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**Ques: The Department of Economic Affairs under the Ministry of Finance recently amended Rule 8 of which regulatory framework to improve the ease of doing business for brokers?**

- A. Companies Act, 2013
- B. Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957
- C. SEBI Act, 1992
- D. Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- E. Indian Contract Act, 1872

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, amended Rule 8 of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules (SCRR), 1957.
- This amendment provides regulatory clarity and promotes ease of doing business for stockbrokers.
- In the past, a stockbroker's investment may occasionally be viewed as a component of their regular business operations, such as purchasing or disposing of shares as a corporation.
- But now, An investment made by a broker with their own funds will not be considered a business; but, if the broker uses client funds or securities, or if the investment results in a financial liability (such as a loan or borrowing), it will be considered a business.

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**Ques: Why did IRDAI impose a Rs.1 crore penalty on Acko General Insurance?**

- A. Delay in claim settlements
- B. Non-compliance with investment norms
- C. Violation of outsourcing and commission payment regulations
- D. False advertising
- E. Misuse of customer data

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) imposed a Rs.1 crore penalty on Acko General Insurance.
- The action was taken due to violations involving outsourcing activities and improper commission/reward payments to insurance agents and intermediaries.
- IRDAI has instructed Acko to present the order in the next board meeting and submit the minutes of discussion.
- Additionally, Acko is required to submit an action-taken report within 90 days from the date of the order.

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**Ques: Which bank has sanctioned Rs.1500 crore to MMRDA for slum redevelopment along the Eastern Express Highway in Ghatkopar, Mumbai?**

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) Karnataka Bank
- (c) Bank of baroda
- (d) Canara Bank
- (e) Bank of Maharashtra

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation:**

- Bank of Maharashtra has sanctioned Rs.1500 crore to the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA).
- The amount is for the redevelopment of slum areas along the Eastern Express Highway in Ghatkopar, Mumbai.
- This is part of the first phase of the Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA) project, which has a total cost of Rs.8,498 crore.
- The project funding structure includes 46% through institutional financing, 39% from MMRDA's internal revenue, and 15% from alternative sources.
- The loan tenure is 15 years.
- The MMRDA's first initiative in slum development aims to rehabilitate about 17,000 slum dwellers with free 1 Bedroom, Hall, and Kitchen (BHK) houses of 300 square feet (Sq ft).

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**Ques: Which Indian state has recently become the first to achieve full functional literacy status, and under which scheme was this milestone reached?**

- A. Kerala – Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan
- B. Mizoram – ULLAS
- C. Himachal Pradesh – Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
- D. Tamil Nadu – PM SHRI
- E. Ladakh – National Education Policy

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Mizoram has become the first Indian state to achieve full functional literacy, meaning over 95% of its population is functionally literate.
- This was accomplished under the ULLAS scheme (Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society) launched by the Government of India.
- It's important to note that Ladakh, a Union Territory, was the first overall region (on 24 June 2024) to attain this status before Mizoram among states.

**About Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society (ULLAS) scheme :**

- Launched : 2022
- Tenure : 2022-2027
- Aim : To empower those adults aged 15 years and above from all backgrounds who could not get due schooling and mainstream them with society to be able to contribute more to the growth story of the country
- Components : 1. Foundational Literacy and Numeracy 2. Critical Life Skills 3. Basic Education 4. Vocational Skills 5. Continuing Education





**Ques : What is the total population of Asiatic Lions in Gujarat as per the 2025 lion census?**

- A. 674
- B. 497
- C. 891
- D. 832
- E. 523

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- As per the 16th lion population survey announced during the 7th meeting of the National Board for Wildlife at Sasan-Gir in March 2025, Gujarat's Asiatic lion population has risen to 891 from 674 in 2020, marking a 32.2% increase.
- The lions were found across 358 locations in seven districts of the Saurashtra region.
- This growth reflects the successful conservation efforts and expanding habitat range, which has increased from 6,600 sq km to 35,000 sq km over the past decade.

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**Ques : Where was the world's first commercial-scale e-methanol plant established?**

- A. Norway
- B. Germany
- C. Denmark
- D. Sweden
- E. Finland

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The world's first commercial-scale e-methanol plant has been inaugurated in Kasso, southern Denmark.
- E-methanol is a low-emission green fuel that provides an eco-friendly alternative to traditional marine fuels.
- Shipping giant Maersk plans to adopt this fuel to enhance sustainable maritime transport.
- This initiative is a key development in combating climate change and advancing green shipping solutions.

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**Ques: Under which initiative has India signed a grant agreement with the Maldives to enhance ferry services in the island nation?**

- A. SAGAR Initiative
- B. High Impact Community Development Project Phase III
- C. Indian Ocean Maritime Vision
- D. Neighbourhood First Policy
- E. Blue Economy Partnership Program

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- India and Maldives signed an agreement under Phase III of the High Impact Community Development Project (HICDP).
- It was signed by Abdulla Khaleel, Maldivian Foreign Minister, and G. Balasubramanian, Indian High Commissioner to the Maldives.
- The project is backed by a Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR) 100 million grant (approx. ₹55.3 crore) from India.
- The objective is to enhance ferry services, expand maritime connectivity, and uplift community livelihoods.
- A total of 13 projects have been launched under this phase.
- Though originally scheduled for completion by 2027, the projects are now expected to be completed by the end of this year.





**Ques : Which country has taken over as the chair of the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) for 2025–26?**

- A. China
- B. Indonesia
- C. Japan
- D. India
- E. South Korea

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation :**

- India has assumed the chairmanship of the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) for the 2025–26 term.
- The decision was made during the APO Governing Body meeting held in Jakarta, Indonesia, from May 20 to 22, 2025.
- India was represented by Amardeep Singh Bhatia, Secretary of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- India's appointment reflects its increasing influence and leadership in productivity and economic collaboration across Asia.

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**Ques: Where was the 2025 World Hydrogen Summit held ?**

- A. Paris, France
- B. Berlin, Germany
- C. Tokyo, Japan
- D. Rotterdam, Netherlands
- E. New York, USA

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The 2025 World Hydrogen Summit was held in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.
- It was inaugurated by Santosh Kumar Sarangi, Secretary, Union Ministry of New & Renewable Energy.
- The summit was organized by the Sustainable Energy Council and RX Global.
- India showcased its progress in renewable energy with over 223 GW installed, and announced ambitions to be energy independent by 2047 and reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2070.
- The MNRE has identified Kandla, Paradip, and Tuticorin ports as green hydrogen hubs, and 15 Indian states have launched green hydrogen policies.

**About National Green Hydrogen Policy:**

- Launched : 2023
- Outlay : 2.4 Billion USD
- Goals : 5 million metric tonnes of green hydrogen production capacity per year by 2030
- Averting nearly 50 MMT of annual greenhouse gas emissions annually
- Attract investments of about USD 100 billion.
- Generate over 6 lakh jobs by 2030.





**Ques: Which newly designated Conservation Reserve in Himachal Pradesh has become India's largest, known for its snow leopard population?**

- A. Naina Devi Conservation Reserve
- B. Darlaghat Conservation Reserve
- C. Potter Hills Conservation Reserve
- D. Shilli Conservation Reserve
- E. Tsarap Chu Conservation Reserve

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The Tsarap Chu Conservation Reserve, located in Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh, has been officially designated as India's largest conservation reserve under Section 36A (1) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- It is renowned for a high density of snow leopards, often referred to as the "ghost of the mountains".
- This is the 5th conservation reserve of the state, after Shilli, Naina Devi, Darlaghat, and Potter Hills Conservation Reserves.
- It also hosts the confluence of the Unam River and Charap Nala.

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**Ques : What is the name of the stitched sail ship recreated by the Indian Navy based on Ajanta paintings?**

- A. INS Vikrant
- B. INSV Kaundinya
- C. INS Shankhnaad
- D. INS Ajanta
- E. INSV Samudra

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- INSV Kaundinya is a stitched sail ship recreated by the Indian Navy, inspired by 5th-century Ajanta cave paintings.
- It was launched in Goa in February 2025 and constructed using traditional coir rope, fabric, and natural resin by Kerala artisans.
- The project revives India's ancient maritime heritage and the ship is set to sail along a historic trade route from Gujarat to Oman later in 2025.
- This ship stands out due to its square sails and steering oars, reconstructed through Ajanta's two-dimensional art with the help of IIT Madras and ocean engineers.

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**Ques : Which Indian author won the International Booker Prize 2025 for a Kannada short story collection?**

- A. Arundhati Roy
- B. Banu Mushtaq
- C. Anitha Desai
- D. Vaidehi
- E. Tamsula Ao

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation :**

- Banu Mushtaq, a renowned Kannada writer, activist, and lawyer, became the first Kannada author to win the International Booker Prize 2025 for her short story collection 'Heart Lamp'.
- The award ceremony took place at Tate Modern, London, on May 20, 2025, and included a prize of GBP 50,000 shared between the author and the translator.
- The book portrays themes of women's resilience, social justice, and Karnataka's cultural identity.

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**Ques: Who has been appointed as Sudan's first Prime Minister since the civil war began in April 2023?**

- A. Omar al-Bashir
- B. Abdalla Hamdok
- C. Kamil al-Taib Idris
- D. Abdel-Fattah Burhan
- E. Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- Kamil al-Taib Idris has been appointed as Sudan's first Prime Minister since the civil war erupted in April 2023.
- He was appointed by Sudan's army chief Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan.
- This is the first such appointment since Abdalla Hamdok resigned in 2022.
- Sudan's capital is Khartoum, and its currency is the Sudanese pound.

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**Ques: Which South American country recently joined China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) to boost exports and investment?**

- A. Brazil
- B. Argentina
- C. Peru /
- D. Colombia
- E. Chile

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- In 2024, Colombia officially joined China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) by signing a cooperation pact during a meeting between President Gustavo Petro and President Xi Jinping in Beijing.
- The agreement is aimed at boosting exports, attracting Chinese investments, and enhancing connectivity along the Pacific coast.
- The BRI, launched in 2013, is China's global strategy for infrastructure and economic cooperation, with over 140 countries now participating, representing 75% of the world's population and over half of global GDP.

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**Ques : What is the full form of the SPICED scheme launched by the Spices Board for 2025-26?**

- A. Spices Promotion in Collaboration for Export Development
- B. Sustainable Practices in Cardamom Export Development
- C. Sustainability in Spice Sector through Progressive, Innovative and Collaborative Interventions for Export Development
- D. Spices Investment and Collaboration for Export Drive
- E. Spices Production Innovation for Cardamom Export Development

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The SPICED scheme, launched by the Spices Board for FY 2025-26, stands for "Sustainability in Spice Sector through Progressive, Innovative and Collaborative Interventions for Export Development".
- It promotes sustainable growth, innovation, and value addition in the spice export sector, especially focusing on cardamom, post-harvest improvements, organic production, and GI-tagged spices.
- Exporters and FPOs can apply for financial assistance under this scheme for a wide range of activities from micro-irrigation to organic farming and infrastructure development.

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**Ques: What is the objective of the Bharatiya Bhasha Summer Camp launched by the Ministry of Education in New Delhi?**

- A. To train teachers in foreign languages
- B. To teach coding skills to students
- C. To promote foundational literacy and multilingual learning through Indian language
- D. To provide summer employment opportunities to students
- E. To promote sports and fitness activities in schools

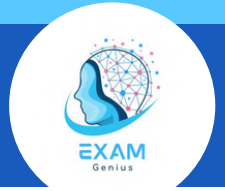
**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched the Bharatiya Bhasha Summer Camp in New Delhi.
- The initiative aims to celebrate the diversity and beauty of Indian languages and foster unity through linguistic exchange.
- Students and teachers will learn an Indian language belonging to a different linguistic family than their own.
- Primers in 117 Indian languages have been developed by NCERT and CIIL to support Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) using children's mother tongues.

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**Ques: Which country launched the first batch of AI-powered satellites to build the world's first supercomputer in orbit?**

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- China launched the first batch of Artificial Intelligence-powered satellites aboard a Long March 2D rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre.
- The batch includes 12 satellites, each equipped with AI-powered computing systems and high-speed laser communication links.
- The space-based supercomputer is being developed by Chinese start-up ADA Space, in collaboration with Zhejiang Lab and the Neijiang High-Tech Zone.
- This initiative aims to establish the world's first orbital supercomputer.
- Currently, one of the world's most powerful supercomputers is El Capitan, located at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, USA.

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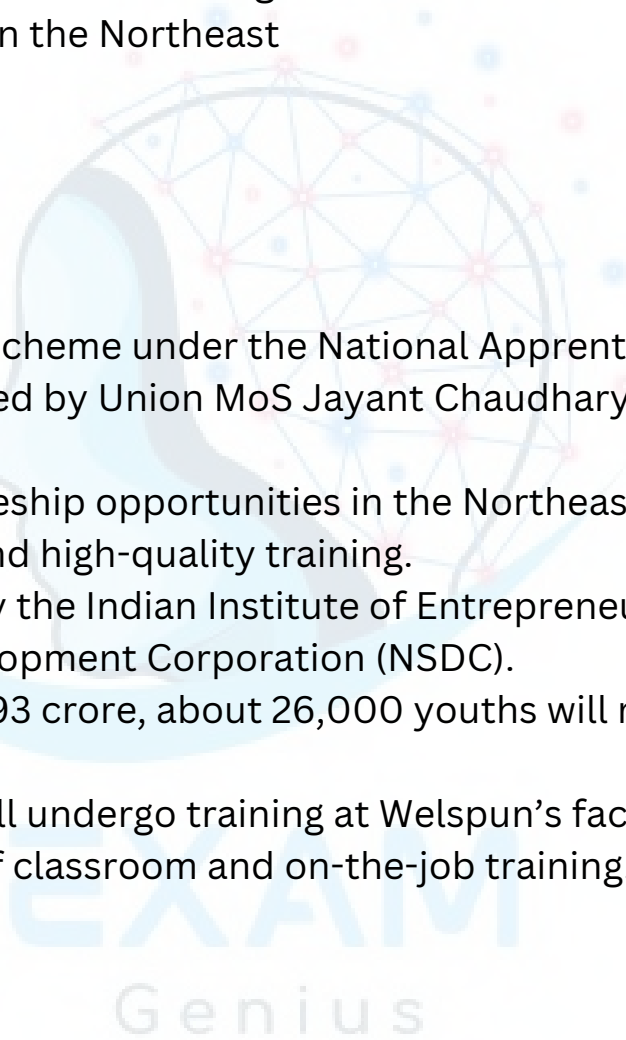
**Ques: What is the main objective of the Pilot Apprenticeship Scheme launched under NAPS in the North Eastern Region?**

- A. Promote tourism in northeastern states
- B. Provide structured and paid apprenticeship training to youth
- C. Establish new universities in Mizoram
- D. Support small-scale industries in the region
- E. Expand rail connectivity in the Northeast

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Pilot Apprenticeship Scheme under the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) was launched by Union MoS Jayant Chaudhary and Mizoram CM Lalduhoma.
- It aims to boost apprenticeship opportunities in the Northeastern Region by offering structured, paid, and high-quality training.
- The scheme is overseen by the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati and the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).
- With a total outlay of ₹43.93 crore, about 26,000 youths will receive ₹1,500 per month for one year.
- A target of 1,000 youth will undergo training at Welspun's facilities in Gujarat through a blended model of classroom and on-the-job training.





**Ques: Jayant Narlikar, who recently passed away, was known for proposing which cosmological model?**

- A. Big Bang Model
- B. Steady State Model
- C. Oscillating Universe Model
- D. Quantum Loop Model
- E. Plasma Cosmology

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Jayant Narlikar was a renowned Indian astrophysicist who co-proposed the Steady State Model of the universe along with Fred Hoyle.
- This theory challenged the widely accepted Big Bang Theory by suggesting that the universe has no beginning or end, and matter is continuously created.
- He was the Founder-Director of IUCAA, Pune, and played a crucial role in mentoring young astrophysicists in India.
- He was a prolific science communicator, authoring books, essays, and science fiction, and promoting scientific temper.
- His honors include Padma Bhushan (1965), Padma Vibhushan (2004), UNESCO Kalinga Prize, and French Legion of Honour.
- His autobiography 'Chaar Nagarantale Maze Vishwa' won the Sahitya Akademi Award.





**Ques: In which village of Arunachal Pradesh was the Northeast Region's first geothermal production well successfully drilled?**

- A. Tawang
- B. Bomdila
- C. Dirang
- D. Ziro
- E. Itanagar

**Answer: Option C.**

**Explanation:**

- The Centre for Earth Sciences and Himalayan Studies (CEHS) has successfully drilled the first geothermal production well in the Northeast Region at Dirang village, located in West Kameng district, Arunachal Pradesh.
- The project is an international collaboration with the Norway Geotechnical Institute, Geotrophye (Iceland), and Guwahati Boring Service.
- CEHS aims to make Dirang India's first geothermal-powered town by deepening operations in future phases.
- Previously, India's first geothermal power project was established in the Manuguru region of Telangana, featuring a 20-Kilowatt pilot plant by Singareni Collieries Company Limited

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**Ques: M.R. Srinivasan, who recently passed away, was associated with which field?**

- A. Space Research
- B. Nuclear Science
- C. Astrophysics
- D. Meteorology
- E. Marine Biology

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- M.R. Srinivasan was a renowned nuclear scientist who played a foundational role in shaping India's nuclear programme.
- He worked with Dr. Homi J. Bhabha on India's first nuclear research reactor, Apsara, in 1955.
- In 1967, he was appointed as Chief Project Engineer for India's first atomic power station at Tarapur.
- He served as Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) and Secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE).
- He was also the founder-chairman of NPCIL (Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd.).
- Under his leadership, 18 nuclear power units were developed.
- In 2015, he was awarded the Padma Vibhushan, India's second-highest civilian award.
- He passed away at the age of 95 in Udhagamandalam, Tamil Nadu.



**LQues: Who is known as the Father of India's Science Museum Movement and recently passed away?**

- A. Dr. Vikram Sarabhai
- B. Dr. Saroj Ghose
- C. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
- D. Dr. Jayant Narlikar
- E. Dr. Homi Bhabha

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Dr. Saroj Ghose was the Founding Director General of the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) and is regarded as the Father of India's Science Museum Movement.
- In 1965, he became the Director of BITM (Birla Industrial and Technological Museum) and launched the innovative "Mobile Science Museum", which brought science exhibitions to remote and rural areas.
- He was honored with the Padma Shri in 1989 and the Padma Bhushan in 2007 for his contributions in the field of Science and Engineering.
- His pioneering efforts helped popularize science education across India through museums and mobile outreach.

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## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

ZikZuk, a fast-growing fintech startup headquartered in Hyderabad (Telangana), has received in-principle authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to issue Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPI).

The Haryana Water Resources (Conservation, Regulation and Management) Authority (HWRA) has launched the Haryana Water Resource Atlas 2025—an artificial intelligence-powered, geospatial platform.

IDBI Bank Sold Entire 21.14% Stake in Puducherry Industrial Promotion Development and Investment Corporation Limited (PIPDIC) to Govt of Puducherry for Rs.18.83 Crore. The buyer, Government of Puducherry, already held 78.86% stake, thus becoming the sole owner of PIPDIC after this acquisition

Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa demonstrated his dominance in the Superbet Classic in Romania (Bucharest), defeating Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France to win his first-ever Grand Chess Tour tournament.

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) has reached a significant milestone as its expedition team successfully scaled Mount Everest (8,848m). The team comprised 10 NCC cadets. This is the third ascent of Mt Everest by the NCC, following previous expeditions in 2013 and 2016.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries in partnership with Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI), and Government of Bihar, is organizing International Buyer Seller Meet (IBSM) in Patna, Bihar



**Ques: Why did the Reserve Bank of India cancel the licence of HCBL Co-operative Bank?**

- A. For engaging in money laundering activities
- B. Due to non-compliance with RBI audit timelines
- C. Due to inadequate capital and earning prospects
- D. For merger with another cooperative bank
- E. For operating without DICGC insurance

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the banking licence of HCBL Co-operative Bank, based in Lucknow, effective May 19, as the bank did not have adequate capital or earning prospects.
- The bank also failed to comply with multiple provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 [Sections 22(3)(a) to 22(3)(e) read with Section 56].
- After liquidation, depositors are entitled to receive up to Rs.5 lakh from the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) on their deposits.

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**Ques: How much foreign currency did the RBI sell on a gross basis in FY25?**

- A. \$153.03 billion
- B. \$212.57 billion
- C. \$291.03 billion
- D. \$398.71 billion
- E. \$625 billion

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) sold a record \$398.71 billion of foreign currency on a gross basis during FY25 to defend the Indian rupee amid global financial volatility.
- This figure is significantly higher than the foreign currency sales in FY24 (\$153.03 billion) and FY23 (\$212.57 billion).
- Despite some purchases, the net sale was \$34.51 billion, the second highest since FY2008-09.
- December 2024 marked the peak intervention month, with \$69.05 billion sold in just one month.
- The intervention was triggered by the rupee touching an all-time low of ₹87.95 per dollar in February 2025, due to global uncertainty and changes in U.S. policy.
- Between September 2024 and June 2025, India's forex reserves fell by \$80 billion.

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**Ques: With which organization has India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) partnered to expand credit access across Bharat?**

- A. HDFC Bank
- B. Bajaj Finance
- C. Aditya Birla Capital Limited
- D. LIC Housing Finance
- E. SBI Cards

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has entered into a strategic partnership with Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL) to expand access to digital credit solutions across India.
- The partnership combines IPPB's vast postal network and digital infrastructure with ABCL's diversified loan offerings like personal loans, business loans, and loans against property.
- The initiative focuses on financial inclusion, especially targeting underserved and rural populations.
- IPPB will act as a referral partner only, without taking credit risk; ABCL will retain full control over credit decisions.
- The service will utilize AI and data analytics to provide personalized and seamless loan experiences.
- IPPB operates under the Ministry of Communications, and serves over 11 crore customers across 5.57 lakh villages and towns using India Stack technologies for paperless, cashless banking.





**Ques: What is the new name of North East Small Finance Bank Limited after its merger with fintech company slice?**

- A. NESFB Finance Bank /
- B. Slice Bank of India
- C. Slice Small Finance Bank Limited
- D. Northeast Slice Bank
- E. Slice Finance Corporation

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The name of “North East Small Finance Bank Limited” has been changed to “slice Small Finance Bank Limited” in the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- This change follows a strategic merger between Bengaluru-based fintech company slice and the Guwahati-based NESFB.
- The merger was completed in October 2024

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**Ques: What is the main objective of the newly notified 'Payments Regulatory Board Regulations, 2025'?**

- A. To privatize the payment systems
- B. To regulate NBFCs independently
- C. To replace BPSS with PRB having government representation
- D. To merge RBI and SEBI
- E. To create a new cryptocurrency board

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Payments Regulatory Board (PRB) is being formed to replace the existing BPSS (Board for Regulation and Supervision of Payment and Settlement Systems), which currently operates under the RBI.
- PRB will include government representation for the first time—3 members nominated by the government and 3 by the RBI.
- The RBI Governor will serve as the Chairperson and hold the casting vote in case of a tie.
- This change is implemented under the Payments Regulatory Board Regulations, 2025, as notified by the Central Government.
- PRB will be assisted by RBI's Department of Payment and Settlement Systems (DPSS).
- The structure is governed by Section 3 of the PSS Act, 2007.
- It was earlier opposed by the RBI in 2018, arguing that payment system regulation should remain with the central bank due to its monetary policy implications.
- PRB members must be below 70 years of age, have no conflict of interest, and cannot be MPs or MLAs.
- The board will meet at least twice a year and may invite domain experts as permanent or ad hoc invitees.





**Ques : Which bank has signed MoU with Indian Institute of Banking & Finance (IIBF) for a customized Electronic (e) – Learning and certification program on MSMEs ?**

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Indian Institute of Banking & Finance (IIBF) and Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) have inked a MoU for a tailored Electronic (e)-Learning and certification program on Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Businesses (MSMEs).
- Increasing staff awareness of MSMEs and promptly and effectively meeting their credit needs are the goals of the Memorandum of Understanding.

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

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



**Ques: Which institution has signed an MoU with Bank of India to host a FinTech & Cybersecurity Hackathon in 2025?**

- A. IIM Ahmedabad
- B. IIT Delhi
- C. NIT Trichy
- D. IIT Hyderabad
- E. IISc Bangalore

**Answer: Option D**

Explanation:

- Bank of India (BOI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT Hyderabad.
- The purpose of the MoU is to organize a FinTech & Cybersecurity Hackathon in September 2025.
- The hackathon will be hosted at IIT Hyderabad with IDRBT (Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology) acting as the knowledge partner.
- This initiative is supported by the Department of Financial Services, Government of India.
- The objective is to promote innovation in the fields of Financial Technology (FinTech) and Cybersecurity through industry-academic collaboration.

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**Ques: How much is the total rescue package Bajaj Auto is providing for KTM?**

- A. €1 billion
- B. €450 million
- C. €600 million
- D. €800 million
- E. €200 million

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Bajaj Auto will take majority control of Austrian motorcycle maker KTM AG through a total €800 million rescue package.
- This includes:
  - €200 million already infused as convertible bonds/loans, and
  - An additional €600 million, of which €450 million will be a secured loan and €150 million will be convertible bonds.
- KTM's 2024 revenue declined significantly, and this deal enables Bajaj Auto to shift from a passive investor to majority ownership.
- Bajaj currently owns 37.5% stake and manufactures KTM bikes in Pune, India.
- The acquisition strengthens Bajaj's footprint in the global off-road motorcycle segment.

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**Ques: From which date will the Safety of Household, Commercial and Similar Electrical Appliances (Quality Control) Order, 2025 come into effect for large, medium domestic and foreign enterprises?**

- A. 1 January 2025
- B. 1 August 2025
- C. 19 March 2026
- D. 31 December 2025
- E. 1 April 2026

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation :**

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has extended the implementation timeline of the Quality Control Order (QCO), 2025.
- The QCO will now come into force from 19th March 2026 for domestic large and medium enterprises and foreign manufacturers.
- The QCO applies to all electrical appliances for household, commercial or similar use with voltage not exceeding 250V (single-phase) or 480V (others).

**Special provisions include:**

- 6-month extension for micro enterprises
- 3-month extension for small enterprises
- Exemptions for up to 200 imported units for R&D
- Import exemption for domestic manufacturers making export-oriented products
- 6-month window for clearing legacy stock (manufactured/imported before implementation)





**Ques: Who became the fastest cricketer to reach 13,000 Test runs in terms of matches played?**

- A. Jacques Kallis
- B. Ricky Ponting
- C. Sachin Tendulkar
- D. Joe Root
- E. Rahul Dravid /

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

- Joe Root became the fastest cricketer to reach 13,000 Test runs in terms of matches played, achieving this milestone during a four-day Test against Zimbabwe at Trent Bridge, Nottingham.
- He reached the landmark in just 153 matches, surpassing Jacques Kallis, who took 159 matches.
- Joe Root is the first English player and fifth overall to reach this feat.
- Others in the 13,000-run club include Sachin Tendulkar, Ricky Ponting, Jacques Kallis, and Rahul Dravid.
- However, in terms of innings, Root is the slowest among them, requiring 279 innings, whereas Tendulkar reached it in 266 innings.

**Ranking of top 5 fastest to 13000 runs in test matches :**

- 1 Joe Root (England) : 153 matches
- 2 Jacques Kallis (South Africa) : 159 matches
- 3 Rahul Dravid (India) : 160 matches
- 4 Ricky Ponting (Australia) : 162 matches
- 5 Sachin Tendulkar (India) : 163 matches





**Ques: Which organization is conducting a Nationwide Hackathon on CCTV Solutions for Law Enforcement in India?**

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Ministry of Electronics and IT
- C. Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)
- D. Central Vigilance Commission
- E. DRDO

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is organizing a Nationwide Hackathon on CCTV Solutions.
- It is being conducted in collaboration with NCRB and CyberPeace Foundation.
- The aim is to promote indigenous, secure, scalable, and cost-effective CCTV innovations suited for Indian law enforcement agencies.
- Four key focus areas : Indigenous CCTV hardware and systems, Integration of AI and smart video analytics, Cyber security in CCTV networks and Affordable and efficient surveillance design
- The top entry will be given Rs. 5 Lakh monetary award with the second and third entries getting Rs. 3 Lakh and Rs. 1 Lakh respectively.

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**Ques: Which Indian company has partnered with Israel's Sparton to localize production of advanced Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) systems?**

- A. Bharat Electronics Limited
- B. HAL
- C. DRDO
- D. Adani Defence & Aerospace
- E. Larsen & Toubro

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Adani Defence & Aerospace has signed an agreement with Sparton, a subsidiary of Haifa (Israel)-based Elbit Systems Ltd.,
- The objective is to localize production of advanced Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) systems, including sonobuoys, for both the Indian Navy and global markets.
- This collaboration makes Adani Defence & Aerospace the first private sector company in India to offer indigenously developed sonobuoy solutions.

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**Ques: What is the name of the AI-powered virtual news anchor launched by the Assam government to deliver cabinet updates in Assamese?**

- A. SAMPARKA
- B. AI-ASSAM
- C. ANKITA
- D. IRIS
- E. PRAGATI

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- Assam Chief Minister Hemanta Biswa Sarma launched ANKITA – Assam’s New-age Knowledge-based Information Technology Anchor – an AI-powered virtual news anchor that delivers cabinet meeting updates in Assamese.
- This makes Assam the first Indian state to deploy an AI anchor for official government communication.
- Earlier in 2024, Assam also introduced ‘Iris’, the first AI-powered teacher dressed in traditional Mekhela-Chador, at Royal Global School in Guwahati.

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**Ques: What is the new extended deadline for completing houses sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U)?**

- A. 31 March 2024
- B. 30 June 2025
- C. 31 December 2025
- D. 31 March 2026
- E. 31 December 2026

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has extended the deadline for the completion of houses sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) to 31 December 2025.
- This extension applies to houses sanctioned up to 31 March 2022, providing more time for beneficiaries to complete construction and avail housing benefits.
- PMAY-U was launched on 25th June 2015 to provide affordable housing to urban poor and is implemented by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- Eligible beneficiaries include Economically Weaker Section (EWS) (up to Rs.3 lakh), Low-Income Group (LIG) (Rs.3–6 lakh), Middle-Income Group-I (MIG-I) (Rs.6–9 lakh), and slum dwellers.
- It Addresses Urban housing shortage among the Urban Poor including the Slum Dwellers by ensuring a pucca house to eligible urban poor
- Since inception, more than 92.61 lakh houses have been constructed under PMAY





**Ques: Who won the Men's Singles title at the 82nd edition of the Italian Open Tennis 2025?**

- A. Novak Djokovic
- B. Jannik Sinner
- C. Daniil Medvedev
- D. Rafael Nadal
- E. Carlos Alcaraz

**Answer:** Option E

**Explanation:**

- The 82nd edition of the Italian Open Tennis 2025 crowned Carlos Alcaraz (Spain) as the Men's Singles champion.
- In the Women's Singles, Jasmine Paolini (Italy) secured the title.
- Men's Doubles was won by Marcelo Arévalo (El Salvador) and Mate Pavić (Croatia).
- Women's Doubles champions were Jasmine Paolini and Sara Errani (both from Italy).

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**Ques : Who tops the Sunday Times Rich List of the wealthiest individuals and families residing in the United Kingdom ?**

- A Sir James Dyson and family
- B Sir Leonard Blavatnik
- C Idan Ofer
- D David and Simon Reuben and Family
- E Gopi Hinduja and Family

**Answer :** Option E

**Explanation :**

- Every year, the wealthiest people and families in the UK are ranked in the Sunday Times Rich List.
- The Sunday Times, a British Sunday newspaper, compiles the list every year.
- About 350 people and families with a combined wealth of GBP 772.8 billion are included in the 37th Sunday Times Rich List.

**Ranking of Top 5 wealthiest people and families in the UK :**

1. Gopi Hinduja and Family (35.3 billion)
2. David and Simon Reuben and Family (26.87 billion)
3. Sir Leonard Blavatnik (25.72 billion)
4. Sir James Dyson and family (20.8 billion)
5. Idan Ofer (20.12 billion)

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**Ques: Where was the national-level celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) 2025 held in India?**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- C. Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- D. Udaipur, Rajasthan
- E. Hyderabad, Telangana

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- To mark International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) 2025, the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change collaborated with the National Biodiversity Authority, Rajasthan Forest Department, and Rajasthan State Biodiversity Board to organize a national-level celebration in Udaipur, Rajasthan.
- The theme for IDB 2025 is 'Harmony with Nature and Sustainable Development'.
- May 22 is celebrated globally as IDB to raise awareness about the importance of conserving biological diversity.
- India is among the 17 mega-diverse countries of the world, with over 1,00,000 animal species and 55,000 plant species across 10 biogeographic zones, covering an area of 329 million hectares.

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**Ques: What percentage of Central Government housing has been reserved for persons with disabilities?**

- A. 2%
- B. 3%
- C. 4%
- D. 5%
- E. 6%

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has announced a 4% reservation in Central Government housing for persons with disabilities (PwDs).
- The decision is in accordance with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, which emphasizes equality and accessibility.
- The Department of Estates (DoE), which manages government residential accommodations, particularly in Delhi, issued an office memorandum to enforce this rule.
- This reservation ensures fair access, dignity, and inclusivity for differently-abled individuals in public housing.
- It reflects the government's broader aim to create an inclusive and accessible India.

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**Ques: Which two unique research facilities were recently inaugurated by Dr. Jitendra Singh at NCPOR in Goa?**

- A. Bharat Bhavan and Ocean Bhavan
- B. Sagar Bhavan and Polar Bhavan
- C. Himalaya Bhavan and Arctic Bhavan
- D. Maitri Bhavan and Himadri Bhavan
- E. Deep Ocean Bhavan and Ice Core Bhavan

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated Sagar Bhavan and Polar Bhavan at the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) in Goa.
- Polar Bhavan houses laboratories dedicated to polar and ocean research and will soon include India's first Polar and Ocean Museum.
- Sagar Bhavan is equipped with  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$  ice core labs and  $+4^{\circ}\text{C}$  storage units to archive sediment and biological samples.
- NCPOR plays a key role in India's scientific presence in Antarctica (stations Maitri and Bharati), the Arctic (Himadri), and Himalayas (Himansh), and leads the Deep Ocean Mission.
- These are India's first-of-their-kind facilities and among the very few in the world.

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**Ques: Which chemical banned under FSSAI norms is often illegally used for fruit ripening?**

- A. Ethylene
- B. Calcium carbide
- C. Formalin
- D. Sulphur dioxide
- E. Ammonium nitrate

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has directed all States and Union Territories to intensify inspections against the use of non-permitted fruit ripening agents.
- Calcium carbide, a banned chemical, is often illegally used to ripen fruits quickly.
- Its use is strictly prohibited under the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulations, 2011.
- Violators will face strict penal action under the FSS Act, 2006.

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**Ques: What is the primary objective of the ‘Indira Soura Giri Jala Vikasam’ scheme launched by the Telangana government?**

- A. To provide free housing to tribal communities
- B. To distribute solar lanterns in rural areas
- C. To offer free solar-powered irrigation to tribal farmers
- D. To promote tourism in tribal belts
- E. To set up water purification plants in forest villages

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation :**

- Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy launched the ‘Indira Soura Giri Jala Vikasam’ scheme at Macharam village in Amrabad mandal, Nagar Kurnool district.
- The scheme aims to empower 2.1 lakh tribal farmers by providing free solar pumps for irrigation, especially for those holding land under the Forest Rights Act (RoFR).
- It will cover six lakh acres of RoFR lands and ensure their comprehensive development.
- The scheme has an outlay of Rs 12,600 crore and will be implemented from 2025-26 to 2029-30 on 100% subsidy in saturation mode.

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## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Justice Kempaiah Somashekar, Judge of the Karnataka High Court Appointed as 9th Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court Under Article 217(1) of the Constitution. He Replaced Justice D. Krishna Kumar

EnKash (Mumbai) has officially launched the 'EnKash Payment Gateway', a first-of-its-kind payment solution engineered for India's Small to Medium-sized (SMB) and Startup merchants. EnKash established in 2018, HQ in Mumbai and MD & CEO is Deep Sehgal

Book "The Diary of a Cricketer's Wife: A Very Unusual Memoir" Authored by Puja Pujara, the wife of renowned Indian cricketer Cheteshwar Pujara and Namita Kala

IndianOil Ultimate Table Tennis signed a 3-year agreement with JioStar Private Limited to enhance the reach and visibility of table tennis in India. Under this agreement, JioStar will serve as the exclusive broadcast and streaming partner of IndianOil UTT till 2027.

Tapan Kumar Deka Appointed as Director, Intelligence Bureau (IB) (second one-year extension)

The government will invest a total of Rs.1,280 crore to upgrade infrastructure in godowns of FCI and CWC. Out of this, Rs.1,000 crore will be invested by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and Rs.280 crore by the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC).





**Ques: What was the reason RBI imposed a penalty of Rs.63.6 lakh on Union Bank of India?**

- A. Fraudulent loan sanction
- B. Violation of KYC norms
- C. Non-compliance with agricultural credit norms
- D. Delay in financial reporting
- E. ATM fraud cases

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of Rs.63.6 lakh on Union Bank of India for violating provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and failing to comply with guidelines related to credit flow to agriculture, particularly in providing collateral-free agricultural loans.
- A separate penalty of Rs.40 lakh was also imposed on Transactree Technologies for non-compliance with norms under the NBFC – Peer to Peer Lending Platform Directions, 2017.

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**Ques: By what percentage did India's net FDI decline in 2024–25 compared to 2023–24, as per RBI data?**

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- A. 86.2%
- B. 90.1%
- C. 96.5%
- D. 98.3%
- E. 99.7%

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation :**

According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI):

- Net FDI in 2024–25 stood at \$353 million, showing a 96.5% decline compared to 2023–24.
- Gross FDI inflows in 2024–25 were \$81.043 billion, a 13.7% increase over the \$71.279 billion recorded in 2023–24.
- Profit repatriation and disinvestment by foreign investors amounted to \$51.489 billion.
- Outward FDI by Indian companies was \$29.201 billion.
- Over 60% of the gross FDI inflows were directed towards manufacturing, financial services, electricity & energy, and communication services.
- Top FDI source countries included Singapore, Mauritius, UAE, Netherlands, and the USA, collectively accounting for more than 75% of total inflows.

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**Ques: On which date did LIC set the Guinness World Record for most life insurance policies sold in 24 hours?**

- A. January 10, 2025
- B. February 1, 2025
- C. January 20, 2025
- D. March 15, 2025
- E. December 31, 2024

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) set a Guinness World Record on January 20, 2025, by issuing 5,88,107 life insurance policies within 24 hours.
- This achievement was made possible by the efforts of 4,52,839 LIC agents across India.
- The record has been officially recognized by Guinness World Records.
- LIC described this as a historic milestone reflecting the strength of India's insurance sector.
- It showcases the trust of customers and the commitment of LIC's dedicated agency network.

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**Ques: How much surplus will the RBI transfer to the Government of India for FY25?**

- A. Rs.2.10 lakh crore
- B. Rs.2.30 lakh crore
- C. Rs.2.68 lakh crore
- D. Rs.2.50 lakh crore
- E. Rs.3.00 lakh crore

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will transfer a record surplus of Rs.2,68,590 crore to the Government of India for FY25, reflecting a 27% increase from the Rs.2,10,874 crore transferred in FY24.
- This surplus was determined under the Economic Capital Framework (ECF) adopted in 2019, following the recommendations of the Bimal Jalan Committee.
- The Contingent Risk Buffer (CRB) range was revised to 7.50%–4.50% of the RBI's balance sheet from the previous 6.50%–5.50%.
- The surplus will provide the government fiscal space to boost capital expenditure and manage the fiscal deficit more effectively

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**Ques: Which fintech platform based in New Delhi received in-principle approval from RBI for a Payment Aggregator license under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007?**

- A. PayU
- B. QuickPay
- C. Getepay
- D. Razorpay
- E. Cashfree

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- QuickPay, a fintech platform based in New Delhi, has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a Payment Aggregator (PA) under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.
- Getepay, a Jaipur-based digital payments company, received final authorisation from RBI to operate as an online Payment Aggregator.

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**Ques: What is the primary objective of India's Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project (KMTTP)?**

- A. To develop a naval base in the Bay of Bengal
- B. To bypass China and connect with ASEAN via Thailand
- C. To enhance connectivity between Kolkata and North-East India via Myanmar
- D. To construct a railway between Assam and Bangladesh
- E. To promote cruise tourism between India and Myanmar

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project (KMTTP) is a strategic initiative under India's Act East Policy aimed at connecting Kolkata port with the landlocked North-Eastern states through Myanmar, bypassing Bangladesh.

**It consists of:**

- Sea leg: Kolkata to Sittwe Port (~539 km)
- Inland waterway: Sittwe to Paletwa via the Kaladan River (~158 km)
- Road leg: Paletwa to Zorinpui on the India-Myanmar border (~110 km)
- Planned Indian leg: Zorinpui to Lawngtlai, and onward to Aizawl, Mizoram

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**Ques: Who have been appointed as the ambassadors for the FIBA Women's Asia Cup 2025?**

- A. Rui Machida and Sun Mengran
- B. Yuko Oga and Miao Lijie
- C. Ramu Tokashiki and Wang Lili
- D. Xu Han and Monica Okoye
- E. Lin Lin and Asami Yoshida

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- Chinese basketball legend Miao Lijie and Japanese basketball icon Yuko Oga have been appointed as ambassadors for the FIBA Women's Asia Cup 2025 (31st edition).
- The tournament is being organized by the Fédération Internationale de Basketball (FIBA), headquartered in Mies, Switzerland.
- The event will be held in Shenzhen, China, marking China's first time hosting the tournament in a decade—the last time was in 2015.

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**Ques: What was the central theme of the 10th NITI Aayog Governing Council meeting chaired by PM Modi?**

- A. Viksit Rajya, Viksit Bharat @2047
- B. Vision Bharat 2047
- C. Developed India @2030
- D. Aatma Nirbhar States @2047
- E. Digital India Mission @2047

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation :**

- The 10th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, focused on the crucial role of states in transforming India into a developed nation by 2047.
- The central theme of the meeting was "Viksit Rajya, Viksit Bharat @2047", highlighting the alignment between state and national development.

**Major focus areas included:**

- Promoting entrepreneurship, employment, and skilling
- Developing the MSME and informal sector
- Exploring opportunities in the green economy
- Enhancing infrastructure and investment in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities as new growth engines.

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**Ques: What is the name of U.S. President Donald Trump's proposed missile defense plan inspired by Israel's Iron Dome?**

- A. Steel Wall
- B. Golden Dome
- C. Eagle Shield
- D. Sky Protector
- E. Thunder Shield

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- Former U.S. President Donald Trump proposed the "Golden Dome" as a plan to protect the United States from long-range missiles.
- The plan is inspired by Israel's multi-layered Iron Dome defense system, which is known for successfully intercepting and destroying short-range rockets and artillery shells.
- Iron Dome, developed by Rafael Advanced Defense Systems and Israel Aerospace Industries, is the innermost layer of Israel's air defense network.
- It operates using a radar, command-and-control system, and interceptors, and is capable of working in all weather conditions.
- The system can also be deployed on land or sea, depending on strategic needs.

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**Ques: In which country is Mount Lewotobi Laki-Laki, recently in the news for volcanic eruption, located?**

- A. Philippines
- B. Japan
- C. Indonesia
- D. Papua New Guinea
- E. Malaysia

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Mount Lewotobi Laki-Laki is located in East Nusa Tenggara province of Indonesia, on Flores Island.
- It lies along the Pacific's "Ring of Fire", known for frequent earthquakes and volcanic activity.
- It is part of a twin volcano system, with two peaks named Lewotobi Lakilaki (male) and Lewotobi Perempuan (female).
- While Lewotobi Lakilaki has erupted frequently in the 19th and 20th centuries, the Lewotobi Perempuan peak has only erupted twice in recorded history.
- Due to the recent eruption, a Red Alert was issued for volcanic ash clouds.

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**Ques: Which country became India's fourth-largest crude oil supplier in April 2025, surpassing the UAE?**

- A. United States of America
- B. Canada
- C. Iran
- D. Brazil
- E. Nigeria

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation :**

- According to data from London-based Vortexa, the United States of America surpassed the United Arab Emirates in April 2025 to become India's fourth-largest crude oil supplier.
- India's crude oil imports from the USA rose to 0.33 million barrels per day (mbd) in April 2025 – up from 0.17 mbd in April 2024 and 0.24 mbd in March 2025.
- The USA contributed 7.3% to India's crude imports, overtaking UAE's 6.4%.
- The top three suppliers to India remain Russia (37.8%), Iraq (19.1%), and Saudi Arabia (10.4%).
- India plans to increase its energy imports from the USA from USD 15 billion to USD 25 billion.

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**Ques: Which two companies will be included in the Sensex index replacing Nestle India and IndusInd Bank from June 23, 2025?**

- A. Tata Motors and Infosys
- B. Trent and Bharat Electronics
- C. Reliance and HDFC Ltd
- D. BEL and ITC
- E. None of the above

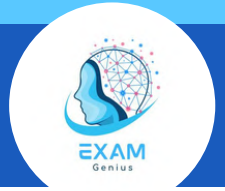
**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- Asia Index, the market intelligence arm of BSE, announced changes in the 30-share Sensex index.
- From June 23, 2025, Trent Ltd (Tata Group) and Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) will replace Nestle India and IndusInd Bank.
- The Sensex is the benchmark index of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), tracking the performance of 30 major listed companies.
- These changes are made periodically to ensure that the index reflects the most representative and liquid stocks in the market.

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**Ques: Where was the BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting 2025 held under the theme "Strengthening Global South Cooperation for More Inclusive and Sustainable Governance"?**

- A. New Delhi, India
- B. Shanghai, China
- C. Pretoria, South Africa
- D. Brasília, Brazil
- E. Moscow, Russia

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- The BRICS Energy Ministers' Meeting 2025 was held in Brasília, Brazil, under Brazil's presidency, with the central theme: "Strengthening Global South Cooperation for More Inclusive and Sustainable Governance."
- The Indian delegation was led by Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar.
- India announced that it had achieved 475 GW of energy capacity in 2025, which is a 90% increase over the last decade, and it aims for 900 GW by 2032.

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**Ques: Where was the rare 16th-century inscription, recording the death of 6,307 people due to drought, discovered?**

- A. Guttala, Haveri district, Karnataka
- B. Hampi, Karnataka
- C. Belur, Karnataka
- D. Badami, Karnataka
- E. Halebidu, Karnataka

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation :**

- A 16th-century sculptural inscription was found near the Chandrashekara temple at Guttala in Haveri district, Karnataka.
- The inscription is India's first known historical record of a humanitarian disaster due to a natural calamity.
- It documents the death of 6,307 people during a time of famine and disease.
- The inscription highlights the story of Marulayya, a man who performed the final rites for all 6,307 unclaimed bodies, reflecting the extent of the drought's impact.

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**Ques: As per USDA, which two countries will lead the global sugar output increase in 2025-26?**

- A. China and Mexico
- B. India and Brazil
- C. US and EU
- D. Thailand and Australia
- E. Russia and South Africa

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- According to the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), India and Brazil, the world's top two sugar producers, will drive the increase in global sugar output in 2025-26.
- India's sugar production is projected to rise by 25% to 35.3 million tonnes, up from 28 million tonnes.
- Brazil's sugar production is forecast to increase by 1 million tonnes, reaching a record 44.7 million tonnes.
- The overall global sugar production is expected to grow by 8.6 million tonnes, totaling 189.3 million tonnes, while global consumption will rise to 177.92 million tonnes.
- The shift from ethanol production back to more sugar production is a notable trend reversal this season.

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**Ques: What major decision did the Supreme Court make regarding pensions of retired High Court Judges in 2025?**

- A. Introduced NPS for all judges
- B. Increased retirement age to 68
- C. Ordered 'One Rank One Pension' for all retired High Court judges
- D. Pension only for Chief Justices
- E. Fixed pension based on years of service

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation :**

- The Supreme Court of India, led by Chief Justice BR Gavai, upheld the 'One Rank One Pension' principle for all retired High Court judges, ensuring equal and full pension, regardless of : Date of appointment, Mode of entry (Bar or judicial service) and Duration of service
- This judgment applies to permanent and additional judges, and covers gaps in service for those promoted from the district judiciary.
- It also includes those who joined under the New Pension Scheme (NPS) and later became High Court judges.
- Family pensions will be granted to the legal heirs of judges who passed away in office.
- The decision was based on Article 14 (Right to Equality), Article 221 of the Constitution, and the High Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Act, 1954.
- Pension details : Chief Justices : Rs.15 lakh/year and Other Judges : Rs.13.5 lakh/year





**Ques: What is the new maximum number of voters allowed in a polling booth as per the latest guidelines of the Election Commission of India (ECI)?**

- A. 1000
- B. 1100
- C. 1200
- D. 1300
- E. 1500

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

• To ensure a smoother voting experience, the Election Commission of India has reduced the maximum number of voters per polling booth from 1500 to 1200.

**Additional steps include:**

- Setting up booths in high-rise buildings and residential colonies.
- Voter slips will prominently show serial and part numbers.
- Use of death data from Registrar General to update electoral rolls.
- Mobile phones allowed within 100 meters (in switch-off mode) but not inside booths.
- No electioneering within 100 meters of the polling station on polling day.
- Launch of ECINET, replacing 40+ legacy apps and websites with one digital dashboard.





**Ques: Where was the foundation stone for the Integrated Aqua Park under PMMSY laid?**

- A. Agartala, Tripura
- B. Shillong, Meghalaya
- C. Kohima, Nagaland
- D. Aizawl, Mizoram
- E. Kailashahar, Tripura

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation :**

- Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh, who heads the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, laid the foundation stone for a Rs.42.4 crore Integrated Aqua Park in Kailashahar, Tripura, under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).
- The scheme is implemented from FY 2020–21 to 2024–25 across all States and UTs.

PMMSY is a flagship scheme launched to :

- Improve fish production, quality, and infrastructure
- Promote the Blue Revolution through sustainable fisheries
- Provide insurance, financial aid, and Kisan Credit Card (KCC) facilities to fishermen

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**Ques: Under which Act was Haryana-based YouTuber Jyoti Rani arrested for allegedly leaking sensitive information to a Pakistani official?**

- A. Right to Information Act, 2005
- B. Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002
- C. National Security Act, 1980
- D. Official Secrets Act, 1923
- E. Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Jyoti Rani, a Haryana-based YouTuber, was arrested under the Official Secrets Act, 1923 (OSA) and Section 152 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) for allegedly leaking sensitive information to a Pakistani High Commission official during Operation Sindoor.
- The OSA was enacted in 1923, modeled on the British OSA 1911, and aims to protect India's sovereignty, defense, and intelligence from espionage and unauthorized disclosures.
- It applies to all individuals, including government officials and civilians, in possession of classified information.
- Section 3 deals with spying and provides punishment of up to 14 years imprisonment for defence-related offences.
- Section 5 punishes wrongful communication, even if unintentional.
- Section 152 of the BNS also applies, which punishes acts that endanger sovereignty, unity, and integrity of India, with life imprisonment or up to 7 years and a fine.
- Peaceful criticism for lawful reform is not punishable.



**Ques: On which occasion did the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities organize the 'Inclusive India Summit' in New Delhi in 2025?**

- A. International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- B. World Disability Day
- C. Global Accessibility Awareness Day
- D. National Inclusion Day
- E. UN Day for Equality

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The 'Inclusive India Summit' was organized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on May 15, 2025, in New Delhi.
- The event marked the observance of Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD), which is celebrated annually on the third Thursday of May.
- The summit was held in a hybrid mode, in collaboration with the SBI Foundation, National Association for the Blind, and supported by the Association of People with Disability and Mission Accessibility (Dhananjay Sanjogta Foundation).
- GAAD aims to raise awareness around digital access and inclusion, especially for people with disabilities.

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**Ques: When is the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development observed annually?**

- A. 18 May
- B. 19 May
- C. 20 May
- D. 21 May
- E. 22 May

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is observed every year on 21 May.
- It was declared by the UN General Assembly in December 2002 following UNESCO's adoption of the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity in 2001.
- Theme for 2025: "Protecting the diversity of cultural expressions is more important than ever".
- The day emphasizes the importance of cultural diversity as an essential asset for peace and development.

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The 8th meeting of the India-US Joint Working Group on Aircraft Carrier Technology Cooperation (JWGACTC), constituted under the auspices of the India – US Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI), was organised in India

Exercise Raahat Held at Rangapahar Military Station in Dimapur, Nagaland between Indian Army's Spear Corps and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)

Sub Inspector Geeta Samota of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) created history by becoming the first-ever CISF personnel to scale Mount Everest, the world's highest peak. Mount Everest, also known as Sagarmatha in Nepal and Qomolangma in China, lies on the Nepal-Tibet border

A first-of-its-kind national-level hackathon titled "CemHack for Green Infra" was launched. Organised by the NCB Incubation Centre (NCB-IC), the hackathon aims to provide an umbrella platform to support entrepreneurship and commercialization. Cash rewards of up to ₹1 lakh and incubation or mentoring opportunities at NCB-IC are on offer.

Tamannaah Bhatia Appointed as Brand ambassador of Karnataka Soaps & Detergents Limited (KSDL), a century-old state-owned enterprise for 2 years





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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

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





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

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

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

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

**About IndusInd Bank :**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation:**

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

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

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





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

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

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

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

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

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





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

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

**Answer: Option A**

Explanation :

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





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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

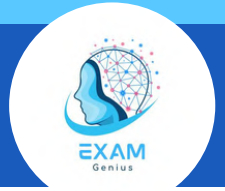
**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option C

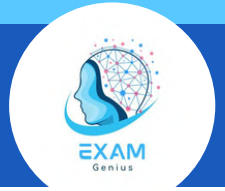
**Explanation :**

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

**The gallantry award system includes:**

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





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

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

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

About LRS Scheme :

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





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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

**Kozhikode district has officially designated several biodiversity symbols:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

Explanation:

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

**About World Health Organization :**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

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

**FATF Lists:**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

**About Ecuador :**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B:**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

Explanation:

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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**Ques: When is Africa Day celebrated annually?**

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

**African Union (AU):**

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





## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

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

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

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

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

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

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





**Ques: Which company recently received final SEBI approval to launch a mutual fund business as a 50:50 joint venture between Jio Financial Services and BlackRock?**

- A. Reliance BlackRock AMC
- B. Jio BlackRock AMC
- C. BlackRock JFS AMC
- D. Jio Mutual AMC
- E. Reliance Financial AMC

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

- A. Iran
- B. Egypt
- C. Turkey
- D. Iraq
- E. Saudi Arabia

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

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

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

- A. IIT Madras
- B. NIT Trichy
- C. NIT Calicut
- D. IISc Bangalore
- E. IIT Delhi

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

- A. US Patent and Trademark Office
- B. European Patent Office
- C. Danish Patent and Trademark Office
- D. Japan Patent Office
- E. UK Intellectual Property Office

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

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

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**Ques: Who won the Formula One (F1) Monaco Grand Prix 2025 held in Monte Carlo?**

- A. Max Verstappen
- B. Charles Leclerc
- C. Lewis Hamilton
- D. Lando Norris
- E. Sergio Pérez

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

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

**Recent Grand Prix Winner 2025 :**

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





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

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

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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





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

- A. USA and UK
- B. France and Costa Rica
- C. Germany and Japan
- D. Australia and Italy
- E. Norway and Brazil

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

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

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

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. Ministry of MSME
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Confederation of Indian Industry
- E. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

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

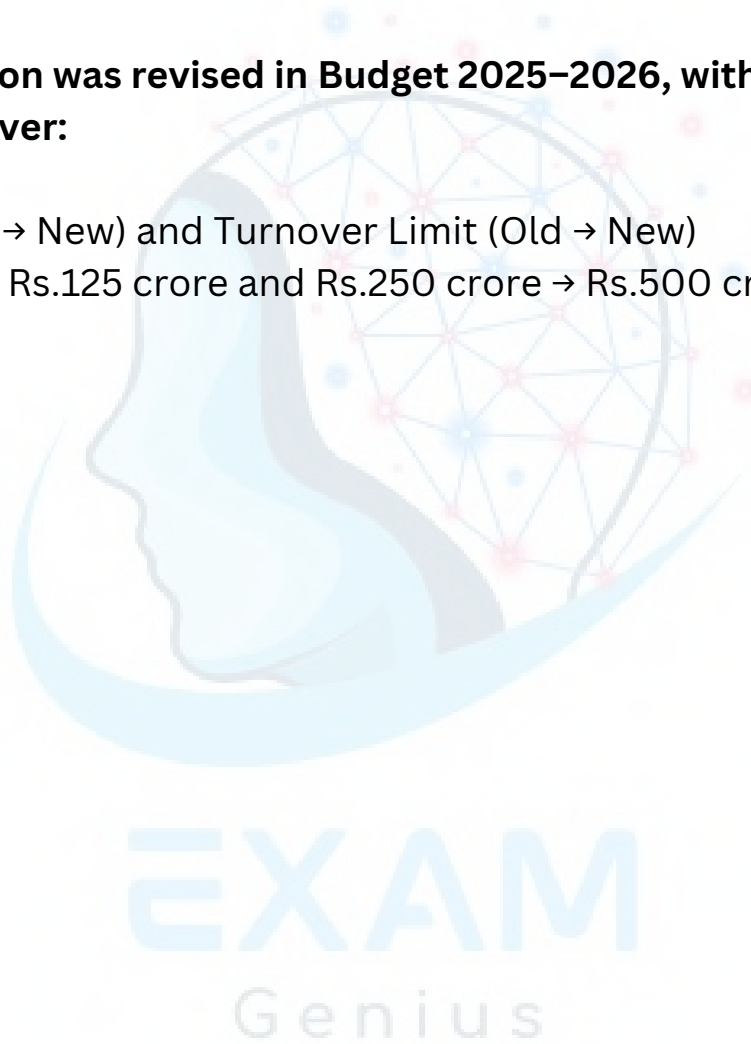
- **Centralized Digital Portal** : Creation of a dedicated sub-portal within the Udyam platform featuring scheme discovery tools, compliance support, and AI-based assistance to help enterprises navigate resources effectively.
- **Tailored Financial Solutions** : a Rs.5 crore credit card facility at market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



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

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

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





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

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- A. Gideon Haigh
  - B. Tim Wigmore
  - C. Rahul Bhattacharya
  - D. Mike Brearley
  - E. James Anderson

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

- A. Project Neural Net
- B. AI Nest
- C. AI Matryoshka
- D. Gemini Grid
- E. IntelliStack

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

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

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

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Iraq
- C. Iran
- D. Qatar
- E. Kuwait

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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





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

- A. Hematite
- B. Jarosite
- C. Magnetite
- D. Gypsum
- E. Goethite

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

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

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

- A. Digital India for All
- B. Innovate to Transform
- C. Connecting the Future
- D. Telecom for Progress
- E. Empowering Youth

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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





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

- A. Anamalai Tiger Reserve
- B. Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary
- C. Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve
- D. Mudumalai Tiger Reserve
- E. Bandipur National Park

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation :**

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

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

- A. Germany
- B. United Kingdom
- C. France
- D. Japan
- E. Canada

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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





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

- A. Ligno
- B. Neyon
- C. Shakti
- D. N-Lion
- E. Veeron

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

**About NLC India Limited :**

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

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

- A. India
- B. Russia
- C. Brazil
- D. China
- E. South Africa

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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**Ques: At which tournament did Novak Djokovic win his 100th career singles title?**

- A. Wimbledon
- B. Australian Open
- C. US Open
- D. Geneva Open
- E. French Open

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

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

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

- A. Tessy Thomas
- B. Ritu Karidhal
- C. Manorama Sunkara Vardhireddy
- D. Soumya Swaminathan
- E. Gagandeep Kang

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

- A. ISRO
- B. AgniKul Cosmos
- C. DRDO
- D. Skyroot Aerospace
- E. Antrix Corporation

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

- A. Malini Fonseka
- B. Anoja Weerasinghe
- C. Swarna Mallawarachchi
- D. Geetha Kumarasinghe
- E. Nita Fernando

**Answer:** Option A:

**Explanation:**

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

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## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

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

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

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

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

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

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

