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Ques: What is the purpose of the newly launched ‘Niveshak Shivir’ initiative by SEBI and the Ministry of Corporate Affairs?

- A. To increase FDI in India
- B. To promote digital banking
- C. To assist investors in reclaiming unclaimed dividends and shares
- D. To regulate stock market investments
- E. To monitor insider trading

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- SEBI and the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, through IEPFA, launched ‘Niveshak Shivir’, a nationwide investor assistance program.
- The initiative aims to educate and assist investors in reclaiming unclaimed dividends and shares.
- IEPFA is a statutory body under Section 125 of the Companies Act, 2013, focusing on investor protection, financial literacy, and refund of unclaimed amounts.

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Ques: Which Indian public sector bank entered the list of the world's top 100 most profitable companies in FY 2024-25?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- State Bank of India (SBI) reported a net profit of USD 9.2 billion (Rs.77,561 crore) in FY 2024-25.
- With this, SBI ranked 98th globally in terms of annual earnings, as per Bloomberg data.
- SBI is now the third Indian company to join the world's top 100 most profitable companies, after ONGC (2009) and Reliance Industries (2021).
- The bank's strong position is attributed to a 31% CAGR in net profit over the last five years.
- Alphabet, the parent company of Google, tops the list with a profit of USD 111 billion, showing the strong earnings power of tech companies.
- Saudi Aramco comes next with USD 105 billion, proving that the energy sector continues to be very profitable
- With 43 companies, the United States of America (USA) tops the list, followed by China (19 companies) and Germany (5 companies).





Ques: What was India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation in April 2025, marking a 13-month low?

- A. 1.25%
- B. 2.05%
- C. 0.85%
- D. 3.16%
- E. 1.75%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's WPI inflation eased to 0.85% in April 2025, down from 2.05% in March, marking the lowest level in 13 months.
- The fall is attributed to a broad-based decline in prices across commodities.
- Additionally, retail inflation also eased to 3.16% in April, the lowest since July 2019.

Recent WPI-based Retail inflation in India :

- March 2025 : 2.05%
- February 2025 : 2.38%
- January 2025 : 2.31%
- December 2024 : 2.37%
- November 2024 : 1.89%

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Ques: Where was India's first design center for 3-nanometer chip technology inaugurated?

- (a) Hyderabad and Pune
- (b) Chennai and Gurugram
- (c) Noida and Bengaluru
- (d) Mumbai and Ahmedabad
- (e) Kochi and Indore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Renesas Electronics India Pvt Ltd inaugurated India's first design centers working on cutting-edge 3nm chip technology.
- These centers were inaugurated by Union Minister for Electronics & Information Technology, Railways, and Information & Broadcasting, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw at Noida and Bengaluru
- These centres are the first in India to design chips at the advanced 3nm node—marking significant technological progress from earlier 5nm and 7nm designs

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Ques: How many total products are now covered under Uttar Pradesh's ODOP (One District, One Product) Scheme after the recent addition in 2025?

- A. 60
- B. 70
- C. 72
- D. 78
- E. 74

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- 12 more goods have been added to the Uttar Pradesh government's One District, One Product (ODOP) initiative, increasing the total to 74 products.
- Newly added items include agricultural implements (Baghpat), hosiery (Saharanpur), footwear and petha (Agra), sattu (Ballia), etc
- The scheme promotes district-specific products for economic development and employment generation

About ODOP Scheme :

- Launched : 24 January 2018
- Launched by : Uttar Pradesh government
- Aim : popularise and boost the sales of indigenous and specialised products/crafts in the 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh
- Target : create employment opportunities in the state, boost exports from the state, and help the state achieve a one-trillion-dollar economy by 2029





Ques: Who was Jose Mujica, who recently passed away at the age of 89?

- A. Former President of Argentina
- B. Former President of Uruguay
- C. Prime Minister of Spain
- D. Rebel Leader from Brazil
- E. President of Paraguay

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Jose Mujica, affectionately known as “Pepe,” was a former President of Uruguay, serving from 2010 to 2015. He passed away at the age of 89.
- A former guerrilla fighter, Mujica became globally known for his humble lifestyle and progressive policies.
- During his tenure, he legalized gay marriage, approved abortions in early pregnancy, and backed the legal sale of marijuana—a landmark move in Catholic Latin America.
- Uruguay is a South American nation with its capital at Montevideo, and the currency is the Uruguayan Peso (UYU).
- The country shares borders with Brazil and Argentina, and its official language is Spanish.

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Ques: What is the name of the potential cyclone likely to impact Odisha, West Bengal, and parts of Bangladesh as per IMD's forecast?

- A. Mon-Tha
- B. Fani
- C. Shakti
- D. Feinjal
- E. Vayu

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Cyclone Shakti is a potential cyclone expected to form over the Bay of Bengal, as per the India Meteorological Department (IMD).
- It could impact the eastern coast of India, especially Odisha and West Bengal, as well as Khulna and Chattogram in Bangladesh.
- The name Shakti was proposed by Sri Lanka, in accordance with the cyclone naming system used in the North Indian Ocean region.
- This system involves 13 member countries, each of which submits names in advance. Used names are then retired and not reused.

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Ques: Which satellite internet service provider recently received a Letter of Intent from the Department of Telecommunications to begin operations in India?

- A. OneWeb
- B. Amazon Kuiper
- C. Starlink
- D. HughesNet
- E. Viasat

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Starlink, the satellite internet company owned by Elon Musk, received a Letter of Intent from the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to begin commercial operations in India.
- Starlink already provides satellite communication services in over 100 countries using a constellation of 7,000+ low Earth orbit satellites.
- However, it still requires spectrum allocation and final approvals from IN-SPACe (Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre) before launching services.

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Ques: Which Indian state has announced a full property tax exemption for all defence personnel residing in gram panchayat areas?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan announced a full property tax exemption for homes owned by defence personnel within gram panchayat limits.
- Earlier, this benefit was limited to retired soldiers or those posted at borders, but now it includes all active personnel, regardless of deployment location.
- The announcement followed the sacrifice of Agniveer Murali Naik, a 23-year-old soldier from Sri Sathya Sai district, who died in Jammu & Kashmir on May 9, 2025.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BRICS CCI) ahead of the 17th BRICS Summit in 2025?

- A. Ramesh K. Sharma
- B. Harvansh P. Chawla
- C. Anil Kumar Jain
- D. Pankaj Patel
- E. Rajeev Khurana

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Harvansh P. Chawla, a renowned senior corporate legal expert Appointed as Chairman of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BRICS CCI)
- The upcoming 17th BRICS Summit, scheduled to be held from 6th to 7th July 2025 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

About BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry :

- Established : 2012
- HQ : New Delhi
- Chairman : Harvansh P. Chawla

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Ques: According to the SRS Statistical Report 2021, which Indian states are witnessing a decline in birth rates at twice the national average?

- A. Rajasthan, Bihar, Chhattisgarh
- B. Delhi, Kerala, Tamil Nadu
- C. Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand
- D. Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana
- E. Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Punjab

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report 2021, released in May 2024, shows a significant decline in birth rates in Delhi (2.23%), Kerala (2.05%), and Tamil Nadu (2.35%), which is nearly double the national decline rate of 1.12% per year.
- The national crude birth rate stood at 19.3 per 1,000 population in 2021.
- These southern and urbanized states are undergoing faster demographic transition, impacting future population, health, and employment policies.
- In contrast, states like Rajasthan (0.48%), Bihar (0.86%), and Chhattisgarh (0.98%) showed the slowest decline, while Uttarakhand was the only state to report an increase.

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Ques: Which organization has set up a new office in Srinagar to develop inland water transport infrastructure in Jammu & Kashmir?

- (a) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- (b) Central Water Commission
- (c) Inland Waterways Authority of India
- (d) National Highways Authority of India
- (e) Indian Ports Association

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, has opened a new office in Srinagar.
- It aims to boost inland water transport (IWT) by developing navigation infrastructure on three national waterways — NW-26 (Chenab), NW-49 (Jhelum), and NW-84 (Ravi).
- Projects include floating jetties, dredging, and future development of Dal and Wullar lakes for water navigation.
- IWAI took a step towards developing river cruise tourism in J&K, with an estimated budget of Rs.100 crore.

About Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) :

- Established : 1986
- HQ : Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- Chairman : Vijay Kumar

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Ques: What is the primary purpose of India's upcoming EOS-09 (RISAT-1B) satellite?

- A. Deep space exploration
- B. Climate change monitoring
- C. Internet connectivity for remote areas
- D. Telecommunications improvement
- E. Border monitoring and defence capabilities

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- EOS-09 (RISAT-1B) is a radar imaging satellite scheduled for launch on May 18 aboard PSLV-C61 from Sriharikota.
- It will be placed in a Sun-synchronous orbit (SSO), enabling consistent imaging conditions.
- The satellite features a C-band synthetic aperture radar, allowing day-night and all-weather surveillance.
- It will boost India's border security, support anti-terror and infiltration detection, and also serve civilian applications like agriculture, forestry, and flood assessment.
- It is a successor to RISAT-1 and complements India's existing Earth observation fleet.

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Ques: What is the name of the statewide behavioural change campaign launched by Kerala for a garbage-free state under the ‘Malinya Muktham Nava Keralam’ mission?

- A. Vruthi Campaign
- B. Clean Kerala Drive
- C. Haritha Mission
- D. Nava Kerala Yatra
- E. Swachh Bharat Kerala

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- ‘Vruthi’ Campaign was launched by the Kerala government in October 2024 to address the growing waste crisis in the state.
- "Vruthi" means cleanliness of body and mind, emphasizing both physical and mental hygiene.
- It is part of the ‘Malinya Muktham Nava Keralam’ (Waste-Free New Kerala) mission.
- The campaign focuses on decentralized, tech-neutral waste management, mass public participation, and 100% garbage-free targets for local bodies.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the 52nd Chief Justice of India with a tenure of six months starting from 15 May 2025?

- A. Justice B.R. Gavai
- B. Justice Sanjiv Khanna
- C. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud
- D. Justice Ramana
- E. Justice N.V. Ramana

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai was sworn in as the 52nd Chief Justice of India on 15 May 2025 by President Droupadi Murmu. His tenure will last six months until November 2025.
- He is the first Dalit CJI from the Scheduled Caste (SC) community.
- Justice Gavai has contributed to major cases like abrogation of Article 370 and will oversee hearings on the Places of Worship Act and the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025.

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Ques: Which Indian film will be screened in the Classics section at the 78th Cannes Film Festival 2025?

- A. Aranyer Din Ratri
- B. Apu Sansar
- C. Pather Panchali
- D. Tanvi: The Great
- E. Homebound

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 78th Cannes Film Festival began on May 13, 2025, in Cannes, France, and will run till May 24.
- Robert De Niro was honoured with an honorary Palme d'Or, presented by Leonardo DiCaprio.
- Satyajit Ray's 1970 classic 'Aranyer Din Ratri' will be screened in the Classics section, starring Soumitra Chatterjee and Sharmila Tagore.
- Other Indian entries include 'A Doll Made Up of Clay' (La Cined section), 'Homebound' by Neeraj Ghaywan (Uncertain Regard), and Anupam Kher's 'Tanvi: The Great' (Marché du Film premiere).

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Ques: According to recent projections, what is the estimated value of the Indian drone market by 2030?

- A. \$5 Billion
- B. \$8 Billion
- C. \$11 Billion
- D. \$15 Billion
- E. \$20 Billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Indian drone market is projected to reach \$11 billion by 2030, accounting for 12.2% of the global drone market.
- This growth is fueled by rising demand in sectors like defence, surveillance, agriculture, logistics, and disaster management.
- India is rapidly advancing in the field with indigenous drones like TAPAS-BH-201, Rustom, Ghatak, and Nagastra, alongside imports such as Heron and Warmate.
- The “Make in India” initiative and strategic defence needs are major drivers behind this booming sector.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the President of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) for a one-year term starting October 1, 2025?

- A. Michael Vaughan
- B. Lord King of Lothbury
- C. Edward Thomas Smith
- D. Andrew Strauss
- E. Nasser Hussain

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Edward Thomas Smith, former Chief Selector of the England Men's Cricket Team (2018–2021), has been appointed as President of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC).
- His one-year term will begin on October 1, 2025, replacing Lord King of Lothbury.
- The appointment was confirmed at the MCC Annual General Meeting held at Lord's Cricket Ground, London.
- Notably, during his tenure as Chief Selector, England won the ICC Men's World Cup for the first time in 2019.

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Ques: According to the Brand Finance Tyre 2025 report, what is the global rank of MRF in terms of brand strength?

- A. 1st
- B. 2nd
- C. 3rd
- D. 4th
- E. 5th

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- MRF Ltd., headquartered in Chennai, has been ranked as the 3rd strongest tyre brand globally by the UK-based Brand Finance in its Tyre 2025 Report.
- It ranks just behind Michelin (BSI 92.6) and Goodyear (BSI 88.0), with a Brand Strength Index (BSI) score of 83.5.
- MRF has surpassed other well-known global tyre brands such as Yokohama, Bridgestone, Hankook, and Pirelli.
- The ranking highlights MRF's strong brand preference, customer trust, familiarity, and consistent product performance, reinforcing its leadership both in India and worldwide.

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Ques: Who is the author of the book “PMO Through the Ages”?

- A. Sanjaya Baru
- B. Himanshu Roy
- C. Rajdeep Sardesai
- D. Shashi Tharoor
- E. Vinay Sitapati

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The book “PMO Through the Ages” (full title: Prime Minister’s Office Through the Years) is authored by Himanshu Roy.
- It explores how India’s Prime Ministers have strengthened and expanded their secretariat (PMO) over the decades.
- The book is published by Rupa Publications.
- It offers an insightful look into the evolving role and power structure of the Prime Minister’s Office in India.

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Ques: Who won the Tri-Nation Women's ODI Series held in Sri Lanka in May 2025?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. South Africa
- C. Australia
- D. India
- E. England

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Indian women's cricket team, led by Harmanpreet Kaur, won the Tri-Nation ODI Series in Sri Lanka.
- The series featured India, Sri Lanka, and South Africa, and was held from 27 April to 11 May 2025 at the R Premadasa Stadium, Colombo.
- Smriti Mandhana was named Player of the Final, and Sneha Rana, who took 15 wickets, was awarded Player of the Series.

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Ques: As per the first official monthly labour force data released in April 2025, what was India's overall unemployment rate?

- A. 4.2%
- B. 6.5%
- C. 5.1%
- D. 3.9%
- E. 7.8%

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) data for April 2025, India's overall unemployment rate stood at 5.1%.
- Urban unemployment was higher at 6.5%, while rural unemployment was lower at 4.5%.
- The data was released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- From January 2025, PLFS is being released monthly to enable real-time tracking of employment patterns.
- Youth unemployment (15–29 yrs) was reported at 13.8%, with female youth unemployment at 14.4% and male youth at 13.6%.

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Ques: When is the International Day of Light observed annually?

- A. 14 May
- B. 16 May
- C. 18 May
- D. 20 May
- E. 21 May

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The International Day of Light is observed every year on 16th May, marking the first successful operation of the laser by Theodore Maiman in 1960.
- The United Nations first observed the International Year of Light in 2015 to raise global awareness about light science.
- Theme for 2025: “Light, Innovation, Society”.

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Leading online marketplaces have received thirteen notices from the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) prohibiting the listing and sale of walkie-talkies on e-commerce platforms without the required equipment type approval (ETA), frequency disclosure, or licensing information. This is a violation of the Consumer Protection Act of 2019.

Qatar National Bank (QNB), headquartered in Doha, Qatar, is the largest financial institution in the MEA region. It became the first bank from the MEA region to open a branch in GIFT-IFSC, Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Autobiography “Janta Ki Kahani – Meri Aatamkatha” Authored by Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatraya. It is Launched by Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar

President of India pays Tributes to Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed on his birth anniversary on 13 May. He was the fifth President of India from 1974 to 1977 and also the second President of the country to die in office after Zakir Hussain

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh appealed to the scientific community to come forward and voluntarily donate blood, emphasizing the creation of a "Blood Bank for National Service"

Adani Enterprises Limited introduced India's first hydrogen-powered fuel cell truck for mining logistics in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, to promote cleaner transportation and replace diesel vehicles in its logistics operations.





Ques: Which bank launched the 'Union Wellness Deposit' scheme that combines fixed deposit benefits with health insurance and lifestyle perks?

- A. Bank of India
- B. Union Bank of India
- C. Indian Overseas Bank
- D. Canara Bank
- E. Punjab & Sind Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Bank of India (UBI) launched the 'Union Wellness Deposit', an innovative retail term deposit scheme.
- It targets individuals aged 18 to 75 years, either individually or jointly.
- The scheme aims to promote wealth creation and health protection by combining fixed deposit benefits with health insurance and lifestyle perks.
- The deposit has a fixed tenure of 375 days and offers an interest rate of 6.75% per annum, with an additional 0.50% for senior citizens.
- Investment limits: Minimum ₹10 lakh and maximum Rs.3 crore.

About Union Bank of India :

- Established : 1919
- HQ : Mumbai
- MD & CEO : A. Manimekhalai
- Tagline : Good People to Bank with





Ques: As per the 2025 SIDBI report, how many MSMEs were registered on the Udyam Registration Portal by March 2025?

- A. 3.5 crore
- B. 4.8 crore
- C. 5.6 crore
- D. 6.2 crore
- E. 7.1 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) released a report titled 'Understanding the Indian MSME Sector: Progress, and Challenges'.
- The report is based on a survey of 2,097 MSMEs across 19 sectors including manufacturing, services, and trading.
- The number of registrations on the Udyam Registration Portal (URP) rose significantly to over 6.2 crore by March 2025, up from 2.5 crore in March 2024, reflecting a rapid formalization of the MSME sector.
- MSMEs contribute nearly 30% to India's GDP and provide employment to over 11 crore people, making the sector essential for sustainable and long-term economic growth.

Highlights of the report :

- MSMEs contribution to India's total exports has steadily grown, reaching 43.59% in Financial Year 2022-23 (FY23), 45.73% in FY24, and 45.79% in FY25
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- Female owned proprietary establishments increased from 22.9% in 2022-23 to 26.2% in 2023-24
- Due to limited credit access, 12% of micro enterprises turned to informal borrowing, compared to 3% of small and 2% of medium enterprises
- Despite credit supply to MSMEs increasing, the sector has a broad addressable credit gap of Rs. 30 lakh crore





Ques: Which bank recently launched the specialized account suite ‘TruEdge’ with the tagline “Grow with trust, lead with edge”?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Canara Bank has launched ‘CANARA TruEdge’, a specialized and feature-rich suite of Current and Savings Accounts.
- The product comes with the tagline “Grow with trust, lead with edge.”
- One of the key features is a zero initial deposit requirement, enabling smooth and easy onboarding for customers.
- The account suite is designed to meet the evolving needs of retail and business customers, combining innovation with trust.

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Ques: Who has been awarded the honorary rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Territorial Army in April 2025?

- A. Abhinav Bindra
- B. Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- C. Vijay Kumar
- D. Neeraj Chopra
- E. Deepak Punia

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Neeraj Chopra, India's Olympic gold medallist and world champion javelin thrower, has been awarded the honorary rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Territorial Army, effective April 16, 2025.
- He was originally commissioned in 2017 as a Naib Subedar in the Rajputana Rifles Regiment and rose to Subedar Major by 2022.
- The honorary rank was granted under Para 31 of the Territorial Army Regulations, 1948.
- Other sportspersons who have received honorary military ranks include Abhinav Bindra, Vijay Kumar, and M.S. Dhoni.
- Awards and Honours for Neeraj Chopra : Padam Shri (2022), Param Vishisht Seva Medal (2022) , Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award (2021) , and Arjuna Award (2018)





Ques: What is Akashteer, recently in news for neutralizing all Pakistani drones and missiles during a simulation?

- A. A hypersonic missile
- B. A naval strike drone
- C. An AI-based air defence system
- D. A satellite surveillance system
- E. A battlefield management radar

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Akashteer is India's AI-driven air defence system, developed indigenously by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) in collaboration with DRDO and ISRO.
- It is an Air Defence Control and Reporting System (ADCRS) that provides real-time situational awareness and automated threat response capabilities.
- The system was recently in the spotlight for neutralizing all Pakistani drones and missiles in a defense simulation.
- Akashteer is a key step towards modernizing India's air defence network using artificial intelligence and advanced sensors.

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Ques: Which traditional Rajasthani bean, used in the famous Ker Sangri dish, was recently awarded the GI tag?

- A. Guar
- B. Moth Bean
- C. Sangri
- D. Chana
- E. Matki

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Rajasthan's traditional Sangri bean has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- Sangri pods grow on the Khejri tree (*Prosopis cineraria*), which is the state tree of Rajasthan.
- In many Rajasthani communities, cutting down the Khejri tree is discouraged or even forbidden.
- The tree holds special significance for the Bishnoi community, known for their commitment to environmental protection.
- The Ker Sangri dish, made using dried berries of the Ker shrub (*Capparis decidua*) and Sangri beans, is a staple in Rajasthani cuisine and deeply embedded in its cultural traditions.

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Ques: How many startups were recently approved by the Government of India for 100% income tax exemption under the Startup India initiative?

- A. 150
- B. 187
- C. 210
- D. 173
- E. 165

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India has approved 187 startups for 100% income tax exemption on profits.
- The exemption can be availed for any three consecutive years within 10 years from the date of incorporation.
- This benefit is part of the Startup India initiative, aimed at promoting innovation and entrepreneurship in the country.
- Startups must meet specific eligibility criteria to qualify for this benefit.
- The move seeks to support emerging businesses and strengthen India's startup ecosystem.

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Ques: Which Indian PSU has signed an agreement with the State Trade Organisation Plc of Maldives under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana?

- A. ONGC
- B. HLL Lifecare Limited
- C. GAIL
- D. SAIL
- E. BHEL

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- HLL Lifecare Limited, a Government of India enterprise, has signed an agreement with State Trade Organisation Plc, a Government of Maldives body, for the supply of essential medicines.
- This collaboration falls under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP).
- PMBJP aims to provide quality generic medicines at affordable prices through Jan Aushadhi Kendras.
- The scheme is overseen by the Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) under the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers.
- Jan Aushadhi Diwas is observed every year on March 7.

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Ques: Where was the 4th Ministerial Conference of the Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES) held?

- A. New Delhi, India
- B. Jakarta, Indonesia
- C. Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
- D. Colombo, Sri Lanka
- E. Bangkok, Thailand

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The 4th Ministerial Conference of RIMES was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, co-chaired by India and hosted by the Government of Sri Lanka and the World Bank.
- The conference theme was “Actionable Early Warnings and Climate Services for All”, and India was represented by Dr. M. Ravichandran, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- The 1st edition was held in 2012 in New Delhi, and the last edition was held in Papua New Guinea (2017).

About Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES) :

- Establishment : 30 April 2009
- HQ : Campus of the Asian Institute of Technology in Pathumthani, Thailand
- Members : 62 member nations including, 22 member states and 40 collaborating nations





LQues: Who won the 2025 World Food Prize for her work in developing biological alternatives to chemical fertilizers?

- A. Dr. Maria Silva
- B. Dr. Ana Costa
- C. Dr. Paula Ferreira
- D. Dr. Mariana Alves
- E. Dr. Mariangela Hungria

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The 2025 World Food Prize was awarded to Brazilian microbiologist Dr. Mariangela Hungria.
- The award is presented by the World Food Prize Foundation, based in Des Moines, Iowa, USA.
- She was honoured for her groundbreaking work in developing biological alternatives to chemical fertilizers.
- Her research focused on using *Azospirillum brasilense* bacteria to boost root growth in crops like corn, allowing them to access deeper water and nutrients.
- She is the 10th woman to receive the World Food Prize.
- The award, carrying a prize of USD 500,000, will be presented during the Borlaug Dialogue International Symposium in October 2025 in Des Moines.

About World Food Prize :

- Started : 1986 by Dr. Norman Borlaug, the 1970 Nobel Peace Prize laureate and “Father of the Green Revolution”. It is Also called Nobel Prize for Food and Agriculture.
- Prize : USD 500,000 monetary award, a diploma, and a commemorative sculpture designed by renowned artist Saul Bass
- 1st winner of India : Dr. Mankombu Sambasivan (M.S.) Swaminathan (1987)
- Last winner of India : Dr. Rattan Lal (2020)





Ques: Which Indian state has recently made the use of artificial sand (m-sand) mandatory for government construction projects?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Tamil Nadu
- E. Karnataka

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Maharashtra government approved a policy to promote and mandate the use of artificial sand (m-sand) as a sustainable substitute for natural river sand in government and semi-government construction works.
- Artificial sand is created by crushing hard rocks like granite into sand-sized particles.
- The state has permitted the installation of 1,500 crusher machines (50 per district) and reduced the royalty price to Rs.200 per brass, compared to Rs.600 for natural sand.
- In 2014, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) had banned sand mining in coastal regions in many states, including Maharashtra

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Ques: Which country recently launched the 10-year 'Blue Residency' visa for contributors to sustainability and environmental protection?

- A. United Arab Emirates
- B. Qatar
- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. Bahrain
- E. Oman

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has launched the Blue Residency Visa, a 10-year residency program.
- The program is designed to recognize and attract individuals who have made significant contributions to environmental protection, sustainability, and clean or renewable energy.
- It was first announced at the World Government Summit in February 2025.
- This initiative supports the UAE's vision of becoming a global hub for green innovation and environmental leadership.

Eligibility includes:

- Scientists and researchers with environmental achievements
- Investors and entrepreneurs in green sectors
- Professionals in environmental institutions
- International environmental activists and NGO members





Ques: Which museum in Kerala has been recently added to the Global Network of Water Museums?

- A. Living Water Museum, Pune
- B. Jal Water Museum, Udaipur
- C. Water Heritage Museum, Kozhikode
- D. Indian Water Legacy Museum, Chennai
- E. Blue Planet Museum, Hyderabad

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Water Heritage Museum, run by the Centre for Water Resources Development and Management (CWRDM) in Kozhikode, Kerala, has been included in the Global Network of Water Museums (WAMU-NET).
- It becomes the third museum in India to receive this recognition, after the JAL Water Museum in Udaipur and the Living Water Museum in Pune.
- WAMU-NET is a UNESCO initiative under the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme, which recognizes institutions working to preserve water heritage and promote sustainable water management.

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Ques: Which Indian state recently notified the country's largest conservation reserve, Tsarap Chu, to protect snow leopards and high-altitude biodiversity?

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Sikkim
- C. Jammu & Kashmir
- D. Himachal Pradesh
- E. Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Himachal Pradesh has notified the Tsarap Chu Conservation Reserve, India's largest conservation reserve, spanning 1,585 sq km.
- Located in the Spiti Valley, it was notified under Section 36A(1) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- The reserve aims to conserve snow leopards, rare Himalayan wildlife, and strengthen wildlife corridors.
- It shares borders with Ladakh (UT), Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary, Kabjima Nala, and Chandratat Wildlife Sanctuary, serving as a vital ecological corridor.
- Key species include snow leopard, Tibetan wolf, bharal, Himalayan ibex, kiang, and Tibetan argali, as well as rare birds like rose finch, Tibetan raven, and yellow-billed chough.
- It forms part of a high-altitude Trans-Himalayan biodiversity hotspot, playing a crucial role in conservation efforts in the region.





Ques: Which Indian city has been declared the country's first beggar-free city as of 2025?

- A. Bhopal
- B. Jaipur
- C. Indore
- D. Pune
- E. Surat

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Indore, Madhya Pradesh, has been declared India's first beggar-free city following a successful anti-begging campaign initiated in February 2024.
- The initiative was recognized by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE) and the World Bank as a model project.
- Over 5000 beggars, including 500 children, were rehabilitated through employment and education efforts.
- Public cooperation was encouraged with a Rs.1000 reward for reporting beggars, and this project was part of a pilot initiative in 10 Indian cities.

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Ques: Who recently declared the symbolic independence of the “Republic of Balochistan” and appealed to the UN for recognition?

- A. Brahamdagh Bugti
- B. Allah Nazar Baloch
- C. Mir Yar Baloch
- D. Hyrbyair Marri
- E. Aslam Baloch

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Mir Yar Baloch, a noted Baloch activist and writer, made a symbolic declaration of independence for Balochistan via social media, proclaiming it the "Democratic Republic of Balochistan."
- He appealed to the United Nations to Recognize the declaration, and Provide financial support for essential state functions like issuing currency and passports.
- The announcement has escalated tensions in the region and brought renewed focus to the Baloch insurgency, particularly after the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) carried out 71 attacks under Operation Herof.
- Balochistan is rich in natural resources (gas, copper, coal, gold – especially the Reko Diq mine) and is strategically important due to Gwadar Port, a key hub in China’s Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).
- India has repeatedly highlighted human rights violations in Balochistan and considers the region strategically important in the Indo-Pacific context and as a counter to CPEC (China-Pakistan Economic Corridor).





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Anita Anand, an Indo-Canadian and the first Hindu woman MP in Canada's House of Commons, has been appointed Canada's Foreign Minister by PM Mark Carney. He also appointed Maninder Sidhu as the international trade minister.

Scientists recently developed a way to map how brain cells are connected using light microscopes in a technique called Light-microscopy-based Connectomics (LICONN). It was developed at the Institute of Science and Technology Austria (ISTA).

The Indian Army launched a counter-terrorism operation in Shoekal Keller, Shopian, Jammu & Kashmir. The operation, named Operation Keller, was based on specific intelligence inputs from a Rashtriya Rifles unit.

Chicago based Illinois Institute of Technology (Illinois Tech) has become the first American university to receive approval from India's University Grants Commission (UGC) to set up an independent, degree-granting campus in Mumbai. The campus is scheduled to open in 2026.

CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (CSIR-IICT), Hyderabad, scientist Surya Prakash Singh has been awarded the prestigious INSA Distinguished Lecture Fellowship for the year 2025 by the Indian National Science Academy (INSA).

To improve India's non-ferrous metal recycling ecosystem, Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, the Ministry of Coal, and the Ministry of Mines created the Non-Ferrous Metal Recycling Website and Stakeholders' Portal.





Ques: What are the two new Fixed Deposit schemes launched by Indian Bank effective from May 8, 2025?

- A. IND GOLD & IND GREEN
- B. IND SECURE & IND GREEN
- C. IND SUPER & IND PRIME
- D. IND GROW & IND SAVE
- E. IND PRIME & IND FUTURE

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indian Bank launched two new fixed deposit (FD) schemes — IND SECURE (444 days) and IND GREEN (555 days) — with effect from May 8, 2025.
- These schemes offer attractive interest rates:
IND SECURE: Up to 7.90% p.a. for super senior citizens.
IND GREEN: Designed to promote sustainable development, with rates up to 7.55% p.a.
- Investment range: Rs.1,000 to less than Rs.3 crore.
- Validity: Both schemes are open for investment till September 30, 2025.
- They are available in the form of FD or money multiplier deposit with callable options.
- These new schemes replace the discontinued IND SUPER (400 Days) and IND SUPREME (300 Days).

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Ques: What is the reason RBI imposed a penalty of rs.29.60 lakh on Yes Bank in May 2025?

- A. Fraud in loan disbursal
- B. Violation of KYC norms
- C. Incorrect reporting of customer complaints
- D. Delay in CRR submission
- E. Misuse of funds

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of Rs.29.60 lakh on Yes Bank Limited on May 16, 2025.
- The penalty was due to non-compliance with RBI's guidelines on 'Financial Statements Presentation and Disclosures'.
- Specifically, Yes Bank failed to disclose accurate and complete information on customer complaints in its Annual Financial Statements for FY 2023-24.
- This violation was identified during ISE 2024, based on the bank's financials as of March 31, 2024.
- The penalty was imposed under Section 47A(1)(c) read with Section 46(4)(i) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- RBI clarified that the penalty relates to regulatory non-compliance and does not affect the validity of transactions with customers.

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Ques: As per the May 2025 RBI circular, to which country has Exim Bank of India extended a USD 700 million Line of Credit for a crude oil refinery project?

- A. Kazakhstan
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Russia
- D. Mongolia
- E. Uzbekistan

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Exim Bank of India signed an agreement on January 16, 2025, with the Government of Mongolia to provide a USD 700 million Line of Credit (LoC) for financing the construction of a crude oil refinery plant in Mongolia.
- The LoC became effective from May 6, 2025, with a disbursement period extending up to 48 months after project completion.
- The funding is aimed at promoting infrastructure development in Mongolia under the Reserve Bank of India's circular no. A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 05/2025-26 dated May 16, 2025.
- Only eligible Indian goods and services can be exported under this LoC, with mandatory filing of shipping bills and no agency commission payable under the scheme.
- The project is part of India's efforts to strengthen bilateral cooperation and export financing through Exim Bank.

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Ques: What is the estimated amount RBI may transfer as surplus to the government for FY 2024-25?

- A. Rs.1 lakh crore
- B. Rs.2 lakh crore
- C. Rs.3 lakh crore
- D. Rs.4 lakh crore
- E. Rs.50,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), based on the Economic Capital Framework (ECF), may transfer a record surplus ranging from Rs.2.5 lakh crore to Rs.3 lakh crore to the government for the financial year 2024-25.
- The previous highest surplus transfer was Rs.2.11 lakh crore in FY 2023-24.
- RBI sets aside a Contingency Risk Buffer (CRB) as a reserve fund for financial stability crises before transferring the surplus.
- The Economic Capital Framework was recommended by an expert committee led by Bimal Jalan in 2018 and is reviewed every five years. The next review is scheduled for August 2024.
- RBI's surplus earnings for FY 2023-24 were mainly driven by foreign exchange sales, gold revaluation, and investments.

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Ques: Which company has SBI Card partnered with to launch a health and wellness-focused co-branded credit card in May 2025?

- A. Fortis HealthCare
- B. Max Life
- C. MedPlus
- D. Apollo HealthCo
- E. AIIMS Wellness

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- SBI Card has collaborated with Apollo HealthCo, the operator of Apollo Pharmacy, to launch a co-branded credit card in May 2025.
- The card is named Apollo SBI Card SELECT and is focused on health and wellness spending.
- Cardholders will earn rewards on purchases made at Apollo Pharmacy stores, health check-up packages, blood tests, and other services offered through the Apollo 24x7 app.
- This partnership aims to enhance financial access to healthcare while promoting preventive wellness through rewards-driven incentives.

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Q. Who among the following has been appointed as new Managing Directors of LIC from June 2025?

- A. Siddhartha Mohanty and Ratnakar Patnaik
- B. Dinesh Pant and Ratnakar Patnaik
- C. Rakesh Sharma and Dinesh Pant
- D. Ratnakar Patnaik and Mukesh Kumar
- E. Vivek Joshi and Dinesh Pant

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India has approved the appointment of Dinesh Pant and Ratnakar Patnaik as Managing Directors (MDs) of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) effective from June 1, 2025.
- Dinesh Pant's tenure is till May 31, 2027, and Ratnakar Patnaik's tenure is till March 31, 2028, or until further orders.
- Their backgrounds include actuarial, investment, and executive management roles, expected to strengthen LIC's leadership.

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Ques: Why did RBI impose a monetary penalty of Rs.50 lakh on Deutsche Bank AG, India in May 2025?

- A. Misuse of customer funds
- B. Non-compliance with KYC norms
- C. Incorrect financial disclosures
- D. Failure to report credit information to CRILC
- E. Delay in income recognition

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a rs.50 lakh penalty on Deutsche Bank AG, India on May 13, 2025.
- The reason: Non-compliance with RBI's directions related to reporting of credit information to the Central Repository of Information on Large Credits (CRILC).
- The violation was found during ISE 2024 based on the bank's financials as of March 31, 2024.
- The bank failed to report credit data of certain borrowers to CRILC, leading to regulatory action.
- The penalty was levied under Section 47A(1)(c) read with Section 46(4)(i) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- RBI clarified that the action pertains solely to regulatory non-compliance and does not question the validity of any customer transactions.

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Ques: What is the name of the newly launched current account offering by HDFC Bank aimed at businesses?

- A. SmartBiz Account
- B. EasyTrade Account
- C. Biz+ Current Account
- D. BusinessPro Account
- E. EliteBiz Account

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- HDFC Bank has launched Biz+ Current Accounts, a reimagined suite of current account products tailored for Indian businesses.
- The offering is designed to simplify banking services and enhance operational efficiency through modern solutions.
- The product caters to business customers and enterprises, addressing their evolving financial needs.
- With Biz+, HDFC aims to deliver a streamlined, business-friendly banking experience to help enterprises grow and manage their operations more efficiently.

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Ques: Under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, how many railway stations will be virtually inaugurated by PM Modi on May 22, 2025?

- A. 101
- B. 103
- C. 133
- D. 157
- E. 137

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually inaugurate 103 redeveloped railway stations on May 22, 2025, from Bikaner, Rajasthan.
- These stations are part of the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, launched in 2022, which aims to transform 1,337 railway stations into modern city centres with enhanced passenger amenities.
- The redevelopment includes facilities such as modern toilets, lifts, escalators, free Wi-Fi, executive lounges, food plazas, and business centres.
- The design of each station reflects the local art, culture, and heritage of the region.
- The total estimated cost for redeveloping all 1,337 stations is ₹1 lakh crore.
- Uttar Pradesh leads with the highest number of stations (157) under this scheme, followed by Maharashtra (132) and West Bengal (101).

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Ques: According to Ethnologue 2025, which Indian language is the 3rd most spoken language in the world?

- A. Bengali
- B. Telugu
- C. Hindi
- D. Urdu
- E. Marathi

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Five Indian languages—Hindi (ranked third), Bengali (7th), Urdu (ranked 11th), Marathi (16th), and Telugu (18th)—are among the top 20 most spoken languages worldwide in 2025, according to recent research from Ethnologue, the most authoritative source on languages of the world.
- Hindi, which has 609.1 million speakers, is the third most spoken language globally and the most spoken language in India.
- In 2025, English is the most spoken language worldwide, as it is the first and second language of 1.53 billion people in 188 countries.

List of Top 5 Most Spoken Languages Globally in 2025 :

- 1 English (1.53 Billion)
- 2 Mandarin Chinese (1.25 Billion)
- 3 Hindi (609.1 Million)
- 4 Spanish (558.5 Million)
- 5 Standard Arabic (334.8 Million)
- 7 Bengali (284.3 Million)
- 11 Urdu (246 Million)





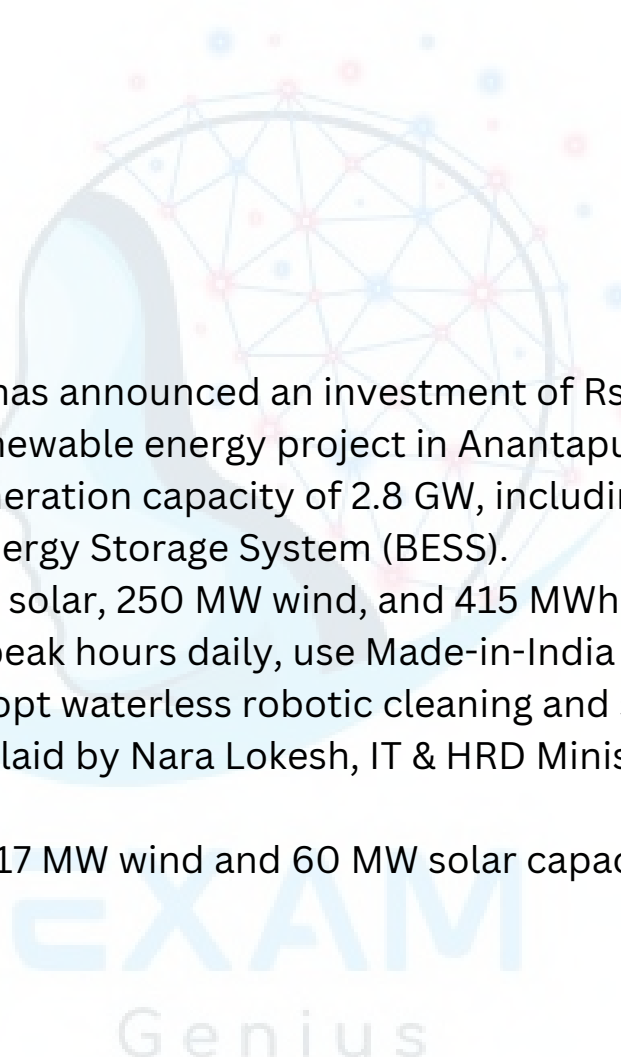
Ques: ReNew Energy will invest Rs.22,000 crore to set up India's largest hybrid renewable energy project in which district of Andhra Pradesh?

- A. Visakhapatnam
- B. Vijayawada
- C. Chittoor
- D. Anantapur
- E. Guntur

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- ReNew Energy Global Plc has announced an investment of Rs.22,000 crore to set up India's largest hybrid renewable energy project in Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh.
- The project has a total generation capacity of 2.8 GW, including 1.8 GWp solar, 1 GW wind, and 2 GWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).
- Phase 1 includes 587 MWp solar, 250 MW wind, and 415 MWh BESS.
- It will supply power for 4 peak hours daily, use Made-in-India solar panels from Jaipur and Dholera, and adopt waterless robotic cleaning and solar tracking systems.
- The foundation stone was laid by Nara Lokesh, IT & HRD Minister of Andhra Pradesh.
- ReNew already operates 717 MW wind and 60 MW solar capacity across 10 sites in the state.





Ques: Which Indian state launched the 'Eti Koli Duti Paat' scheme offering Rs.5,000 assistance to tea garden workers during the 200th celebration of Assam Tea?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Tripura
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Assam
- E. Sikkim

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launched the 'Eti Koli Duti Paat' scheme during the 200th celebration of Assam Tea.
- Under this scheme, the Government of Assam will provide a one-time assistance of Rs.5,000 to each permanent and temporary tea garden worker.
- Assam produces nearly 700 million kg of tea annually, contributing to around 50% of India's total tea production.
- CM Sarma also approved the renaming of Dibrugarh Airport in Assam after Bhupen Hazarika, the legendary singer and cultural icon, marking his 100th birth anniversary.
- Bhupen Hazarika was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna in 2019.

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Ques: What is the name of the military operation launched by Israel in Gaza in 2025?

- A. Operation Iron Sword
- B. Operation Gaza Storm
- C. Operation Gideon Chariots
- D. Operation Hostage Rescue
- E. Operation Thunder Force

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Israel launched Operation Gideon Chariots in 2025 to pressure Hamas into releasing the remaining hostages.
- The operation involved intensive airstrikes in Gaza, resulting in over 150 deaths within 24 hours.
- Gaza has been under a strict blockade for over three months, with no food, water, fuel, or goods allowed in.
- Israel's Defence Minister confirmed the operation is being conducted with "great force."
- Prime Minister Netanyahu had earlier vowed to escalate pressure on Hamas.
- Since Israel ended the January ceasefire on March 15, over 3,000 people have died. Approximately 23 hostages are still believed to be alive in Gaza, though their condition remains uncertain.
- The situation in Gaza has been declared a humanitarian crisis, with UN food experts warning of famine-like conditions if the blockade continues.





Ques: Who has recently become India's 86th Chess Grandmaster?

- A. R. Praggnanandhaa
- B. Arjun Erigaisi
- C. L.R. Srihari
- D. Gukesh D
- E. Raunak Sadhwani

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- L.R. Srihari from Chennai, Tamil Nadu, became India's 86th Grandmaster after securing his third GM norm at the Asian Individual Chess Championship held in Al-Ain, UAE.
- He crossed the 2500 Elo rating at the Dubai Open in May 2023.
- He achieved his GM norms at Sixdays Budapest GM Round-Robin (Aug 2023), 2023 Qatar Masters, and Asian Individual Championship, Al-Ain (Abu Dhabi).
- Currently, he is a 19-year-old B.Com student.
- After nearly a year and nine tournaments, Srihari finally earned the Grandmaster title, calling it a "huge relief" after facing repeated setbacks.

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Ques: What is the name of the large-scale field exercise recently conducted by the Indian Army's Trishakti Corps in West Bengal?

- A. Brahmaputra Strike
- B. Eastern Shield
- C. Sindoor Sena
- D. Teesta Prahar
- E. Himalayan Thunder

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Indian Army conducted 'Teesta Prahar', a large-scale integrated field exercise at the Teesta field firing range in West Bengal.
- The exercise was held under the Trishakti Corps, part of the Eastern Command.
- It gained importance in the backdrop of Operation Sindoor.
- The objective was to simulate and validate combat operations in riverine and all-terrain environments.
- It also assessed the use of newly acquired advanced weaponry, military equipment, and modern battlefield technology, supporting the Indian Army's modernisation drive.

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Ques: What is the new name of the revamped National Manuscripts Mission set to be launched on June 9, 2025?

- A. Bharat Gyan Yatra
- B. Digital Granth Yojan
- C. Gyan Bharatam Mission
- D. Manuscript India Mission
- E. Heritage Bharat Scheme

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The revamped National Manuscripts Mission (NMM), which will be launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 9, 2025, has been renamed as the Gyan Bharatam Mission.
- This mission aims to survey, document, and conserve over 1 crore manuscripts from across India.
- These manuscripts will be collected from academic institutions, libraries, museums, and private collectors.
- The mission is overseen by the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA).
- The budget allocation has been significantly raised from ₹3.5 crore to ₹60 crore.
- Although the mission started in 2003, progress was limited until this major revamp.
- So far, 52 lakh manuscripts' metadata have been digitized, and over 3 lakh manuscripts preserved digitally, but only one-third are uploaded online.
- The government is also planning an autonomous body for better management of ancient texts.





Ques: Which Kalaburagi-based artist has been selected for the 52nd Karnataka Lalitkala Academy Award for his miniature painting ‘Madhyamadi Raga’?

- A. Suresh Patil
- B. Rehman Patel
- C. Manjunath Shetty
- D. Abdul Wahid
- E. Vijay Reddy

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Rehman Patel, an artist from Kalaburagi, has been selected for the 52nd Karnataka State Lalitkala Academy Award for 2022–23.
- He will be awarded for his traditional miniature painting titled ‘Madhyamadi Raga’.
- The award includes a cash prize of Rs.25,000 and a citation, and will be presented on May 23 at Ravindra Kalakshetra in Bengaluru.
- Patel has dedicated over two decades to the Surpur miniature art form, a style that thrived under the Surpur Nayaks (1773–1858 AD).
- He also received a fellowship from the Union Ministry of Tourism and Culture in 2002 for his work in preserving this dying art form.

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Ques: What is the name of the counter-terrorism network recently revamped and inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah?

- A. MAC (Multi Agency Centre)
- B. CCTNS
- C. NATGRID
- D. IBIN
- E. I4C

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the revamped Multi Agency Centre (MAC), developed at a cost of ₹500 crore.
- It is a key component of India's counter-terrorism infrastructure under the Intelligence Bureau (IB).
- The MAC ensures real-time intelligence sharing and secure connectivity across all police districts in India.
- It integrates inputs from 28 security organisations, including RAW, Armed Forces, and State Police.
- The system enhances coordination and preparedness against terrorism and organized crime.
- The Minister also praised Operation Sindoor and the anti-Naxal operation at KGH Hills as examples of strong intelligence and political resolve.



Ques: Which city in Bihar is set to be renamed as 'Gaya Jee' due to its historic and religious significance?

- A. Patna
- B. Nalanda
- C. Gaya
- D. Muzaffarpur
- E. Bhagalpur

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Bihar government, during a State Cabinet meeting chaired by CM Nitish Kumar, approved the proposal to rename Gaya as 'Gaya Jee'.
- This decision reflects the historic and religious importance of the city, which is a major spiritual destination for Hindus and Buddhists.
- Alongside, the Cabinet also approved:
 - Formation of Bihar State Jeevika Fund Credit Cooperative Society Ltd.
 - Establishment of Jeevika Bank to facilitate loans for Jeevika Didis (rural women).
 - Creation of a cancer care and research society in the state.

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Ques: What is the name of the joint HADR simulation conducted by the Indian Army and NDRF in Assam to enhance disaster response readiness?

- A. Exercise Mitra
- B. Exercise Suraksha
- C. Exercise Raahat
- D. Exercise Shakti
- E. Exercise Aastha

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indian Army and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) jointly conducted Exercise Raahat in Assam, focusing on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) operations.
- The goal was to strengthen coordination between civil and military agencies during natural disasters like floods and earthquakes, particularly in the northeastern region, which is highly vulnerable.
- The first Exercise Raahat was conducted in Rajasthan in 2016, mainly focusing on earthquake preparedness.
- The Assam edition aimed to simulate large-scale disaster scenarios, ensuring readiness of both defense and civilian institutions in joint relief efforts.

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Ques: Which traditional performing art, featuring hair-flipping by women and mock battle formations by men, was performed to welcome Donald Trump at the UAE's presidential palace?

- A. Dabke
- B. Tanoura
- C. Al-Ayyala
- D. Khaleegi
- E. Ardah

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Al-Ayyala is a traditional performing art of the UAE and Oman, recognized by UNESCO in 2014 as part of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.
- It is performed during weddings, national holidays, and festivals to express unity, valor, and heritage.
- Men perform the dance in two rows, facing each other, carrying swords or bamboo sticks, and simulate a battle by moving in rhythm.
- In the UAE, women participate by standing at the front, wearing traditional attire and flipping their hair side to side to the beat.
- This dance was performed as a gesture of goodwill and cultural respect during Donald Trump's visit to the UAE's presidential palace, Qasr Al Watan, as part of his Middle East tour that also included Saudi Arabia and Qatar.

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Ques: Who received the 58th Jnanpith Award for contributions to Sanskrit literature?

- A. Dr. Satya Vrat Shastri
- B. Gulzar
- C. Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal
- D. Jagadguru Rambhadracharya
- E. Swami Avdheshanand Giri

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The 58th Jnanpith Award, India's highest literary honour, was conferred on Jagadguru Rambhadracharya, a renowned Sanskrit scholar, poet, and philosopher.
- The award was presented by President Droupadi Murmu at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.
- He was honoured for his exceptional contributions to Sanskrit literature, spiritual teachings, and Indian knowledge systems, despite being visually impaired.
- He has authored over 200 books, contributing significantly to the promotion of classical Sanskrit and Indian heritage.
- The Jnanpith Award is presented annually by the Bharatiya Jnanpith Trust, established in 1961.
- Another recipient this year was lyricist and poet Gulzar, who could not attend due to health issues.

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Ques: What is the theme of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2025, celebrated on May 17?

- A. Bridging the digital divide
- B. Building sustainable digital futures
- C. Gender equality in digital transformation
- D. Smart connectivity for all
- E. Empowering rural innovation

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) is celebrated every year on 17 May.
- It commemorates the founding of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention in 1865.
- In March 2006, the UN General Assembly declared that World Information Society Day would also be observed on 17 May each year.
- The theme for 2025 is “Gender equality in digital transformation.”
- The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is a specialized UN agency for information and communication technologies, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.
- India has been an active member of the ITU since 1869 and a Council member since 1952.
- ITU has 194 member countries and over 1,000 institutional members including companies, universities, and regional organizations.





Ques: On which date does Sikkim celebrate its Statehood Day, marking its integration as the 22nd state of India in 1975?

- A. May 15
- B. May 16
- C. May 18
- D. May 20
- E. May 12

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sikkim celebrates its Statehood Day on May 16, commemorating its integration with India as the 22nd state in 1975.
- This was made official through the 36th Amendment of the Indian Constitution.
- Historically, Sikkim was a monarchy under the Namgyal dynasty established in the 17th century. The dynasty ruled until 1975.
- In 1950, under the Indo-Sikkimese Treaty, Sikkim became an Indian protectorate, with India managing its external affairs, defense, and communications.
- Sikkim is located in the eastern Himalayas and is among the smallest states in India.
- The name “Sikkim” comes from the Limbu words “su him”, meaning “new house.”

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JSW One Platforms Limited, the Business-to-Business (B2B) ecommerce arm of JSW Group, secured approximately USD 40 million (Rs. 340 crore) in a funding round led by Principal Asset Management, OneUp, and JSW Steel.

Achieving a historic success in the resolve of a 'Naxal-free India,' the security forces have killed 31 Naxalites in the biggest-ever operation against Naxalism, on the Karreguttalu Hill (KGH) at the Chhattisgarh-Telangana border.

Book “The Tamils: A Portrait of Community” Authored by Nirmala Lakshman.
Reviewed by Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Ministry of Finance and Launched by Aleph Book Company

Northern Region Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institute (NRFMTTI), located in Hisar, Haryana, has achieved CMVR testing approval for agricultural tractors and also earned NABL accreditation for CMVR testing of tractors and combine harvesters.

A former Indian Football player, Dost Mohammad Khan Afzal passed away. DMK Afzal was part of the Gold-medal winning India team at the 1962 Asian Games in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The first woman from the minority group in Balochistan to be named assistant commissioner in the unrest-plagued province is 25-year-old Kashish Chaudhary, a Pakistani Hindu woman.





Ques: Which organisation launched a two-week Online Short-Term Internship Programme (OSTI) to educate students about human rights in India?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. National Legal Services Authority
- C. National Human Rights Commission
- D. Ministry of Education
- E. University Grants Commission

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) launched a two-week Online Short-Term Internship Programme (OSTI) to provide students with an understanding of human rights.
- A total of 1,795 students registered, and 80 were selected from various universities across 21 States and Union Territories.
- The programme aims to spread awareness about the significance and protection of human rights in India.

About NHRC :

- Established : 12 October 1993
- HQ : New Delhi
- Chairman : Justice V. Ramasubramanian

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Ques : What is the name of the AI system used in the world's first AI medical clinic launched in Saudi Arabia?

- A. AI-Medix
- B. MedBotX
- C. Dr. Hua
- D. SmartClinic AI
- E. MedSyn AI

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The world's first AI-powered medical clinic, launched in Saudi Arabia, uses the advanced AI system called Dr. Hua, developed by Synyi AI, a Shanghai-based startup backed by Tencent.
- Dr. Hua autonomously analyzes lab reports, reviews medical history, conducts physical assessments, and even converses with patients.
- In clinical trials, it successfully diagnosed Asthmatic Bronchitis by identifying markers like high WBCs, CRP, and eosinophils.
- The goal is to cut waiting times, deliver instant diagnosis, and support human doctors for more efficient care.

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Ques: Which Bengaluru-based institute has developed a new nickel selenide–iron-based catalyst to enhance clean energy reactions involving oxygen?

- A. Indian Institute of Science (IISc)
- B. Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS)
- C. National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK)
- D. Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR)
- E. CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Researchers from the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS), an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), have developed a novel catalyst to speed up oxygen-related electrocatalytic reactions.
- These reactions are essential to clean energy technologies like hydrogen fuel production, clean fuel synthesis, and hydrogen peroxide manufacturing.
- The catalyst is made from nickel selenide and is enhanced with a small amount of iron (Fe) to make the process faster, cheaper, and more efficient.

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Ques: What is the name of the manned submersible vehicle to be used in India's first deep-sea mission 'Samudrayaan'?

- A. Varun
- B. Jalyaan
- C. Sagarika
- D. Matsya
- E. Meghna

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- India's first manned deep-sea mission 'Samudrayaan' is set to launch by the end of 2026.
- The mission will carry three Indian scientists to a depth of 6,000 meters underwater.
- The submersible vehicle to be used is 'Matsya', indigenously designed and developed in India.
- The announcement was made by Balaji Ramakrishnan, Director of National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT).
- The announcement took place during a training session on the Blue Economy at CMFRI, Kochi.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the South Asia envoy for the 30th Conference of Parties (COP-30) to be held in Brazil in 2025?

- A. Ramesh Chand
- B. Arunabha Ghosh
- C. Sunita Narain
- D. Rajendra Pachauri
- E. Ajay Mathur

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Arunabha Ghosh, founder and CEO of the Council of Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) based in New Delhi, has been appointed as the South Asia envoy for COP-30.
- COP-30 will be held in November 2025 in Belém, Brazil.
- He is currently serving as the Vice-Chair of the United Nations Committee for Development Policy (UNCDP).
- Arunabha Ghosh is one of ten international envoys chosen for this strategic climate-focused role.

Other 9 international envoys are :

- Jacinda Ardern : Oceania
- Patricia Espinosa Cantellano : Latin America and the Caribbean
- Laurence Tubiana : Europe
- Adnan Amin : Middle East
- Xie Zhenhua : East Asia
- Jonathan Pershing : North America
- Carlos Lopes : Africa
- Denis Minev : Amazonian private sector
- Joaquim Belo : Amazonian civil society





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) for the term 2025–2027?

- A. M N Srinivasu
- B. Harshil Mathur
- C. Harsh Jain
- D. Kunal Shah
- E. Vijay Shekhar Sharma

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- M N Srinivasu, Co-founder of Indialdeas.com Limited (BillDesk), has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) for the 2025–2027 term.
- He succeeded Harsh Jain, CEO of Dream Sports Pvt. Ltd.
- Harshil Mathur, Co-founder and CEO of Razorpay, has been appointed as the Vice-Chairperson of IMAI.
- IMAI is a Mumbai-based industry association representing India's digital services and mobile ecosystem.

About Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) :

- Established : 2004
- Act : Societies Registration Act, 1860
- HQ : Mumbai





Ques: Where will the first edition of the Khelo India Beach Games (KIBG) be held from 19th to 25th May 2025?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The first edition of the Khelo India Beach Games (KIBG) will be held in Diu from 19th to 25th May 2025.
- This event is part of the newly launched Khelo India Annual Calendar, aimed at fostering a year-round structured sports ecosystem in India.
- The beach games will focus on coastal sports and are aligned with broader goals such as grassroots talent development, inclusion of tribal and regional communities, and preparation for Commonwealth 2030 and Olympics 2036.
- Other initiatives under the calendar include School Games, Para Games, Winter Games, Martial Arts Games, Tribal Games, and more.

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Ques : Government of India (GoI) gifted 15 Electric Vehicles (EVs) to which country to support the logistical arrangements of the inaugural Sagarmatha Sambaad ?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Bangladesh
- C) Nepal
- D) Bhutan
- E) Maldives

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- In order to facilitate the logistical planning of the first Sagarmatha Sambaad, a global dialogue on climate change, which is set for May 16–18, 2025 in Kathmandu, Nepal, the Government of India (GoI) donated 15 Electric Vehicles (EVs) to Nepal.
- During a ceremony held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kathmandu, Indian Ambassador to Nepal Naveen Srivastava gave the vehicles to Nepal's Foreign Minister Arzu Rana Deuba.
- Sagarmatha Sambaad is a biennial, multi-stakeholder global dialogue that the Government of Nepal initiated, with the theme "Climate Change, Mountains, and the Future of Humanity."

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Ques: In which state did Amit Shah inaugurate the new building of Shri K.K. Patel and Smt. Madhuben K. Patel Nursing College in May 2025?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the new building of Shri K.K. Patel and Smt. Madhuben K. Patel Nursing College located in Mehsana, Gujarat, in May 2025.
- This college has been a significant contributor to nursing education for over 65 years.
- The new campus features modern amenities such as lecture rooms, laboratories, a library, and offices, enhancing access to affordable and quality medical education in the region.
- During the event, Amit Shah highlighted major healthcare reforms and schemes including Ayushman Bharat, Jan Aushadhi Yojana, and a nearly 4x increase in health budget since 2014.

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Ques: Zee Entertainment recently reverted to which iconic logo as part of its brand makeover in 2025?

- A. Zee Circle
- B. Orange Spark
- C. Z Logo
- D. Infinity Zee
- E. Prime Zee

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Zee Entertainment has brought back its iconic 'Z' logo after eight years as part of its rebranding initiative in 2025.
- The 'Z' logo was last used until October 2017, when it was replaced by an orange circle logo on Zee's 25th anniversary.
- The move symbolizes a return to the brand's roots while focusing on future innovation in content and technology.
- Despite a 4% revenue decline, Zee closed FY25 with ₹8,294 crore revenue and ₹680 crore profit, thanks to cost-cutting and workforce rationalization.
- The refreshed logo will be officially adopted on June 8, during the Zee Cine Awards broadcast.

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Ques: Which state topped the medal tally at the 7th Khelo India Youth Games 2025 held in Bihar?

- A. Haryana
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Delhi
- E. Karnataka

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 7th Khelo India Youth Games 2025 were held in Bihar from 4 to 15 May 2025, featuring over 5,000 young athletes from across India.
- Maharashtra topped the medal tally with 158 medals – 58 gold, 47 silver, and 53 bronze.
- Haryana and Rajasthan secured the second and third positions, respectively.
- Events were hosted across Patna, Rajgir, Begusarai, Gaya, Bhagalpur, and New Delhi (for gymnastics, shooting, and cycling).
- The mascot for the event was Gajsimha.
- Maharashtra has now topped the medal tally five times: 2019, 2020, 2023, 2024, and 2025.
- Host Bihar made a notable improvement, securing 15th place with 36 medals, compared to 24th place in 2024.

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Ques : What is the name of the nationwide cyclothon organised by CBIC to celebrate 8 years of GST under the Fit India Movement?

- A. GST Cycle Yatra
- B. Pedal for Tax
- C. Sundays on Cycle
- D. Fit Tax Ride
- E. GST Walkathon

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) organised the nationwide cyclothon 'Sundays on Cycle' under the Fit India Movement to commemorate 8 years of the Goods and Services Tax (GST).
- The main event took place at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi.
- Over 50,000 cyclists, including citizens and CBIC officials, participated across 100+ CGST commissionerates.
- The event aimed to raise awareness about GST schemes like the Composition Scheme and QRMP, especially for small taxpayers.
- Celebrities like Sunil Shetty, Milind Soman, and John Abraham participated in Mumbai and Pune, giving the initiative wider visibility.

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Ques: Which DRDO laboratory has developed an indigenous nanoporous multilayered polymeric membrane for high-pressure seawater desalination?

- A. DRDL, Hyderabad
- B. DMSRDE, Kanpur
- C. RCI, Hyderabad
- D. DEAL, Dehradun
- E. VRDE, Ahmednagar

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Defence Materials Stores and Research & Development Establishment (DMSRDE), Kanpur, a laboratory under DRDO, has successfully developed a nanoporous multilayered polymeric membrane designed for high-pressure seawater desalination.
- This development was carried out to meet the Indian Coast Guard's operational requirement for desalination plants aboard their Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs).
- It addresses the key challenge of membrane stability against chloride ions in saline environments.
- Initial technical trials were successfully conducted in existing ICG desalination systems.

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Ques : ISRO's 101st mission failed due to a malfunction in which stage of the PSLV rocket?

- A. First Stage
- B. Second Stage
- C. Third Stage
- D. Heat Shield
- E. Payload Separation

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- During ISRO's 101st mission, conducted using the reliable Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), a malfunction occurred in the third stage of the rocket.
- The launch began smoothly at 5:59 AM, but by the 12th minute, an anomaly was detected.
- ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan confirmed that although the third-stage motor ignited properly, it failed during operation, preventing successful satellite deployment.
- This mission highlights that even trusted launch vehicles like PSLV can face technical issues, reinforcing the importance of continued innovation and testing.

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Ques: According to the 2025 Kantar BrandZ report, which four Indian companies were featured among the world's top 100 most valuable global brands?

- A. Reliance, SBI, Wipro, Paytm
- B. Infosys, ICICI Bank, Airtel, Tata Motors
- C. TCS, HDFC Bank, Airtel, Infosys
- D. TCS, SBI, Reliance, Paytm
- E. HCL, Axis Bank, Airtel, Wipro

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The 2025 edition of the Kantar BrandZ report listed Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), HDFC Bank, Airtel, and Infosys among the top 100 most valuable global brands.
- Apple retained its #1 position for the fourth consecutive year with a brand value of USD 1.3 trillion, followed by Google at USD 944 billion.
- The total brand value of the Global Top 100 reached a record USD 10.7 trillion, marking a 29% year-on-year increase.

Ranking of Top 5 Most Valuable Global Brands :

- 1 Apple : 1.3 trillion
- 2 Google : 944 billion
- 3 Microsoft : 884 billion
- 4 Amazon : 866 billion
- 5 Nvidia : 509 billion

Ranking of Top 4 Most Valuable Indian Brands :

- 45 TCS : 57 billion
- 56 HDFC Bank : 44 billion
- 66 Airtel : 37 billion
- 73 Infosys : 33 billion





Ques: What is the name of the indigenous low-cost counter-drone system successfully tested by India in Odisha's Gopalpur?

- A. Garudastra
- B. Trinetra
- C. Bhargavastra
- D. Agnishakti
- E. Shatruvinashak

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Bhargavastra is a low-cost indigenous counter-drone system developed in hard kill mode, designed to destroy small drones using guided micro-munitions.
- Developed by Solar Defence and Aerospace Ltd (SDAL) and Economic Explosives Ltd (EEL), it was successfully tested at Seaward Firing Range, Gopalpur, Odisha.
- It has an effective destruction range of up to 2.5 km and radar detection up to 6 km.
- The system demonstrated success in three trials, including a two-rocket salvo, and is equipped with advanced C4I systems, making it suitable for deployment from desert plains to mountain regions up to 5,000 meters.
- Bhargavastra can detect and destroy small drones from a distance of up to 2.5 km. It works in two layers: First layer: Uses unguided micro-rockets to destroy many drones at once. Each rocket can take out drones in a 20-meter area.
- Second layer: Uses guided micro-missiles for accurate attacks on specific drones.

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Ques: Under which slogan has the Government of India initiated a global diplomatic outreach involving seven all-party delegations following Operation Sindoor?

- A. One Voice, One India
- B. Bharat Against Terror
- C. One Mission. One Message. One Bharat.
- D. United For Peace
- E. Vishwa Bharat Abhiyan

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Government of India has launched a global diplomatic mission branded under the slogan “One Mission. One Message. One Bharat.”
- This initiative involves seven all-party delegations, each led by a Member of Parliament (MP), to represent India’s unified stance against terrorism, especially targeting Pakistan's role following Operation Sindoor.
- A total of 59 members, including MPs and diplomats, will engage with key international partners to convey India's strong and collective resolve.
- Notable MPs leading the delegations include Shashi Tharoor, Ravi Shankar Prasad, Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, and Supriya Sule, among others.

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LQues : What is the name of the mentorship programme launched by IIT Delhi for high-school girls in STEM education?

- A. Udaan
- B. Manasvi
- C. Shakti
- D. STEM Yatra
- E. Pragati

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- IIT Delhi launched the 'Manasvi' mentorship programme in New Delhi to inspire high-school girls to pursue careers in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics).
- The initiative was organized by the Academic Outreach and New Initiatives Office of IIT Delhi.
- Its aim is to reduce the gender gap in STEM by developing the skills, mindset, and confidence required for future leadership.
- Manasvi also empowers girls with a platform, voice, and belief system, encouraging meaningful participation beyond academics.

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Ques: Which sector is the focus of India's first national Carbon Capture and Utilisation (CCU) testbed initiative launched by the Department of Science and Technology?

- A. Steel
- B. Oil & Gas
- C. Power Generation
- D. Cement
- E. Fertilizers

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Department of Science and Technology (DST) has launched India's first national CCU initiative focused on the cement sector, a hard-to-abate industry.
- Five CCU testbeds have been set up to capture carbon emissions from cement manufacturing and convert them into valuable products such as synthetic fuels, chemicals, urea, and more.
- The goal is to reduce carbon footprints and support sustainable industrial growth.
- The five testbeds include collaborations with top institutes and cement companies:

Testbed-1: Ballabhgarh, Haryana + JK Cement Ltd.

Testbed-2: IIT Kanpur + JSW Cement

Testbed-3: IIT Bombay + Dalmia Cement

Testbed-4: CSIR-IIP, IIT Tirupati, IISc + JSW Cement

Testbed-5: IIT Madras & BITS Pilani, Goa + Ultratech Cement





Ques: According to Forbes' 2025 list, which athlete was ranked as the world's highest-paid for the third consecutive year?

- IA. Lionel Messi
- B. LeBron James
- C. Cristiano Ronaldo
- D. Neymar Jr.
- E. Stephen Curry

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Cristiano Ronaldo, the Portuguese soccer star, topped Forbes' 2025 list of the world's highest-paid athletes for the third consecutive year and fifth time overall, with total earnings of USD 275 million between May 2024 and May 2025.
- The combined earnings of the top 50 athletes reached a record USD 4.23 billion, up from USD 3.88 billion in 2024.
- USA led the list with 29 athletes featured—the highest representation from any country.
- No Indian athlete made it to the top 50 in 2025.

Ranking of Top 5 Highest-Paid Athletes in 2025 :

- 1 Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal) : Soccer
- 2 Stephen Curry (USA) : Basketball
- 3 Tyson Fury (United Kingdom) : Boxing
- 4 Dak Prescott (USA) : Football
- 5 Lionel Messi (Argentina) : Soccer





Ques: What is the name of the initiative launched by the Indian government on 'International Day for Women in Maritime' to empower women in the maritime sector?

- A. Mahila Sagar Yojana
- B. Samudra Shakti
- C. Maritime Sakhi
- D. Ocean Udaan
- E. Sagar Mein Samman

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- On May 18, 2025, coinciding with the International Day for Women in Maritime, the Indian government launched the initiative 'Sagar Mein Samman' in Mumbai.
- Unveiled by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, the scheme aims to boost gender equality and women's participation in India's maritime sector.
- It is aligned with the Maritime India Vision 2030, which targets 12% female participation in technical maritime roles.
- The initiative addresses critical concerns like safety, inclusion, leadership, mental health, and training.
- India has seen a 649% rise in women seafarers between 2014 and 2024, with 2,989 women receiving financial support for maritime careers.
- Ten outstanding women from the sector, including Sumita Banerji, Bharati Bhandarkar, and Kalpana Desai, were honored during the event.





Ques: What is the theme of International Museum Day 2025, observed annually on 18 May?

- A. Museums and Cultural Transformation
- B. Museums for Equality
- C. The Future of Museums in Rapidly Changing Communities
- D. Museums and Education
- E. Museums in the Digital Age

Answer: Option C.

Explanation :

- International Museum Day is observed every year on 18 May, and was officially established in 1977 by a resolution of the ICOM General Assembly in Moscow.
- The theme for 2025 is “The Future of Museums in Rapidly Changing Communities.”
- ICOM (International Council of Museums) was founded in 1946, and is dedicated to the promotion and protection of cultural and natural heritage globally.

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In one of India's largest anti-Naxal operations, 31 Maoists were killed in Operation Black Forest, conducted in Kurraguttalu Hills on the Chhattisgarh–Telangana border.

Bangladesh all-rounder Mehidy Hasan Miraz and Scotland captain Kathryn Bryce have been named as the ICC Men's and Women's Players of the Month for April 2025.

Bhawna Agarwal Appointed as Senior Vice President (SVP) and Managing Director (MD) of Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) for its India operations. She Replaced Som Satsangi

Uttarakhand secures Rs 1910 crore urban development funding from European Investment Bank (EIB) to enhance urban infrastructure development across four cities (Pithoragarh, Sitarganj, Rudrapur, and Kashipur) in Uttarakhand.

On May 15, 2025, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami gave the opening. Keshav Prayag in Mana village, close to Badrinath Dham, at the meeting point of the Saraswati and Alaknanda rivers, is the site of the celebration. Pushkar Kumbh is conducted once every twelve years when the planet Jupiter reaches the Gemini sign.

Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) suspends MoU with Turkey's Inonu University over national security considerations

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Ques: What percentage of total MF AUM is held by individual investors as of March 2025?

- A. 52.52%
- B. 27%
- C. 63.4%
- D. 48.22%
- E. 36.6%

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- According to AMFI data, individual investors held 63.4% of total mutual fund assets under management (AUM) as of March 2025.
- The top five cities — Mumbai, New Delhi, Bengaluru, Pune, and Kolkata — account for over 52% of total MF AUM.
- Total AUM was Rs.65.74 lakh crore with 5.34 crore unique investors, including 25.91% women investors.
- Individual investors prefer equity (65%), hybrid (18%), and debt (9%) funds.
- There is a rising trend of women participation and young investors prefer equity while older ones prefer debt funds.

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Ques: Under the new TN govt pact, what is the accidental death insurance cover provided to employees?

- A. Rs.50 lakh
- B. Rs.1 crore
- C. Rs.10 lakh
- D. Rs.5 lakh
- E. Rs.25 lakh

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Tamil Nadu government signed agreements with 7 banks including Indian Bank, SBI, Axis Bank, and others to provide insurance and loan benefits to government employees.
- The key insurance provision includes Rs.1 crore cover for accidental death or permanent disability.
- Additionally, there is Rs.5 lakh marriage assistance for daughters of deceased employees and Rs.10 lakh higher education assistance for up to two daughters.
- Concessional personal, housing, and education loans are also part of the benefits under this pact.

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Ques: According to RBI's new draft norms, what is the maximum collective investment allowed by all lenders in a single AIF scheme?

- A. 5%
- B. 10%
- C. 12%
- D. 15%
- E. 25%

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- RBI's draft circular proposes that all lenders together can invest up to 15% in a single AIF scheme.
- A single lender's investment cap is 10% of the AIF corpus.
- Registered Entities (RE) can invest up to 5% without restrictions.
- 100% provisioning is required if downstream debt is made to the RE's borrower (excluding equity shares).
- Some AIFs may get strategic exemptions in consultation with the government.
- These proposed norms aim to boost capital inflow from RBI-regulated lenders while aligning with SEBI rules and preventing misuse.

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Ques: Which foreign bank has recently received in-principle approval from RBI to set up a wholly owned subsidiary in India?

- A. DBS Bank
- B. HSBC Bank
- C. Emirates NBD Bank PJSC
- D. SBM Bank
- E. Barclays Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted in-principle approval to Emirates NBD Bank PJSC to establish a wholly owned subsidiary (WOS) in India.
- Emirates NBD will be the third foreign bank to enter India via the WOS route after DBS Bank and SBM Bank.
- Currently, Emirates NBD operates in India through branches in Chennai, Gurugram, and Mumbai.
- The minimum startup capital requirement for the WOS is Rs.300 crore with a minimum capital adequacy ratio of 10%.

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Ques: As per SEBI's new norms, who is barred from being part of the audit committee of MIs?

- A. Key Managerial Personnel
- B. Compliance Officers
- C. Managing Directors
- D. Independent Directors
- E. Chief Financial Officers

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- SEBI has barred the Managing Directors (MDs) of Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIs) from being members of their audit committees to ensure independence and transparency in audits.
- Key Managerial Personnel (KMPs) may attend audit committee meetings only with the chairperson's approval but do not have voting rights.
- The new internal audit norms for MIs aim to strengthen governance and audit mechanisms, covering functions like operations, regulatory compliance, risk management, investor grievances, and business development.
- Internal auditors must report only to the audit committee, and institutions may consult the Industry Standards Forum to define the audit scope.
- These norms will become effective after three months from their notification, following findings of gaps in audit practices during inspections.

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Ques: With whom has Uber partnered to launch B2B logistics services in India?

- A. NPCI
- B. TRAI
- C. ONDC
- D. SIDBI
- E. FICCI

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Uber is entering the B2B logistics market in India by partnering with ONDC (Open Network for Digital Commerce).
- It aims to utilize its 1.4 million driver network to expand logistics services beyond courier deliveries.
- The service will initially focus on food delivery and later expand to e-commerce, grocery, pharmacy, and heavy logistics segments.
- Competitors in this space include Shippocket, Shadowfax, Porter, and Loadshare.

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Ques: Which Indian ministry recently dedicated the country's first public-funded DST-ICGEB 'Bio-foundry'?

- A. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- B. Ministry of Biotechnology
- C. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- D. Ministry of Science & Technology
- E. Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Dr. Jitendra Singh, from the Ministry of Science & Technology, dedicated India's first public-funded DST-ICGEB 'Bio-foundry' in New Delhi during the 31st Board Meeting of Governors of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB).
- The Bio-foundry is a cutting-edge facility supporting biotechnology innovation, synthetic biology, and research.
- India's bio-economy grew from USD 10 billion in 2014 to USD 165.7 billion in 2024, with a goal of USD 300 billion by 2030.
- This milestone reflects India's growing emphasis on public-private partnerships, research infrastructure, and global collaboration in biotechnology.

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Ques: What is the main objective of the 'Indira Saura Giri Jala Vikasam' scheme launched in Telangana?

- A. Provide free electricity to all urban household
- B. Promote solar rooftop panels in cities
- C. Provide solar-powered irrigation to tribal farmers
- D. Distribute solar cookers to rural women
- E. Create solar parks for industries

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The 'Indira Saura Giri Jala Vikasam' scheme launched by Telangana CM A. Revanth Reddy aims to provide solar-powered borewell irrigation facilities to tribal farmers.
- It covers about 6 lakh acres of tribal land without electricity connection, enabling irrigation through solar energy.
- The scheme supports empowerment of Scheduled Tribes farmers under the Forest Rights Act, benefiting 2.3 lakh farmers with land rights over 6.69 lakh acres.
- Additional initiatives include solar projects and bus ownership for women Self Help Groups (SHGs).

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Ques: Which country recently saw an outbreak of wild polio virus declared by WHO?

- A. India
- B. Papua New Guinea
- C. Nigeria
- D. Afghanistan
- E. Pakistan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The WHO declared an outbreak of wild polio virus in Papua New Guinea after two children were found infected.
- Papua New Guinea was declared polio-free in 2000, but low immunisation rates and a brief outbreak in 2018 posed challenges.
- Polio mainly affects children below 5 years and causes paralysis by attacking the nervous system.
- The disease spreads primarily via the faecal-oral route, including through contaminated food and water.
- The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), launched in 1988, has helped reduce wild poliovirus cases globally by 99%.
- The first polio vaccine was invented by Jonas Salk in 1952, followed by the oral polio vaccine by Albert Sabin, which uses a weakened live virus.

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Ques: Which country did Myntra recently launch its international operations in?

- A. UAE
- B. Australia
- C. Canada
- D. Singapore
- E. UK /

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Myntra has launched its international operations in Singapore, targeting the Indian diaspora of approximately 6.5 lakh people residing there.
- The platform offers over 35,000 styles from 100+ Indian brands, focusing on Indian ethnic wear, home décor, and fashion categories.
- Major brands available include Aurelia, Global Desi, Libas, FabIndia, and House of Pataudi.
- Delivery time in Singapore ranges from 4 to 7 days, with an average order value (AOV) between Rs.2,000 and Rs.3,000.

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Ques: Who among the following served as the sixth President of India from 1977 to 1982?

- A. Neelam Sanjiva Reddy
- B. Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma
- C. R. Venkataraman
- D. Giani Zail Singh
- E. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Neelam Sanjiva Reddy was the sixth President of India, serving from July 25, 1977 to July 25, 1982.
- He was born on May 19, 1913, in Illur, located in present-day Andhra Pradesh.
- He also holds the distinction of being the first Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in 1956, following the States Reorganisation Act.
- Reddy passed away on June 1, 1996.
- On his birth anniversary, President Droupadi Murmu paid him floral tributes, honoring his contributions to the nation.

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Ques: Which Indian-origin agricultural scientist was selected for the 2024 Crawford Fund Medal Award?

- A. M.S. Swaminathan
- B. Ramesh Chand
- C. Kadambot Siddique
- D. Trilochan Mohapatra
- E. G.V. Ramanjaneyulu

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The 2024 Crawford Fund Medal was awarded to Kadambot Siddique, an agricultural scientist originally from Kodungalloor, Thrissur.
- He is currently serving as Hackett Professor and Director of Agriculture at the UWA Institute of Agriculture, University of Western Australia.
- Prof. Siddique was recognized for his significant and sustained contributions to international agricultural research through Crawford Fund's programmes and related initiatives.

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Ques: Which state had the highest number of MPs among the recipients of the Sansad Ratna Awards 2025?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Maharashtra led the Sansad Ratna Awards 2025 with 7 MPs out of the 17 awardees from Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.
- The awards will be presented in New Delhi during the 15th edition of the Sansad Ratna Awards in July 2025.
- The Jury Committee for nominations was chaired by Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, who is also the first recipient of the award.
- Instituted in 2010 by Prime Point Foundation and eMagazine PreSense, the awards were inspired by a suggestion from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, who also inaugurated the first ceremony in Chennai.

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Ques: Which countries are participating in the Golden Dragon Military Exercise 2025?

- A. China and Vietnam
- B. China and Cambodia
- C. China and Thailand
- D. Cambodia and Philippines
- E. China and Sri Lanka

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Golden Dragon 2025 is a joint military exercise between China and Cambodia.
- It runs from May 14 to May 28, 2025, covering land, sea, and air operations.
- The exercise is held at the Ream Naval Base in Sihanoukville, Cambodia's southern coast.
- More than 900 Chinese soldiers and over 1,300 Cambodian troops participate.
- The theme focuses on joint counterterrorism and humanitarian relief operations.
- The Ream Naval Base was officially inaugurated in April 2025 with Chinese warships docking, reflecting China's growing naval presence in the Gulf of Thailand.
- The drills coincide with the U.S.-Philippines-led 'Balikatan' exercise involving U.S., Philippines, Australia, and Japan.
- China's access to dual-use ports in countries like Cambodia mirrors its presence in other strategic locations such as Sri Lanka (Hambantota) and Pakistan (Gwadar).

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Ques: Which new portal has been launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah to simplify the registration process for Indian-origin citizens abroad?

- A. Bharat Connect Portal
- B. PIO Registration Portal
- C. OCI Portal
- D. Pravasi Mitra Portal
- E. NRI India Link

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched a revamped OCI (Overseas Citizen of India) Portal with an updated user interface.
- The new portal aims to simplify the registration process for Overseas Citizens of India, offering enhanced functionality, advanced security, and a user-friendly experience.
- Over 5 million existing OCI cardholders along with new users will benefit from this upgraded portal.
- The OCI scheme, introduced in 2005 through an amendment to the Citizenship Act, 1955, allows Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) to register as Overseas Citizens of India.
- Eligibility includes those who were Indian citizens on or after January 26, 1950, excluding those connected to Pakistan or Bangladesh citizenship.

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Ques: What is the frequency range proposed to be delicensed for unlicensed indoor use as per the draft rules?

- A. 4825-5000 MHz
- B. 5925-6425 MHz
- C. 6425-7125 MHz
- D. 5000-5825 MHz
- E. 5800-6000 MHz

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Government of India has proposed to delicense the 5925-6425 MHz frequency band for unlicensed indoor use of low and very low power wireless systems.
- This means no authorization or frequency assignment will be needed to operate devices in this band indoors, with power capped at 30 dBm.
- Usage is restricted and prohibited in land vehicles, boats, aircraft flying above 10,000 feet, and drones.
- The move aims to promote deployment of advanced Wi-Fi technologies like Wi-Fi 6E and Wi-Fi 7, enabling better data-intensive applications indoors.

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Ques: Which Indian shooters won the bronze medal in the Trap Mixed Team event at the ISSF Shotgun World Cup 2025 in Cyprus?

- A. Ankur Mittal and Manisha Keer
- B. Kynan Chenai and Sabeera Haris
- C. Mairaj Ahmad Khan and Ganemat Sekhon
- D. Prithviraj Tondaiman and Shreyasi Singh
- E. Lakshay Sheoran and Maheshwari Chauhan

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Indian shooters Kynan Chenai and Sabeera Haris won a bronze medal in the Trap Mixed Team event at the ISSF Shotgun World Cup 2025, held in Nicosia, Cyprus.
- This tournament was the third World Cup of the 2025 season in the shotgun shooting category.
- The next ISSF World Cup for shotgun events is scheduled from July 4 to 14, 2025, at the Trap Concaverde range, Lonato del Garda, Italy.
- Their win adds to India's strong performance in global shooting events and enhances Olympic preparation.

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Ques: What is the name of the operation launched by the Indian Coast Guard to protect Olive Ridley turtles during their nesting season?

- A. Operation Turtle Watch
- B. Operation Ridley Safe
- C. Operation Coast Nest
- D. Operation Gahirmatha
- E. Operation Olivia

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Operation Olivia is an annual conservation initiative by the Indian Coast Guard in collaboration with the Odisha Forest Department to protect the Olive Ridley turtles during their nesting period from December to May.
- The operation began in December 2020 and focuses on key nesting beaches like Gahirmatha, Rushikulya, and Devi along the Odisha coast.
- The Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary is recognized as the world's largest rookery for these turtles.
- Olive Ridley turtles are known for mass nesting (arribada), traveling thousands of kilometers to lay eggs in Odisha.

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Ques: Recently, which Article of the Constitution did President Droupadi Murmu invoke to seek advice from the Supreme Court regarding the timeline for assent to bills passed by State Legislatures?

- A. Article 142
- B. Article 143
- C. Article 200
- D. Article 201
- E. Article 32

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- President Droupadi Murmu invoked Article 143 of the Constitution, which allows the President to seek the Supreme Court's opinion on important legal or constitutional matters.
- The President sought clarification on the Supreme Court's earlier judgment that seemed to impose a timeline on Governors and the President to give assent to bills passed by State Legislatures.
- Articles 200 and 201 describe the roles of the Governor and President in giving assent to bills but do not specify any time limits.
- The President questioned whether the Judiciary can impose timelines when the Constitution is silent, and whether Article 142's "complete justice" power can override Articles 200 & 201.
- The President also raised concerns on the appropriateness of States approaching the Supreme Court under Article 32 for such federal disputes, suggesting Article 131 might be more suitable.





Ques: Which veteran photojournalist and former Senior Special News Photographer of The Hindu passed away at the age of 66?

- A. S. Paul
- B. P. V. Sivakumar
- C. Raghunath Rai
- D. Arko Datta
- E. Sudharak Olwe

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- P. V. Sivakumar, a veteran photojournalist and former Senior Special News Photographer for The Hindu and Businessline, passed away at the age of 66.
- He was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the united Andhra Pradesh government, among several other accolades from photographers' associations.
- Sivakumar was widely respected in the Indian journalism community for his decades-long contribution to visual storytelling.

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Ques: Under the CEPA agreement, how much gold can India import annually from the UAE at a concessional 1% tariff?

- A. 100 tonnes
- B. 150 tonnes
- C. 180 tonnes
- D. 200 tonnes
- E. 250 tonnes

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Under the UAE-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), effective from May 1, 2022, India is allowed to import up to 200 tonnes of gold annually from the UAE at a concessional 1% tariff.
- The Indian government allotted a quota of 180 tonnes of gold import from the UAE for 2025-26 under this agreement.
- Earlier, gold imports from UAE were taxed at 5%, but CEPA reduced this to 1%.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) received 2,960 applications for the 180-tonne quota, but only limited quota and strict eligibility led to many rejections.
- Priority was given to applicants who used 80% of their quota the previous year, while scheduled commercial banks were excluded as they import directly.

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Ques: Which glacier in Nepal was recently declared 'dead', marking one of the first such cases in the country?

- A. Sarenne Glacier
- B. Okjokull Glacier
- C. Pico Humboldt Glacier
- D. Yala Glacier /
- E. Gangotri Glacier

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Yala Glacier in Nepal's Langtang Valley has shrunk by 66% since the 1970s and is now declared 'dead'.
- It is the only glacier from the entire Himalaya listed in the Global Glacier Casualty List (GGCL).
- The GGCL project was launched in 2024 by Rice University, University of Iceland, Iceland Glaciological Society, World Glacier Monitoring Service, and UNESCO.
- Glacial loss accelerates global warming due to less albedo effect, contributes to sea-level rise, disrupts freshwater supply, and increases natural disaster risks like Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs) and avalanches.
- Other recently declared dead glaciers include Sarenne Glacier (France, 2023) and Pico Humboldt Glacier (Venezuela, 2024).
- The first glacier funeral was held for Okjokull Glacier in Iceland in 2019 (officially declared dead in 2014).

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Anurag Bhushan Appointed as Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Sweden. He Replaced Tanmaya Lal.

Former Chief Justice of India Dr. DY Chandrachud has joined National Law University, Delhi, as a Distinguished Professor. DY Chandrachud served as CJI from November 2022 to November 2024

The Ministry of Culture launched the 'Ek Desh Ek Dhadkan' campaign, which translates to "One Nation, One Heartbeat." The illumination activities were carried out under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

The Assam Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, has approved renaming Dibrugarh Airport after Bhupen Hazarika, a great singer and cultural figure, to commemorate his 100th birth anniversary.

Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India, launched the report on India's Priority Corridors for Zero Emission Trucking. The report identifies 10 critical highway corridors in India that are ideal for Zero-Emission Truck (ZET) deployment.

The Uttar Pradesh government has introduced a first-of-its-kind Vistadome coach service connecting the Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary to the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve in Pilibhit.



Ques: Who is the newly appointed RBI Governor whose signature will appear on the new Rs.20 banknotes?

- A. Shaktikanta Das
- B. Urjit Patel
- C. Sanjay Malhotra
- D. Raghuram Rajan
- E. N.S. Vishwanathan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sanjay Malhotra has been appointed as the new Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, effective from December 11, 2024, for a tenure of three years.
- The Reserve Bank of India will soon issue Rs.20 denomination banknotes in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series bearing his signature.
- RBI also clarified that all existing Rs.20 banknotes will remain legal tender.
- Four currency presses are used to print bank notes: two are owned by the Government of India through Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd (SPMCIL), a corporation, and two are owned by the Reserve Bank through Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Ltd. (BRBNMPL), a wholly owned subsidiary.
- The SPMCIL currency presses are located in Dewas, Central India, and Nasik, Western India. The two BRBNMPL presses are located in Salboni, Eastern India, and Mysore, Southern India.
- Coins are produced at four SPMCIL-owned mints. The mints may be found in NOIDA, Hyderabad, Kolkata, and Mumbai.
- According to Section 38 of the RBI Act, the coins can only be circulated by the Reserve Bank.





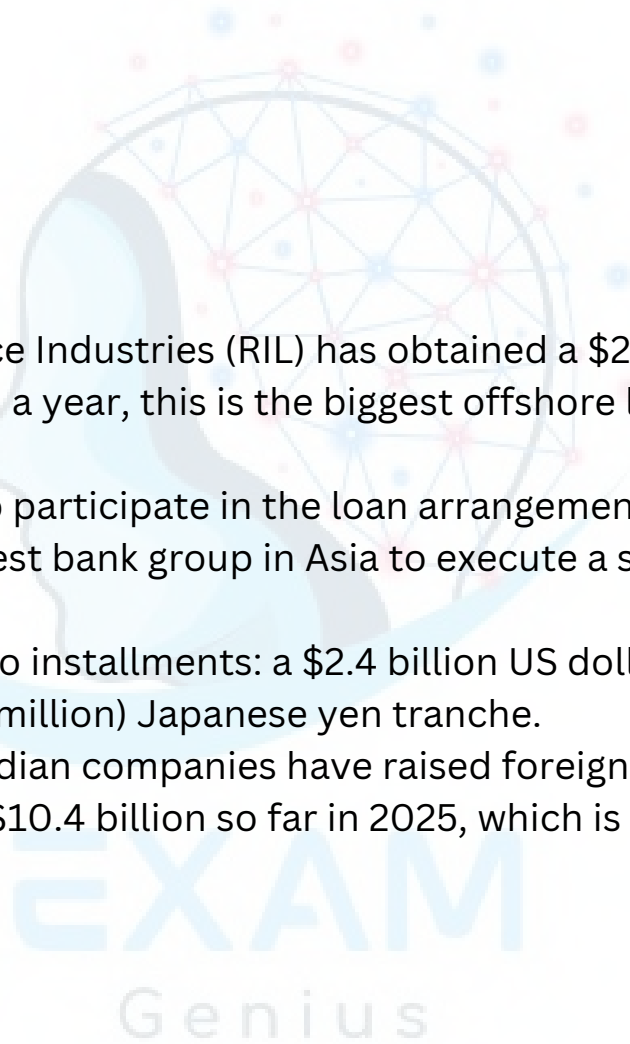
Ques: Which Indian company recently secured the largest offshore dual-currency loan worth \$2.9 billion?

- A. Tata Steel
- B. Reliance Industries
- C. Adani Group
- D. Infosys
- E. Larsen & Toubro

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Sources claim that Reliance Industries (RIL) has obtained a \$2.9 billion dual-currency loan. In more than a year, this is the biggest offshore loan that an Indian company has raised.
- With 55 banks expected to participate in the loan arrangement, which was signed last week, it will be the largest bank group in Asia to execute a syndicated loan this year.
- The loan is divided into two installments: a \$2.4 billion US dollar tranche and a 67.7 billion Japanese yen (\$462 million) Japanese yen tranche.
- Due to this transaction, Indian companies have raised foreign currency loan volumes to approximately \$10.4 billion so far in 2025, which is the fastest pace in at least ten years.





Ques: How much FCI rice has been approved in total for ethanol production under the Ethanol Blended Petrol Programme for the Ethanol Supply Year 2024–25?

- A. 2.4 million tonnes
- B. 2.8 million tonnes
- C. 3.6 million tonnes
- D. 5.2 million tonnes
- E. 4.5 million tonnes

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Consumer Affairs approved an additional 2.8 million tonnes of rice from FCI for ethanol production.
- This raises the total allocation for Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2024–25 to 5.2 million tonnes, up from the earlier approved 2.4 million tonnes.
- The rice is allocated under the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme, which aims for 30% ethanol blending by 2030, having already achieved 20% (E20) blending ahead of the 2025 deadline.

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Ques: TCS has partnered with which Mongolian bank to modernise its core digital banking platform using the TCS BaNCS solution?

- A. Trade and Development Bank
- B. Khan Bank
- C. Golomt Bank
- D. State Bank of Mongolia
- E. Ulaanbaatar Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) announced a strategic partnership with Khan Bank, a leading commercial bank in Mongolia, to modernise its digital banking platform.
- The transformation will be powered by TCS BaNCS, a Global Banking Platform that supports ISO 20022, SWIFT GPI, and SWIFT Go for international payments.
- This marks a significant step in their 25-year relationship, which began in 2001, enhancing both high and low-value international payment capabilities.

About Khan Bank :

- Established : 1991
- HQ : Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- CEO : Munkhtuya Rentsenbat

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Ques: At the 78th World Health Assembly, which disease was India officially certified to have eliminated as a public health problem by the WHO?

- A. Polio
- B. Tuberculosis
- C. Trachoma
- D. Kala-azar
- E. Measles

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- At the 78th World Health Assembly in Geneva, the World Health Organisation (WHO) awarded India the Certificate of Elimination of Trachoma as a public health problem.
- Trachoma is a contagious bacterial eye infection that can lead to blindness if untreated.
- India became the third country in the WHO South-East Asia Region after Sri Lanka and Myanmar to achieve this milestone.
- Globally, 19 countries have successfully eliminated trachoma as a public health issue.

About World Health Assembly 2025 :

- Edition : 78th
- Held at : Geneva, Switzerland
- Theme : One World for Health
- India led by : Punya Salila Srivastava, Secretary, MoHFW
- WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus presented the certificate





Ques: In the new pilot project launched in Delhi, what is the financial threshold above which cybercrime complaints filed at NCRP or 1930 will be automatically converted into FIRs?

- A. Rs.1 lakh
- B. Rs.5 lakh
- C. Rs.10 lakh
- D. Rs.15 lakh
- E. Rs.20 lakh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Under the new pilot project in Delhi, complaints related to cyber financial crimes with a loss above Rs.10 lakh made through the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP) or Helpline 1930 will now automatically result in a Zero FIR.
- This FIR will be registered with the e-Crime Police Station of Delhi and later routed to the concerned territorial Cybercrime Police Station.
- The move is part of the integration of I4C, Delhi Police's e-FIR system, and NCRB's CCTNS, in line with provisions under Section 173 (1) and 1(ii) of the Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS).

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Ques: What is the name of the programme launched by the National Commission for Women (NCW) in collaboration with 'Yuvamanthan' to combat gender-based issues in educational institutions?

- A. Gender Guard
- B. Campus Calling
- C. Youth Equality Drive
- D. Safe Campus Mission
- E. Women First Campus

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The National Commission for Women (NCW), in collaboration with Yuvamanthan, launched the 'Campus Calling' programme.
- It aims to reach over 1,000 universities and colleges across India.
- The initiative seeks to educate and empower students to combat gender-based discrimination, harassment, and cybercrimes.
- Each participating institution will nominate two male and two female campus ambassadors to lead awareness and outreach efforts.

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Ques: Which two organizations signed an MoU to promote ethical Artificial Intelligence (AI) governance and empower public services?

- A. United Nations (UN) and World Economic Forum (WEF)
- B. UNESCO and Group of Twenty (G20)
- C. WHO and IMF
- D. UNICEF and BRICS
- E. World Bank and WTO

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Group of Twenty (G20) signed an MoU to promote ethical AI governance.
- The objective is to empower public services with both technical capabilities and ethical awareness.
- This initiative followed a global workshop held on April 11, 2025, in Gqebera, South Africa.
- It is part of a broader campaign to build human rights-based digital governance.

About UNESCO :

- Established : 16 November 1945
- HQ : Paris, France
- Director-General : Audrey Azoulay





Ques: What is the key provision of the bill “The One Big Beautiful Bill” recently introduced in the US Congress that impacts immigrants?

- A. Ban on work permits for non-citizens
- B. 10% tax on foreign investments
- C. Mandatory visa interviews every year
- D. 5% excise tax on international remittances by non-citizens
- E. Limit on number of family-based visas

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The proposed “One Big Beautiful Bill” includes Section 112105, which recommends a 5% excise tax on international remittances sent by non-US citizens.
- This would apply to individuals on H1B, F-1, and other visa categories.
- Since Indians remitted over \$23 billion from the US to India in 2023, this could cost the Indian diaspora about \$1.6 billion annually if implemented.
- The bill has raised serious concerns among immigrant communities. No minimum limit has been set, which means even small transactions will be taxed

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Ques: What is the name of the lunar navigation system recently launched by Spanish company GMV?

- A. LUNARIS
- B. LUPIN
- C. NAVMOON
- D. ASTRO-GUIDE
- E. SELENE

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Spanish tech company Grupo Mecanica del Vuelo (GMV) has launched a moon navigation system named LUPIN, which stands for "Enabling High Performance PNT in the Lunar Environment."
- It was developed under the European Space Agency (ESA) programme.
- Field testing for LUPIN took place between April 27 to May 08, 2025, in La Oliva, Fuerteventura in the Canary Islands, chosen for its terrain that closely resembles the lunar surface.

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Ques: Which scheme was launched by the Government of Uttar Pradesh to combat child malnutrition in 8 aspirational districts?

- A. Mukhyamantri Suposhan Abhiyan
- B. Bal Swasthya Abhiyan
- C. Mukhyamantri Poshan Yojana
- D. Poshan Suraksha Mission
- E. Shishu Aahar Yojana

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Government of Uttar Pradesh launched the Mukhyamantri Suposhan Abhiyan across 8 aspirational districts to combat child malnutrition among children aged 3 to 6 years.
- A pilot project was successfully implemented in Varanasi.
- The scheme has a budget allocation of Rs 254.83 crore, which equals Rs 44 per child per day.
- It aims to benefit 11,13,783 children by providing a nutritious morning snack delivering 400 calories and 15–20 grams of protein daily, including items like flavored milk, seasonal fruits, and millet-chikki nutribar.

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Ques: Which 16th-century stepwell in Mehrauli has recently been restored and opened to the public?

- A. Agrasen Ki Baoli
- B. Gandhak Ki Baoli
- C. Rajon Ki Baoli /
- D. Ugrasen Ki Baoli
- E. Adham Khan Ki Baoli

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Rajon Ki Baoli, a 16th-century stepwell from the Lodi era, located in the Mehrauli archaeological site, has been restored and opened to the public.
- The conservation work was part of a Rs.125 crore restoration project, supported by the World Monuments Fund India (WMFI) and the TCS Foundation.
- The stepwell spans 1,610 square metres and has a depth of 13.4 metres, with the main tank measuring 23x10 metres at its base.

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Ques: How many individuals from India were featured in the 10th edition of Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia List 2025?

- A. 300
- B. 94
- C. 30
- D. 26
- E. 20

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- In the 10th edition of the Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia 2025 list, India leads with 94 honourees, the highest number from any country in the Asia-Pacific region.
- The list includes notable young Indians such as Chess Grandmaster Gukesh Dommaraju (18), Actress Ananya Pandey (26), and Actor Ishaan Khatter (29).
- The list features 300 individuals under the age of 30 across 10 categories from 20 countries.

Indian Entries on the 2025 list :

- Sheetal Devi (Paralympian) : Entertainment & Sports
- Gukesh Dommaraju (Chess Grandmaster) : Entertainment & Sports
- Anuv Jain (Singer-Songwriter) : Entertainment & Sports
- Ishaan Khatter (Actor) : Entertainment & Sports
- Ananya Pandey (Actress and Chanel Brand Ambassador) : Entertainment & Sports
- Anshita Mehrotra (Founder, Fix My Curls) : Retail & Commerce
- Jinali Mody (Co-founder, Banofi Leather) : Industry, Manufacturing & Energy
- Mukul Chhabra (Founder, ScrapUncle) : Consumer & Enterprise Technology
- Krishna Gupta (Cofounder, AaamDhanE) : Consumer & Enterprise Technology
- Vaibhav Kaushik (Cofounder, Nawgati Tech) : Consumer & Enterprise Technology
- Manu J Nair & Prashant Sharma (Cofounders, Ethereal Exploration Guild) : Industry, Manufacturing & Energy
- Manu Chopra (Cofounder, Karya) : Social Impact





Ques: Marang Buru, recently in news due to a meat and alcohol ban, is also known by what other name and is located in which Indian state?

- A. Shatrunjaya Hill, Gujarat
- B. Parasnath Hill, Jharkhand
- C. Girnar Hill, Rajasthan
- D. Udayagiri Hill, Odisha
- E. Annamalai Hill, Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Marang Buru, also known as Parasnath Hill, is located in Jharkhand and holds religious significance for both the Santal Adivasi and Jain communities.
- It is sacred to Jains as the site where 20 out of 24 Tirthankaras attained nirvana, with over 40 Jain temples present.
- For the Santals, it is associated with Marang Buru, a deity central to their cultural traditions, especially celebrated during the Luguburu Festival.
- Recently, the Jharkhand High Court imposed a ban on the sale and consumption of meat and alcohol on the hill to address long-standing religious tensions.

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Ques: What is the key innovation in the new sodium-ion battery developed by JNCASR that enables 80% charging in just six minutes?

- A. Use of lithium-based cathode material
- B. Inclusion of gold nanoparticles
- C. NASICON-type materials with nanoscale engineering
- D. Triple-layer graphene anode
- E. Organic electrolyte modification

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- A research team at Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) developed a super-fast charging sodium-ion battery using NASICON-type cathode and anode materials.
- The anode material $\text{Na}_{1.0}\text{V}_{0.25}\text{Al}_{0.25}\text{Nb}_{1.5}(\text{PO}_4)_3$ was enhanced through Particle size reduction to nanoscale, Carbon coating and Aluminium doping
- These optimizations allowed for faster ion mobility and improved durability, resulting in 80% charge in 6 minutes and over 3000 charge cycles.

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Ques: Where was India's longest rail flyover girder recently launched by DFCCIL?

- A. Vadodara, Gujarat
- B. Kalamboli, Maharashtra
- C. Rewari, Haryana
- D. Kharagpur, West Bengal
- E. Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL) launched India's longest rail flyover girder at Kalamboli, Maharashtra, on the JNPT-Nilje section of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor.
- The open web steel girder installed is 110.5 metres long and weighs around 1,500 tonnes, marking a significant engineering achievement in Indian rail infrastructure

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Ques: Which institution developed the three new crop varieties released by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare for the benefit of farmers in Uttar Pradesh?

- A. ICAR
- B. Punjab Agricultural University
- C. Banaras Hindu University
- D. IARI Delhi
- E. National Seed Corporation

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare released three new crop varieties developed by Banaras Hindu University (BHU).

These include:

- Malaviya Manila Sinchit Dhan-1 (Rice): High-yielding, short-duration variety developed in collaboration with IRRI Philippines.
- Malviya Dhan 105 Sub-1 (Rice): Improved flood-tolerant rice variety.
- Malviya Nidhi (Mustard): High-yielding mustard variety.

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Ques : India's Reliance Power Partner with which country to Develop 500 MW Solar Project ?

- (a) Singapore
- (b) Switzerland
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) El Salvador
- (e) Japan

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Reliance Power Limited and Bhutan's Green Digital Private Limited (a subsidiary of DHI) have formed a 50:50 joint venture to develop Bhutan's largest solar power project with a capacity of 500 MW.
- The project involves a capital outlay of Rs.2,000 crores and will be developed under the Build-Own-Operate (BOO) model.
- It represents the largest private sector Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Bhutan's solar energy sector and aims for completion by May 2027.

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Ques: Which two countries recently conducted the "Aras-2025" joint special forces exercise to boost border security?

- A. India and Iran
- B. Iran and Armenia
- C. Azerbaijan and Turkey
- D. Iran and Azerbaijan
- E. Russia and Iran

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Iran and Azerbaijan launched the "Aras-2025" joint special forces military exercise.
- It was conducted from May 18 to 21, 2025, involving Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and Azerbaijani troops.
- The exercise was held in Karabakh, a region that had been previously disputed with Armenia before Azerbaijan regained full control in September 2023.
- The goal was to strengthen border security and address potential threats in the region.

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Ques: Which team did India defeat to win the SAFF U-19 Championship 2025 title?

- A. Nepal
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Pakistan
- D. Bangladesh
- E. Bhutan

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Indian U-19 men's football team, also known as the 'Blue Colts', defeated Bangladesh in the final of the SAFF U-19 Championship 2025.
- The final was held at Golden Jubilee Stadium, Yupia, Arunachal Pradesh.
- After a 1-1 draw in regular time, India triumphed 4-3 in the penalty shootout to clinch their 4th SAFF U-19 title.

SAFF U-19 Championship 2025 Awards and Honors :

- Top Scorer : Danny Meitei Laishram (India) – 5 goals
- Best Goalkeeper : Suraj Singh Aheibam (India)
- Most Valuable Player : Mohammed Arbash (India)
- Fair Play Award : India

About SAFF U-19 Championship :

- Started : 2015
- Number of teams : 6 (from 1 sub-confederation)
- Most successful team : India (4 titles)
- 2024 winner : Bangladesh
- 2025 Edition : 7th, Hosted by India
- 2025 winner : India 2025
- runner up : Bangladesh
- Total teams : 6 (India , Bangladesh , Nepal , Bhutan , Maldives , Sri Lanka)





Ques: On the occasion of its 8th anniversary, what major AI-powered feature did Government e-Marketplace (GeM) launch?

- A. GeM Smart Audit Tool
- B. GeM Tracker AI
- C. GeMAI Chatbot
- D. GeM Voice Commerce
- E. GeM Language Suite

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- On 19 May 2025, Government e-Marketplace (GeM) celebrated its 8th anniversary and launched GeMAI, India's first AI-powered chatbot in the public sector.
- GeMAI supports voice and text interactions in 10 Indian languages, enhancing accessibility and support for GeM users.
- GeM has over 1.64 lakh primary buyers, 4.2 lakh active sellers, and over 10,000 product categories, with adoption across all 36 States and UTs.
- Eight states—including Maharashtra, Manipur, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Assam, Uttarakhand, and Chhattisgarh—have mandated GeM usage.
- Independent reports like those from the World Bank highlight 10% cost savings in public procurement via GeM.

About Government e Marketplace (GeM) :

- Established : 2016
- HQ : New Delhi
- CEO : Ajay Bhadoo





Ques : Which ministry launched Depot Darpan Portal, and digital platforms Anna Mitra, and Anna Sahayata ?

- (a) Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- (b) Union Ministry of Education
- (c) Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- (d) Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- (e) Union Ministry of Jal Shakti

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Depot Darpan Portal, and digital platforms Anna Mitra, and Anna Sahayata Launched by Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Pralhad Joshi
- The Depot Darpan mobile app will help supervisory officials track warehouse performance anytime. The app is integrated with smart warehousing technologies, CCTV Surveillance, and IoT sensors.
- With the help of the Anna Sahayata app, citizens may file grievances in their native tongues and receive real-time tracking and feedback. Both voice and text message forms are available for registration.
- Anna Mitra app will act as the real-time command centre for ration distribution for FDS dealers, Food Inspectors, and District Officials. It will also provide information on monthly sales, inspection reports and government updates

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Ques: India and the European Union (EU) recently launched two research projects under which platform to address marine plastic litter and develop green hydrogen solutions?

- A. India-Europe Trade Alliance
- B. India-Europe Union Trade and Technology Council
- C. Indo-EU Climate Partnership
- D. EU-India Sustainable Innovation Forum
- E. India-EU Green Energy Mission

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India and the European Union launched two joint research projects under the India-Europe Union Trade and Technology Council.
- The projects aim to tackle marine plastic litter pollution and develop innovative solutions to convert plastic waste into green hydrogen.
- The total investment in these projects is Rs 391 crore (41 million euros).

About the Marine Plastic Litter Project :

- Funded by : Ministry of Earth Science will invest Rs 90 crore, or 9.3 million euros, and Horizon Europe will invest Rs 115 crore, or 12 million euros
- Objective : to create cutting-edge tools and technologies to track, evaluate, and lessen the combined effects of several contaminants in the sea and ocean, such as heavy metals, organic pollutants, and microplastics

About the Waste to Green Hydrogen Project :

- Funded by : Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy will invest Rs 90 crore, or 9.3 million euros, and Horizon Europe will invest Rs 96 crore, or 10 million euros
- Objective : to develop efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly methods for green hydrogen production.





About the India-EU Trade and Technology Council :

- Announced in : April 2022 and Launched in February 2023
- India was the second country in the world, after the United States, with which the EU has signed such an agreement





Ques: When is World Bee Day observed?

- A. 22 May
- B. 15 May
- C. 21 May
- D. 20 May
- E. 19 May

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- World Bee Day is observed on May 20 each year to raise awareness about the vital role of bees and other pollinators in maintaining ecosystems and ensuring food security.
- The date May 20 was selected to honor the birth of Anton Janša, a pioneer of modern beekeeping.
- The first World Bee Day was celebrated in 2018, following its declaration by the United Nations General Assembly in 2017.
- The 2025 theme is "Bee inspired by nature to nourish us all".

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Indian Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa won his first-ever tournament on the Grand Chess Tour.

The Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) Delhi South Commissionerate has been awarded the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) IS 15700:2018 certification, recognising its commitment to excellence in public service delivery.

Because of Madku Dweep's cultural and historical significance, the Chhattisgarh High Court has been keeping a careful eye on development activities there. It is located in the Bilaspur district of Chhattisgarh, on the banks of the Shivnath River, the longest tributary of the Mahanadi River.

Argentina's most famous glacier, the Perito Moreno glacier, which has a surface area of 250 sq km (the total area of Patna, Bihar), is crumbling. The Perito Moreno glacier, also called the 'White Giant', is located in the Argentine province of Santa Cruz

In a landmark move symbolizing deepening diplomatic relations, Honduras officially inaugurated its embassy in New Delhi. Tegucigalpa is the capital of Honduras and its currency Honduran Lempira.

The Department of Posts released a commemorative postal stamp at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) to celebrate 125 years of the Kodaikanal Solar Observatory. Established on 1 April 1899, the observatory has played a pioneering role in solar astrophysics research