-part documentary series in collaboration with Jio Hotstar.
- The series is titled “RBI Unlocked: Beyond the Rupee”, produced by Chalkboard Entertainment, a Mumbai-based production house.
- The estimated cost of the project is Rs 7 crore.
- This initiative was commissioned to visually document the RBI’s 90-year history and aims to raise awareness about the central bank’s functions and roles.

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**Ques: How much sovereign lending is the Asian Development Bank (ADB) ready to provide annually to India?**

- A. \$2 billion
- B. \$3 billion
- C. \$4.5 billion
- D. \$5 billion
- E. \$6 billion

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) President Masato Kanda announced that ADB is ready to provide up to \$4.5 billion annually in sovereign lending to India.
- The announcement was made during a meeting with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi to deepen ADB's partnership with India.
- The discussion aimed to align ADB's efforts with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Viksit Bharat 2047 vision.
- This engagement took place during the 58th ADB Annual Meeting held from 4–7 May 2025 in Milan, Italy.
- ADB is a multilateral development bank promoting economic growth and cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region.

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**Ques: How much has ADB committed for India's urban transformation over the next 5 years?**

- A. \$5 billion
- B. \$3 billion
- C. \$7 billion
- D. \$10 billion
- E. \$15 billion

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has committed up to \$10 billion over 5 years for India's urban transformation, including metro expansions.
- The funding includes sovereign loans, private sector financing, and third-party capital.
- This initiative is supported by India's Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) to boost private investment in urban infrastructure.
- ADB is also providing \$3 million in technical assistance to help design bankable projects and strengthen urban local bodies (ULBs).
- ADB's active urban portfolio involves 27 loans worth \$5.15 billion, covering over 110 cities across 22 states.
- In the transport sector, \$4 billion has been committed for metro and RRTS projects covering 300 km across 8 cities, including Delhi-Meerut RRTS, Mumbai, Chennai, Nagpur, and Bengaluru metros.





**Ques: According to RBI's revised 2025 guidelines, deposits not operated for how many years will be transferred to the DEA Fund?**

- A. 5 years
- B. 7 years
- C. 10 years
- D. 2 years
- E. 15 years

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- As per RBI's 2025 amendment titled "Inoperative Accounts/Unclaimed Deposits in Banks – Revised Instructions", any bank deposit not operated for 10 years or more will be transferred to the Depositor Education and Awareness (DEA) Fund.
- To make reactivation easier, KYC updates can now be done at any branch, not just the home branch.
- RBI also allows V-CIP (Video Customer Identification Process) and assistance by Business Correspondents to reactivate dormant accounts.

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**Ques: Which bank signed a tripartite MoU with AMUL and Richplus to promote organic farming in India?**

- A. Indian Overseas Bank
- B. Punjab National Bank
- C. State Bank of India
- D. Bank of Baroda
- E. Union Bank of India

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with AMUL, India's largest dairy cooperative, and Richplus, a bio fertilizer company.
- The MoU aims to promote organic farming and empower one lakh organic farmers by offering credit facilities and agricultural support services.
- This initiative supports sustainable agriculture practices.
- Under the agreement, IOB will launch a dedicated credit scheme named "Harit Kranti" tailored to the financial needs of organic farmers.

**About Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) :**

- Founded : 1937
- HQ : Chennai
- MD & CEO : Ajay Kumar Srivastava
- Tagline : Good people to grow with





**Ques: What was the total volume of UPI transactions recorded in May 2025?**

- A. 17.89 billion
- B. 18.3 billion
- C. 25.14 billion
- D. 18.68 billion
- E. 16.72 billion

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- As per NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India), UPI transactions reached a record high of 18.68 billion in May 2025.
- This marks the highest monthly transaction volume ever recorded on UPI.
- The value of these transactions stood at Rs.25.14 trillion.
- Compared to April 2025, there was a 4% increase in volume (April: 17.89 billion) and 5% in value (April: Rs.23.95 trillion).
- On a year-on-year basis, transaction volume increased by 33%, and transaction value increased by 23%.

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**Question: What is the name of the new climate risk data platform launched by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to address data gaps in climate-related financial information?**

- A. RBI Green Tracker
- B. Climate Financial Hub
- C. RBI-CRIS
- D. RBI-ECO Portal
- E. Bharat Climate Index

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

To address long-standing gaps in climate-related financial data, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced the "Reserve Bank-Climate Risk Information System (RBI-CRIS)," a two-pronged data platform.

With the introduction of this new approach, the RBI has acknowledged that one of the biggest threats to the financial system is climate change.

The RBI initially recommended this RBI-CRIS data portal during its biweekly Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting in October 2024.

The new data platform will be divided into two sections: an online directory that will be publicly available on the RBI website and identify different data sources, including geospatial and meteorological data.

Regulated Financial Institutions (FIs) will have access to processed, standardized datasets through a restricted-access data site.

Physical risk, transition risk, and carbon emissions are the three data gaps that it seeks to solve and standardize.





**Ques: How much total penalty did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) impose on regulated entities in FY 2024-25 for statutory violations?**

- A. Rs.11.11 crore
- B. Rs.15.63 crore
- C. Rs.54.78 crore
- D. Rs.14.80 crore
- E. Rs.83 lakh

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed total penalties of Rs.54.78 crore in FY 2024-25 on various regulated entities for statutory violations.
- A total of 353 penalties were issued for non-compliance, including cybersecurity lapses, IRAC norm breaches, KYC violations, and reporting issues.
- 264 cooperative banks were fined Rs.15.63 crore, and 13 housing finance companies faced penalties totaling Rs.83 lakh.
- 37 NBFCs/ARCs were fined a combined Rs.7.29 crore.
- Penalties worth Rs.11.11 crore were levied on 8 public sector banks, and Rs.14.8 crore on 15 private banks.
- Six foreign banks were also penalized during the period.

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**Ques : What was the gross GST collection in May 2025, as per recent government data?**

- A. Rs.2.01 Lakh Crore
- B. Rs.1.87 Lakh Crore
- C. Rs.1.50 Lakh Crore
- D. Rs.2.37 Lakh Crore
- E. Rs.1.92 Lakh Crore

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation :**

- Gross GST collections in May 2025 rose by 16.4% year-on-year to Rs.2.01 lakh crore, reflecting sustained momentum in economic activity and compliance.
- This follows a record GST collection in April 2025, when revenues hit an all-time high of Rs.2.37 lakh crore.
- Of the May collection:
  - Domestic transactions contributed Rs.1.50 lakh crore (up 13.7%).
  - GST from imports amounted to Rs.51,266 crore (up 25.2%).

**Collection of GST in May 2025 :**

- Gross GST Revenue : Rs 2,01,050 crore
- Central GST : Rs 35,434 crore
- State GST : Rs 43,902 crore
- Integrated GST : Rs 1.09 lakh crore
- Cess : Rs 12,879 crore

**GST Collection of Previous Months :**

- April 2025 : 2,36,716 crore
- March 2025 : 1,96,141 crore
- February 2025 : 183,646 crore
- January 2025 : 1,95,506 crore





**Ques: Which debit cards are included with Indian Bank's new NRE savings account variants for NRIs?**

- A. IND Classic, IND Silver, IND Gold
- B. IND D'Elite, IND Premium, IND Plus
- C. Visa Platinum, MasterCard Signature, Rupay Titanium
- D. Axis Magnus, SBI Elite, ICICI Sapphire
- E. HDFC Regalia, Kotak Privy, Yes First

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Indian Bank has launched new NRE Savings Account variants specifically for NRIs, bundled with premium debit cards – IND D'Elite, IND Premium, and IND Plus.
- These cards offer benefits such as domestic and international airport lounge access, personal accident cover, and exclusive loyalty rewards.
- The new account variants blend traditional banking trust with modern digital conveniences, providing NRIs a secure and convenient banking experience globally.

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**Ques : Who has been appointed as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the year 2025–26?**

- A. R Mukundan
- B. Rajiv Memani
- C. Sanjiv Puri
- D. Suchitra K Ella
- E. N. Chandrasekaran

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- Rajiv Memani, Chairman and CEO of Ernst & Young (EY) India, has been appointed as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the term 2025–26.
- He replaces Sanjiv Puri, Chairman & Managing Director of ITC Ltd.
- Suchitra K Ella, Co-founder and MD of Bharat Biotech International Ltd, has been appointed Vice President of CII.
- R Mukundan, MD & CEO of Tata Chemicals Ltd, has taken over as President-Designate of CII.

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**Ques: Where is Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) setting up India's largest Green Hydrogen Generation Unit?**

- A. Jamnagar, Gujarat
- B. Panipat, Haryana
- C. Paradeep, Odisha
- D. Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- E. Bina, Madhya Pradesh

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has finalized the Levelized Cost of Hydrogen (LCoH) to establish India's largest Green Hydrogen Generation Unit.
- The unit will be located at the Panipat Refinery & Petrochemical Complex in Panipat, Haryana.
- It will have a production capacity of 10,000 Tonnes Per Annum (TPA) and is expected to be commissioned by December 2027.
- This project supports the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM) and IOCL's goal of achieving net-zero operational emissions by 2046.
- The contract to build, own, and operate the plant for 25 years was awarded to Mumbai-based L&T Energy Green Tech Limited.

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**Ques: Which Australian cricketer recently announced his retirement from One Day Internationals (ODIs)?**

- A. David Warner
- B. Pat Cummins
- C. Glenn Maxwell
- D. Steve Smith
- E. Mitchell Starc

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Glenn Maxwell, the Australian all-rounder, has announced his retirement from ODIs, concluding a 13-year career in the format.
- He plans to focus on T20 Internationals, particularly with an eye on the 2026 ICC T20 World Cup, to be held in India and Sri Lanka.
- Maxwell had already retired from Test cricket in 2017.
- He was a part of Australia's World Cup winning teams in 2015 and 2023.

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**Ques: Which club won its maiden UEFA Champions League title in 2025 by defeating Inter Milan?**

- A. Real Madrid
- B. Marseille
- C. Inter Milan
- D. Paris Saint-Germain (PSG)
- E. Bayern Munich

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) won their first-ever UEFA Champions League title by defeating Inter Milan 5-0 in the 2025 final held in Munich.
- Desire Doue starred in the final with 2 goals and 1 assist.
- Other scorers included Achraf Hakimi (12'), Khvicha Kvaratskhelia (73'), and Senny Mayulu (86').
- PSG became the second French club to win the title, after Marseille in 1993.
- PSG coach Luis Enrique won his second Champions League title, having previously won with Barcelona in 2015.
- Inter Milan, meanwhile, missed out on their first UCL title since 2010.

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**Ques: Who has been appointed as the 18th Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN)?**

- A. Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan
- B. Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi
- C. Admiral R. Hari Kumar
- D. Lt Gen Dinesh Singh Rana
- E. Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Lieutenant General Dinesh Singh Rana has been appointed as the 18th Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN).
- He replaces Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan.
- The Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC), headquartered at Sri Vijaya Puram, is India's first and only joint services operational command.
- ANC integrates personnel and operations from the Indian Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard.
- This strategic command plays a vital role in safeguarding India's maritime interests in the Indian Ocean Region.

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**Ques: What is the denomination of the commemorative coin issued by PM Modi in honor of Ahilyabai Holkar?**

- A. Rs.100
- B. Rs.200
- C. Rs.250
- D. Rs.300
- E. Rs.500

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a Rs.300 commemorative coin on the occasion of the 300th birth anniversary of Lokmata Devi Ahilyabai Holkar, an 18th-century queen of Malwa.
- The coin was launched during the Women Empowerment Maha Sammelan held at Jamboree Maidan, Bhopal.
- It was issued by the Ministry of Culture and notified by the Ministry of Finance, featuring an embossed image of Ahilyabai Holkar.
- Ahilyabai Holkar was known for social reforms, infrastructure development, and the reconstruction of the Kashi Vishwanath Temple.
- The event also included the presentation of the Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Prize to Dr. Jaymati Kashyap for preserving the Gond language and rescuing women from trafficking.

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**Ques: What is the name of India's first indigenously developed, government-funded AI-based Multimodal Large Language Model (LLM)?**

- A. AI Bharat
- B. IndicGen
- C. Bharat GPT
- D. Bharat Gen
- E. Vani AI

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of Science & Technology, launched "Bharat Gen" at the BharatGen Summit held in New Delhi.
- Bharat Gen is India's first indigenously developed and government-funded AI-based Multimodal Large Language Model (LLM).
- It supports 22 Indian languages and aims to make AI accessible and inclusive for all.
- The model was developed under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS) and implemented via the TIH Foundation for IoT and IoE at IIT Bombay.
- The launch date was September 30, 2024.

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**Ques: What is the purpose of the Krishi Nivesh Portal launched by the Ministry of Agriculture?**

- A. To provide subsidies directly to farmers
- B. To sell agricultural produce online
- C. To integrate agri-investment schemes under one digital platform
- D. To monitor weather and crop patterns
- E. To provide crop insurance

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation :**

- The Krishi Nivesh Portal is an initiative by the Ministry of Agriculture to serve as a unified digital platform.
- It integrates 17 flagship agri-investment schemes across 7 ministries, including Agriculture, Food Processing, Rural Development, Jal Shakti, New and Renewable Energy, and Fertilizers.
- The portal helps users to Track investment opportunities, Monitor application status and Access scheme-related information
- It aligns with the Ease of Doing Business initiative and aims to improve transparency and efficiency in agricultural investments.

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**Ques: Which three startups have joined India's AI Mission after Sarvam to build foundation AI models?**

- A. Infosys, TCS, Mindtree
- B. OpenAI, Razorpay, Google India
- C. Soken AI, Gan.ai, Gnani AI
- D. Paytm AI, Microsoft India, EnKash
- E. Haptik, Zoho AI, CRED

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- India's AI Mission aims to build indigenous large AI foundation models.
- After Sarvam AI, the government has selected Soken AI, Gan.ai, and Gnani AI to develop new foundational models.
- Soken AI will create a 120 billion parameter open-source model, while Gan AI will develop a 70 billion parameter multilingual model.
- The government has increased GPU units to 34,000 to support AI computing infrastructure.
- So far, 367 datasets have been uploaded to AI Kosh, a platform for AI model training.
- IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw emphasized democratizing technology and reversing brain drain as key goals.

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**Ques : What is the purpose of the National Anubhav Awards Scheme, 2025 recently announced by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions?**

- A. Reward innovations in governance
- B. Promote pension schemes
- C. Document and share work experiences of retiring employees
- D. Encourage employee attendance
- E. Provide financial aid to retired employees

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The National Anubhav Awards Scheme, 2025, launched by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, aims to encourage retiring and retired employees to share their work experiences and insights in written form.
- The 'Anubhav' online platform was launched in March 2015 by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare.
- As of 2025, 10,886 write-ups from 98 organizations have been published, resulting in 59 Anubhav Awards and 19 Jury Certificates.
- Winners receive a medal, certificate, and a cash prize of Rs.10,000.
- For the first time, employees from Central Public Sector Enterprises and Public Sector Banks were also included in 2025 to acknowledge their role in nation-building.
- The evaluation was based on submissions made between April 1, 2024, and March 31, 2025.

**Anubhav Awards :**

- 1 Hukum Singh Meena : Additional Secretary, Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD)
- 2 Shalini Kacker : Chief General Manager (CGM), State Bank of India (SBI)
- 3 M. Venkatesan : Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to Ministry of State (MoS) for Prime Minister's Office (PMO)



- 4 O. Virupakshappa : Senior Superintendent of Post Offices (SSPO), Bangalore South Division, Karnataka
- 5 Saju P.K : Head Constable, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

### **Anubhav Jury Certificates :**

- 1 Jai Prakash Srivastava : Director, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
- 2 Vinod P : Scientist G, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- 3 Jolly Dhar : Outstanding Scientist, Department of Space (DOS)
- 4 Sunitha Cherodath : Special Director General, Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communication (MoC)
- 5 Sabu Sebastian M : Scientist G, DRDO
- 6 Velaga Kumari : Deputy Director, Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS)
- 7 Santosh Gawli : Head Constable GD, Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
- 8 Balam Singh Rawat : Deputy Commandant, CRPF
- 9 S Meenakshi Sundaram : Inspector/Pharmacist, CRPF
- 10 Sheela Rani Poddar : Sub-Inspector/GD, CRPF

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**Ques: What is the theme of World Milk Day 2025?**

- A. Let's Celebrate The Power of Dairy
- B. Nutrition through Dairy
- C. Milk for All
- D. Dairy for Growth
- E. Power in Every Drop

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation :**

- World Milk Day is celebrated every year on 1st June to highlight the importance of milk as a global food and to acknowledge the role of the dairy sector.
- The theme for 2025 is: "Let's Celebrate The Power of Dairy", focusing on the nutritional, economic, and agricultural value of dairy.
- According to USDA 2024/2025 data, India remains the largest milk producer globally, contributing 31% of the world's fluid milk production since 1998.

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## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

S Padmanabhan Appointed as Chairman of Tata Chemicals. He Replaced N Chandrasekaran

Shri Shailendra Nath Gupta assumed the office of Director General of Defence Estates

Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Melbourne (Australia) based Monash University signed MOU to elevate the educational standards to international standards in UP in the presence of Chief Minister (CM) Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow, UP

Microsoft Corporation and Yotta Data Services Private Limited signed an agreement to accelerate Artificial Intelligence (AI) adoption in India by integrating Microsoft Azure AI services into Yotta's sovereign Shakti Cloud platform

SBM ZET Credit Card Launched by ZET (Bengaluru) & State Bank of Mauritius (SBM) Bank (India). The card can be secured by opening an FD with SBM Bank, starting from Rs.5,000

CSIR – Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM) Organized Lavender Festival 3rd Edition at Bhaderwah, J&K. It is Inaugurated by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology

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**Ques: How much worth of G-Secs did FPIs sell in Q1 FY26 under the Fully Accessible Route (FAR)?**

- A. Rs.15,000 crore
- B. Rs.25,544 crore
- C. Rs.20,000 crore
- D. Rs.12,650 crore
- E. Rs.30,000 crore

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- In Q1 of FY26, Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) sold Government Securities (G-Secs) worth Rs.25,544 crore under the Fully Accessible Route (FAR).
- This marks the largest quarterly sale since G-Secs were included in global bond indices.
- Notably, G-Secs were added to the JP Morgan GBI-EM Index (effective June 28, 2024) and Bloomberg's EM LC Government Index (January 31, 2025).

Key reasons for the sell-off include:

- A reduced yield spread (~180 bps) between the 10-year US Treasury and the 10-year Indian G-Sec (down from 400–500 bps earlier)
- Geopolitical tensions (e.g., India-Pakistan) and global trade/tariff uncertainties.
- Profit-booking after a bond rally, supported by 50 bps RBI rate cuts earlier this year.





**Ques: Which HDFC Bank subsidiary received SEBI approval for launching India's largest NBFC IPO worth Rs.12,500 crore?**

- A. HDFC Securities
- B. HDB Financial Services
- C. HDFC Capital
- D. HDFC AMC
- E. HDFC Infra Ltd

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- HDB Financial Services, a subsidiary of HDFC Bank, has received SEBI approval to launch an IPO worth Rs.12,500 crore, the largest NBFC IPO in India.
- The IPO includes an Offer for Sale (OFS) of Rs.10,000 crore and a fresh issue of Rs.2,500 crore.
- HDFC Bank currently holds a 94.36% stake in HDB Financial Services.
- The IPO is in compliance with the RBI's upper-layer NBFC norms, which mandate listing by 30 September 2025.
- Funds raised will be used to augment Tier-I capital and meet future lending needs.
- The company filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) in October 2024.
- Lead book-running managers include JM Financial, BNP Paribas, BofA Securities, Goldman Sachs, HSBC, IIFL, Jefferies, Motilal Oswal, among others.





**Ques: Swarup Kumar Saha's tenure as MD & CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank has been extended till which year?**

- A. 2027
- B. 2026
- C. 2025
- D. 2028
- E. 2030

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India has extended the tenure of Swarup Kumar Saha, Managing Director and CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank, till February 28, 2027, or until further orders.
- His original tenure was supposed to end on June 2, 2025, but has now been extended under the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1980.
- Saha has over 30 years of experience in banking and has led the bank since June 2022.
- Punjab & Sind Bank reported strong financial results in Q4 and FY 2024-25.

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**Ques: Which global investment firm sold 2.6% stake in YES Bank for Rs.1,775 crore through open market transactions?**

- A. Blackstone Group
- B. Bain Capital
- C. Carlyle Group
- D. Warburg Pincus
- E. KKR & Co.

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Carlyle Group, a global investment firm based in the United States, sold a 2.6% stake in YES Bank worth Rs.1,775 crore via open market transactions.
- The transaction was conducted through its affiliate, CA Basque Investments.
- Carlyle sold 82 crore shares at a price between Rs.21.61– Rs.21.68 per share.
- Post-sale, Carlyle's stake in YES Bank declined from 6.84% to 4.22%.
- This development followed the announcement by SBI and 7 other lenders to sell 20% combined stake in YES Bank to Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) of Japan for Rs.13,483 crore, marking the largest cross-border investment in the Indian banking sector.
- Following the sale, YES Bank shares fell over 10% on both BSE and NSE.

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**Ques: Which company recently received in-principle RBI approval to operate as a cross-border payment aggregator in India?**

- A. PayPal
- B. Wise
- C. PhonePe
- D. Revolut
- E. Western Union

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Wise, a global technology company, has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a cross-border payment aggregator in India.
- This move allows Wise to provide faster, cheaper, and more transparent cross-border payment solutions to Indian users.
- Currently, Wise handles about 10% of all inbound international remittances to India.
- According to SK Saraogi, APAC Head of Expansion at Wise, this is a major step toward simplifying global money transfers for customers.
- The approval further solidifies Wise's footprint in the Indian fintech and remittance market.

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**Ques: Under which article of the Indian Constitution were the new regulations for Ladakh's land, jobs, and cultural preservation issued?**

- A. Article 370
- B. Article 244
- C. Article 240
- D. Article 371
- E. Article 368

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Central Government has issued a series of regulations for Ladakh under Article 240 of the Constitution.
- Article 240 empowers the President of India to make regulations for Union Territories without legislatures.

The new regulations include:

- Domicile-based recruitment rules for Ladakh government jobs.
- Reservation capped at 85% for SC, ST, OBC, and other backward groups (excluding 10% EWS).
- Recognition of English, Hindi, Urdu, Bhoti, and Purgi as official languages.
- Amendment to LAHDC Act to reserve one-third seats for women.
- Cultural and linguistic support for local communities.







**Ques: Under the KERA project, how much financial assistance will rubber farmers receive per hectare?**

- A. Rs.50,000
- B. Rs.60,000
- C. Rs.75,000
- D. Rs.1,00,000
- E. Rs.1,25,000

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The KERA Project (Kerala Climate Resilient Agri-Value Chain Modernisation) is a collaborative effort supported by the World Bank from 2025 to 2029.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Rubber Board and the Department of Agricultural Development and Farmers' Welfare, Kerala.
- Another MoU was signed with the Spices Board, represented by Director Rema Shree AB.
- Under this project:
  - Rubber farmers will receive Rs.75,000 per hectare, and
  - Cardamom farmers will receive Rs.1,00,000 per hectare (for up to 2 hectares).
- The project will benefit rubber farmers in Kottayam, Ernakulam, Pathanamthitta, Kannur, Malappuram, and Thiruvananthapuram, and cardamom farmers in Idukki.
- It also aims to replant 30,000 hectares of aged rubber plantations with a total project outlay of Rs.225 crore.

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**Ques: What is the minimum investment required under the EV manufacturing scheme notified by the Government of India?**

- A. Rs.3,000 crore
- B. Rs.5,000 crore
- C. Rs.4,150 crore
- D. Rs.6,484 crore
- E. Rs.2,000 crore

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Under the EV manufacturing scheme, the minimum investment required in India over 3 years is Rs.4,150 crore (approximately USD 500 million).
- This investment condition is mandatory to avail benefits like reduced customs duty on import of electric passenger cars and permission to import Completely Built Units (CBUs).
- The scheme aims to attract global EV manufacturers, boost employment, and promote “Make in India.”

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**Ques: Who won the 2025 Indian Premier League (IPL) title and how was the final match decided?**

- A. Mumbai Indians by 5 wickets
- B. Chennai Super Kings by 3 runs
- C. Royal Challengers Bengaluru by 6 runs
- D. Punjab Kings by 4 wickets
- E. Kolkata Knight Riders by 7 runs

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) won their maiden IPL title in 2025 with a six-run victory over Punjab Kings in the final.
- The final was held at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad. 2025 Indian Premier League is 18th Edition
- RCB scored 190/9 in 20 overs and Punjab Kings scored 184/7 in their 20 overs.
- RCB captain Rajat Patidar, in his first season leading the team, achieved what many of his predecessors could not, ending an 18-year wait for the trophy.
- RCB won Rs.20 crore (US\$2.4 million) as prize money, while Punjab Kings received Rs.12.5 crore (US\$1.5 million) as runners-up.

**Awards of 2025 Indian Premier League :**

- Purple Cap (most wickets) : Prasidh Krishna (25) (Gujarat Titans)
- Orange Cap (most runs) : Sai Sudharsan (759) (Gujarat Titans)
- Emerging player of the season : Sai Sudharsan (Gujarat Titans)
- Striker of the season : Vaibhav Suryavanshi (Rajasthan Royals)
- Fantasy player of the season : Sai Sudharsan (Gujarat Titans)
- Most sixes : Nicholas Pooran (Lucknow SuperGiants)
- Most fours : Sai Sudharsan (Gujarat Titans)
- Green dot balls of the season : Mohammed Siraj (Gujarat Titans)
- Catch of the season : Kamindu Mendis (Sunrisers Hyderabad)
- Most Valuable Player : Suryakumar Yadav (Mumbai Indians)



## About Indian Premier League :

- Started : 2008
- Most successful : Chennai Super Kings & Mumbai Indians (5 titles each)
- Most runs : Virat Kohli (9,275)
- Most wickets : Yuzvendra Chahal (221)
- 2024 winner : Kolkata Knight Riders (3)



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**Ques: What was India's overall rank in the medal tally at the 26th Asian Athletics Championships 2025?**

- A. First
- B. Second
- C. Third
- D. Fourth
- E. Fifth

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- India secured the second position in the overall medal tally at the 26th Asian Athletics Championships 2025, held at Gumi Civic Stadium, South Korea, from May 27 to 31, 2025.
- India won a total of 24 medals – 8 Gold, 10 Silver, and 6 Bronze.
- China topped the chart with 32 medals (19 Gold, 9 Silver, 4 Bronze).
- The 27th edition of the championships is scheduled to be held in Xiamen, China, in 2027.

**Ranking of Top 5 medal winners at 26th Asian Athletics Championships :**

- 1 China : 19 (Gold) 9 (Silver) 4 (Bronze) 32 (Total)
- 2 India : 8 (Gold) 10 (Silver) 6 (Bronze) 24 (Total)
- 3 Japan : 5 (Gold) 11 (Silver) 12 (Bronze) 28 (Total)
- 4 Kazakhstan : 3 (Gold) 1 (Silver) 2 (Bronze) 6 (Total)
- 5 Qatar : 3 (Gold) 1 (Silver) 2 (Bronze) 6 (Total)





**Ques: Who is the author of the book "The Great Conciliator: Lal Bahadur Shastri and the Transformation of India"?**

- A. Ramachandra Guha
- B. Sanjeev Chopra
- C. Shashi Tharoor
- D. Jairam Ramesh
- E. Rajmohan Gandhi

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The book "The Great Conciliator: Lal Bahadur Shastri and the Transformation of India" is authored by Sanjeev Chopra.
- It explores Shastri ji's leadership during critical post-independence years and his role as a consensus builder balancing Nehruvian socialism and emerging Indian aspirations.
- The book highlights his contributions in the 1965 Indo-Pak war, the Green Revolution, and his emphasis on self-reliance with slogans like "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan."
- It presents him as a transformative figure in Indian politics, not just a transitional Prime Minister.

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**Ques: Which city in Andhra Pradesh is set to host an ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 match after 28 years?**

- A. Vijayawada
- B. Visakhapatnam
- C. Tirupati
- D. Guntur
- E. Rajahmundry

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Visakhapatnam, a coastal city in Andhra Pradesh, will host a match of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025, marking its first World Cup match in 28 years.
- The tournament will be held from September 30 to November 2, 2025, across five venues in India and Sri Lanka (Colombo).
- India previously hosted the ICC Women's World Cup in 1978, 1997, and 2013.
- Participating teams include India, Australia, England, South Africa, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh.

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**Ques: What is the total cost of the Aravalli Green Wall Project launched by PM Modi?**

- A. Rs.12,000 crore
- B. Rs.14,800 crore
- C. Rs.16,053 crore
- D. Rs.18,200 crore
- E. Rs.20,000 crore

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Aravalli Green Wall Project on June 5, aligning with World Environment Day 2025.
- The project aims to combat desertification and restore degraded land across four states – Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Gujarat.
- It has an estimated cost of Rs.16,053 crore and will create a 5 km buffer zone around the 700-km-long Aravalli range.
- The initiative covers about 6.45 million hectares and is expected to establish a carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent.
- Though the land restoration project began in 2023, a detailed action plan has now been launched.
- This is a part of India's commitment to restore 26 million hectares of degraded land by 2030 under global climate goals.
- The Aravalli hills play a vital ecological role by preventing the spread of the Thar Desert and supporting rivers and biodiversity.





**Ques: What is the name of the newly inaugurated centre by DRDO to boost India's indigenous quantum capabilities?**

- A. Quantum Innovation Lab
- B. Quantum Computing Centre
- C. Quantum Defence Unit
- D. Quantum Technology Research Centre (QTRC)
- E. Centre for Advanced Quantum Studies

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has inaugurated the Quantum Technology Research Centre (QTRC).
- The centre is spearheaded by the Solid State Physics Laboratory (SSPL) and is aligned with India's National Quantum Mission.
- QTRC aims to develop sovereign quantum technologies for strategic and defence purposes and reduce reliance on foreign systems.

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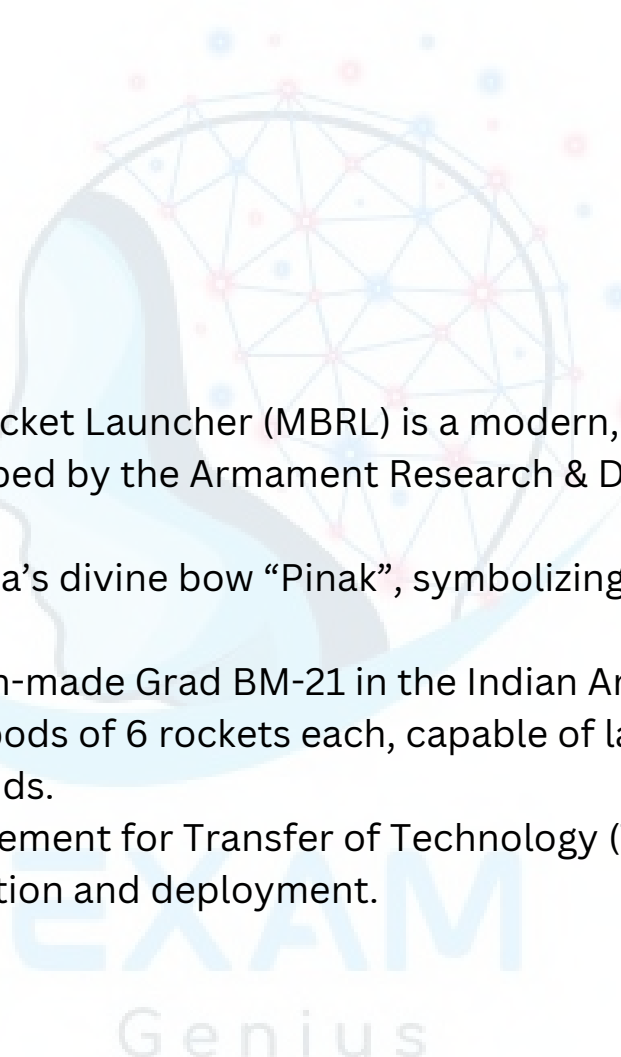
**Ques: The Pinaka Multi Barrel Rocket Launcher, developed by ARDE and licensed to NIBE Limited, is named after which mythological weapon?**

- A. Sudarshan Chakra
- B. Trishul
- C. Vajra
- D. Pinak
- E. Sharanga

**Answer: Option D**

Explanation:

- The Pinaka Multi Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL) is a modern, high-precision indirect fire weapon system developed by the Armament Research & Development Establishment (ARDE).
- It is named after Lord Shiva's divine bow "Pinak", symbolizing strength and precision.
- It has replaced the Russian-made Grad BM-21 in the Indian Army's arsenal.
- The system includes two pods of 6 rockets each, capable of launching 12 rockets in salvo mode within 44 seconds.
- Recently, a Licensing Agreement for Transfer of Technology (ToT) was signed with NIBE Limited for its production and deployment.





**Ques: What is the 70th division of Indian Railways that came into effect from June 1, 2025?**

- A. Firozpur Division
- B. Jammu Division
- C. Baramulla Division
- D. Srinagar Division
- E. Amritsar Division

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Jammu Railway Division became the 70th division of Indian Railways effective from June 1, 2025, and operates under the Northern Railway zone.
- It was officially inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 6, 2025.

**The division includes strategic and high-connectivity rail routes, transferred from the Firozpur Division, including:**

- Pathankot–Jammu–Srinagar–Baramulla (423 km)
- Bhogpur Sirwal–Pathankot (87 km)
- Batala–Pathankot (68 km)
- Pathankot–Joginder Nagar (narrow gauge, 164 km)





**Ques: Who received the Global Leadership Award at the 8th USISPF Annual Leadership Summit in 2025?**

- A. Ratan Tata
- B. Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- C. Kumar Mangalam Birla
- D. Sundar Pichai
- E. Satya Nadella

**Answer: Option C**

Explanation:

- Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman of the Aditya Birla Group, received the Global Leadership Award from the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) at its 8th Annual Leadership Summit held in Washington, D.C.
- He was recognized for his leadership and for heading India's largest investor group in the United States.
- He shared the honour with Arvind Krishna (Chairman & CEO, IBM) and Toshiaki Higashihara (Executive Chairman, Hitachi).

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**Ques: What is India's rank in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2025?**

- A. 4th
- B. 7th
- C. 9th
- D. 10th
- E. 18th

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- India ranked 10th in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2025, which assesses the climate protection efforts of 63 countries and the EU, together accounting for over 90% of global GHG emissions.
- The CCPI is published by Germanwatch, New Climate Institute, and Climate Action Network International.
- The top three positions remain vacant as no country performed "very high" across all four categories: GHG Emissions (40%), Renewable Energy (20%), Energy Use (20%), and Climate Policy (20%).
- Denmark secured the 4th position, making it the highest-ranked country in the 2025 index.
- India and the UK are the only G20 nations on track with low per capita emissions, highlighting India's efforts in sustainable growth.

**Top 10 countries ranking high in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2025**

- 1 --
- 2 --
- 3 --
- 4 Denmark 78.37 (CCPI Score)
- 5 Netherlands 69.6
- 6 United Kingdom 69.29
- 7 Philippines 68.41
- 8 Morocco 68.32
- 9 Norway 68.21
- 10 India 67.99
- 67 Islamic Republic of Iran 17.47 (last)





**Ques: Who was elected President of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) for the 2025–2028 term?**

- A. Ajay Seth
- B. Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- C. T.V. Somanathan
- D. V. Srinivas
- E. Amitabh Kant

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- V. Srinivas, Secretary of the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Government of India, has been elected as President of IIAS for the 2025–2028 term.
- The International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS), founded in 1930 and headquartered in Brussels, Belgium, promotes global cooperation in public administration.
- India has been an institutional member since 1998, and recently hosted the IIAS-DARPG India Conference 2025 in New Delhi with the theme "Next Generation Administrative Reforms – Empowering Citizens and Reaching the Last Mile."

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**Ques: What is the name of IRCTC's AI-based assistant that helps in booking, cancelling and tracking train tickets?**

- A. RailBot
- B. eRailMate
- C. RailYatri AI
- D. AskDISHA 2.0
- E. IRCTC Assistant

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- AskDISHA 2.0 is an AI-powered virtual assistant developed by Indian Railways for the IRCTC platform.
- It enables users to book, cancel, track train tickets, and check refund status with voice or text input.
- The chatbot supports multiple Indian languages and allows OTP-based login, real-time TDR tracking, and quick retry for failed payments.
- The tool simplifies travel by storing frequent traveler details and offering PNR-based refund tracking.
- To book a ticket: Type/say "book ticket" → Share details → Select train → OTP verification → Pay and get e-ticket
- To cancel: Say "cancel ticket" → Authenticate → Select PNR → Confirm → Wait for SMS/email
- For refunds: Say "refund status" → Enter PNR/Txn ID → Get updates instantly

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**Ques: What is the name of the newly declared conservation reserve in Telangana that connects Kawal Tiger Reserve with Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve?**

- A. Deccan Tiger Reserve
- B. Godavari Corridor Sanctuary
- C. Kumram Bheem Conservation Reserve
- D. Telangana-Maharashtra Wildlife Belt
- E. Gondwana Tiger Landscape

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Telangana state government has officially notified the tiger corridor connecting Kawal Tiger Reserve (KTR) with Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) in Maharashtra as the “Kumram Bheem Conservation Reserve”.
- This declaration is made under Section 36(A) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- The reserve spans an area of 1,492.88 sq. km, enhancing the habitat connectivity for tigers and promoting conservation in the region.

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**Ques: What is the theme of World Environment Day 2025?**

- A. Restore Our Earth
- B. Ecosystem Restoration
- C. Only One Earth
- D. Putting an End to Plastic Pollution
- E. Time for Nature

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- World Environment Day celebrated on 5 June.
- The theme for World Environment Day 2025 is "Putting an End to Plastic Pollution", highlighting global efforts to eliminate plastic waste.
- This year's observance is officially hosted by the Republic of Korea.
- It aligns with the UNEP-led #BeatPlasticPollution campaign.
- World Environment Day was established in 1972 during the Stockholm Conference, and the first celebration was held in 1973.

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## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Two ships – ESPS Reina Sofia (Spanish Navy) and ITS Antonio Marceglio (Italian Navy) – from EUNAVFOR's Operation Atalanta made their maiden port call to Mumbai in 2025

Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh defeated World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen at the prestigious Norway Chess 2025 tournament

Hinduja Global Solutions Limited announced appointment of Venkatesh Korla as its new Global Chief Executive Officer and Mahesh Kumar Nutalapati as the new Global Chief Financial Officer

Bangalore International Airport Limited and InterGlobe Aviation Limited (IndiGo) inked a Memorandum of Understanding to spend Rs 1,100 crore in the establishment of a Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facility at Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, presented the Kalaighar M. Karunanidhi Classical Tamil Award for 2025 to eminent Tamil scholar Thayammal Aravanan. The award carries a cheque of ₹10 lakh and a citation plaque.

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