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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Key highlights from the meeting:

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





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

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

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



Recent Penalties imposed on Banks :

- 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
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) imposed a Rs.1 crore penalty on Acko General Insurance
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a Rs.50 lakh penalty on Deutsche Bank AG, India on May 13, 2025
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of Rs.29.60 lakh on Yes Bank Limited on May 16, 2025
- In May 2025, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) penalised State Bank of India (SBI) and Jana Small Finance Bank for non-compliance with regulatory norms. SBI was fined Rs.1.72 crore for failing to comply with certain RBI directions
- Jana Small Finance Bank was fined Rs.1 crore for contravening provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.31.80 lakh on IDBI Bank Limited on April 30, 2025, for non-compliance with regulatory directions
- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.61.40 lakh on Bank of Baroda on April 29, 2025, for non-compliance with directions related to financial services, customer service, and deposit interest rates
- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.31.80 lakh on Bank of Maharashtra on April 30, 2025, for non-compliance with regulatory KYC norms
- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.97.80 lakh on ICICI Bank Ltd. on April 29, 2025, for non-compliance with regulatory directions
- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.29.60 lakh on Axis Bank Limited on April 29, 2025, for violating regulatory guidelines under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed monetary penalties on Indian Bank, Indian Overseas Bank, and Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd in 2025 for regulatory non-compliance.



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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Key Features:

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





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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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)
- RBI's draft circular proposes that all lenders together can invest up to 15% in a single AIF scheme
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted in-principle approval to Emirates NBD Bank PJSC to establish a wholly owned subsidiary (WOS) in India
- RBI based on the Economic Capital Framework (ECF), may transfer a record surplus ranging from Rs.2.5 lakh crore to Rs.3 lakh crore to the government for the financial year 2024-25
- As per RBI's latest data, UPI QR codes recorded the fastest growth in digital payment infrastructure in FY 2024-25
- RBI recently revealed data showing that American Express and HSBC were the top foreign banks with notable gains
- RBI approved the formation of an interim "Committee of Executives" to oversee IndusInd Bank's operations
- RBI has eased investment norms for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) in corporate debt securities via the general route
- RBI has officially recognised the Fixed Income Money Market and Derivatives Association of India (FIMMDA) as a Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) for financial markets
- RBI has sought the government's approval to remove the 30% cap on foreign banks using vostro accounts to purchase short-term sovereign debt, including treasury bills



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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Under the PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan, the Union Cabinet approved two railway multitracking projects: Ratlam–Nagda (3rd & 4th Line) and Wardha–Balharshah (4th Line) in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.
- These projects will add 176 km of rail tracks, benefiting 784 villages with a combined population of 19.74 lakh.
- The total estimated cost is Rs.3,399 crore, with completion targeted by FY 2029–30.
- The projects will generate approximately 74 lakh human-days of direct employment.
- They will enhance freight capacity by 18.40 million tonnes per annum, reduce CO₂ emissions by 99 crore kg, and cut oil imports by 20 crore litres.

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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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Recent Headlines Related to Brand Ambassador :

- Neeraj Chopra : Mumbai (Maharashtra) based Audi India
- Tamannaah Bhatia : Karnataka Soaps & Detergents Limited (KSDL)
- Chinese basketball legend Miao Lijie and Japanese basketball icon Yuko Oga : FIBA Women's Asia Cup 2025 (31st edition)
- Kartik Aaryan : Thomas Cook India Limited's foreign currency division
- Salman Khan : GRM Overseas Limited's premium basmati rice brand, 10X Zarda King
- Jasprit Bumrah : Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), L&T Finance (LTF)
- Vicky Kaushal : Tata Motors for its Passenger and Electric Vehicle segment
- cricketer Rishabh Rajendra Pant : Goibibo, owned by MakeMyTrip Limited
- Krishnamachari Srikkanth : Goodwill Ambassador for 'VISION 2020 India'
- Jasprit Bumrah : United States of America (USA) based Skechers
- Badminton legend and former World No.1 Saina Nehwal : Strategic Investor & Brand Ambassador of Naarica, an innovative menstrual hygiene brand
- Vidya Balan : Brand ambassador of Federal Bank
- Shubman Gill : Brand ambassador MRF(Madras Rubber Factory) Limited
- Koneru Humpy : Skillhub Online Games Federation (SOGF) Grandmaster series
- Diljit Dosanjh : American clothing manufacturer Levi's
- Sri Lankan cricket icon Muttiah Muralitharan : sports hydration drink brand 'Spinner' of Reliance
- Shikhar Dhawan, Shane Watson, Tim Southee, and Sarfaraz Ahmed : International Cricket Council (ICC) has been named the brand ambassador for the Champions Trophy 2025
- Amitabh Bachchan : KRBL Limited's flagship 'India Gate' brand
- Ayushmann Khurrana : FICCI Frames
- PV Sindhu : sports brand PUMA India
- Akshay Kumar : POCO India
- Sir Mo Farah : International Event Ambassador of Tata Mumbai Marathon
- Sachin Tendulkar : Kissht, a leading digital lending platform operated by OnEMI Technology Solutions Private Limited
- Salman Khan and Tiger Shroff : Inaugural Kho Kho World Cup
- Indian Chess Prodigy D Gukesh : RBL Bank Limited
- Indian cricketer Rohit Sharma : ixigo's Trains app
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni : Eurogrip Tyres





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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

Other approved universities include:

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





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

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

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

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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Key infrastructure developments include:

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





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- 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
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has announced a 4% reservation in Central Government housing for persons with disabilities (PwDs)
- 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
- The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is organizing a Nationwide Hackathon on CCTV Solutions
- 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
- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched the Bharatiya Bhasha Summer Camp in New Delhi
- The Ministry of Culture launched the 'Ek Desh Ek Dhadkan' campaign, which translates to "One Nation, One Heartbeat." The illumination activities were carried out under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)
- Depot Darpan Portal, and digital platforms Anna Mitra, and Anna Sahayata Launched by Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Pralhad Joshi
- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare released three new crop varieties developed by Banaras Hindu University (BHU)
- The Ministry of Consumer Affairs approved an additional 2.8 million tonnes of rice from FCI for ethanol production
- The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, has announced the establishment of its first overseas campus in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- To improve India's non-ferrous metal recycling ecosystem, Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, the Ministry of Coal, and the Ministry of Mines created the Non-Ferrous Metal Recycling Website and Stakeholders' Portal
- The Ministry of Civil Aviation has granted in-principle approval for setting up greenfield airports in Kota (Rajasthan) and Puri (Odisha) under the UDAN scheme, which promotes affordable air connectivity



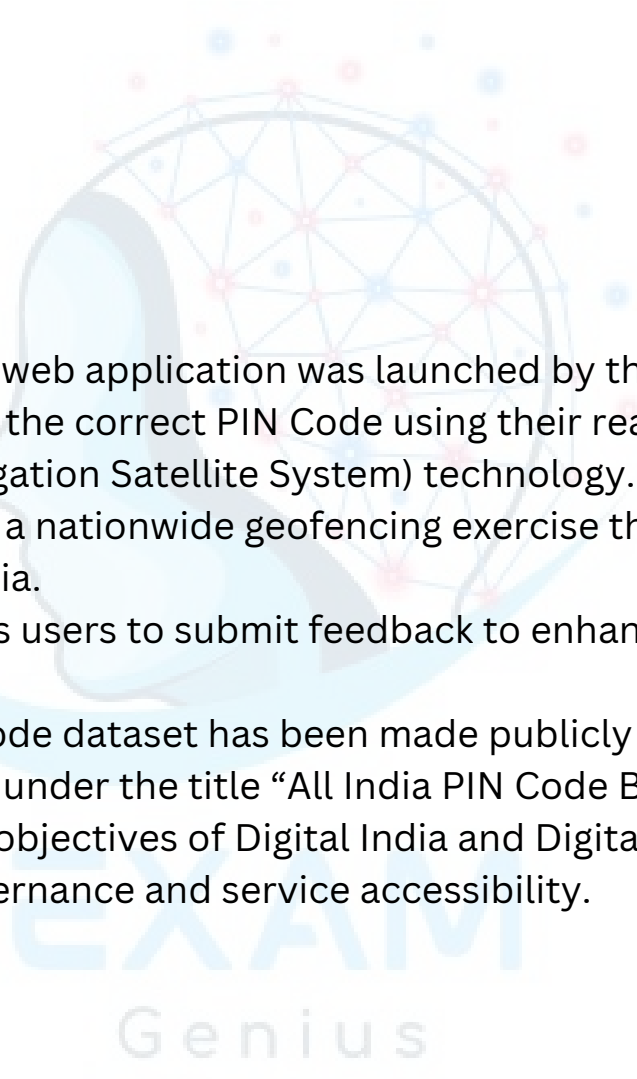
Ques: What is the main purpose of the 'Know Your PIN Code' web application launched by the Department of Posts?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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





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

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and world :

- Tamil Nadu CM M.K. Stalin inaugurated India's first Mahouts' Village at Theppakadu Elephant Camp, located in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Nilgiris district
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate India's first 9000 HP electric locomotive on May 26 in Dahod, Gujarat
- Uttarakhand Forest Department inaugurated the state's first dedicated Cycad Garden in Haldwani to conserve one of the world's most ancient and endangered groups of plant cycads. The initiative is funded by the Tokyo based Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Cycads, often referred to as 'living fossils'
- Coinbase Global Inc. (COIN) became the first cryptocurrency exchange to be included in the S&P 500 Index, a major U.S. stock market index
- Kerala has emerged as the first state in the country to make robotics education mandatory for all 4.3 lakh students of class 10
- Sub Inspector Geeta Samota of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) created history by becoming the first-ever CISF personnel to scale Mount Everest, the world's highest peak. Mount Everest, also known as Sagarmatha in Nepal and Qomolangma in China, lies on the Nepal-Tibet border
- The Centre for Earth Sciences and Himalayan Studies (CEHS) has successfully drilled the first geothermal production well in the Northeast Region at Dirang village, located in West Kameng district, Arunachal Pradesh
- Mizoram has become the first Indian state to achieve full functional literacy, meaning over 95% of its population is functionally literate
- The world's first commercial-scale e-methanol plant has been inaugurated in Kasso, southern Denmark
- On 19 May 2025, Government e-Marketplace (GeM) celebrated its 8th anniversary and launched GeMAI, India's first AI-powered chatbot in the public sector
- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Dr. Jitendra Singh, from the Ministry of Science & Technology, dedicated India's first public-funded DST-ICGEB 'Bio-foundry' in New Delhi
- The Department of Science and Technology (DST) has launched India's first national CCU initiative focused on the cement sector, a hard-to-abate industry
- The world's first AI-powered medical clinic, launched in Saudi Arabia, uses the advanced AI system called Dr. Hua, developed by Synyi AI, a Shanghai-based startup backed by Tencent



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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Asian Athletics Leadership Gold Pin : Adille J. Sumariwalla
- International Booker Prize 2025 : Banu Mushtaq for her short story collection 'Heart Lamp'
- 2024 Crawford Fund Medal : Kadambot Siddique
- Sansad Ratna Awards 2025 : Maharashtra
- 58th Jnanpith Award : Jagadguru Rambhadracharya
- 52nd Karnataka State Lalitkala Academy Award : Rehman Patel, an artist from Kalaburagi
- INSA Distinguished Lecture Fellowship for the year 2025 : CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (CSIR-IICT), Hyderabad, scientist Surya Prakash Singh
- 2025 World Food Prize : Brazilian microbiologist Dr. Mariangela Hungria
- International Buddha Peace Award 2025 : Dr. Mustafa Yusufali Gom
- Humanitarian Award 2025 : Sonu Sood
- UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2025 : La Prensa, one of Nicaragua's oldest newspapers
- AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year 2025 : Subhasish Bose
- AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year : Soumya Guguloth (Telangana)
- French honour 'Officier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres' (Officer of the Order of Arts and Letters) : Payal Kapadia
- Platinum Recognition, the highest honour under the Green Airports Recognition 2025 : Hubballi Airport in Karnataka
- Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award : Satwik-Chirag
- Fiji's highest civilian honour, the 'Companion of the Order of Fiji' : Madhusudan Sai
- Udyog Vikas Award : National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC)
- Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Puraskar 2025 : Kumar Mangalam Birla
- Gurudev Kalicharan Brahma Award 2025 : Achyuta Samanta, the founder of KIIT and KISS
- 68th World Press Photo of the Year : Samar Abu Elouf, a Qatar-based Palestinian photographer





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

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

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Recent records in Cricket :

- Joe Root : fastest cricketer to reach 13,000 Test runs in terms of matches played during a four-day Test against Zimbabwe at Trent Bridge, Nottingham
- Rohit Sharma : After Virat Kohli, he was the only other Indian hitter to reach the milestone of 12,000 T20 runs
- Virat Kohli : 100th T20 half-century while playing for Royal Challengers Bengaluru against Rajasthan Royals at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium
- M.S. Dhoni : first player in IPL history to record 200 fielding dismissals
- Virat Kohli : highest run-scorer in Indian Premier League (IPL) history and the only player to cross the 8000-run mark and also became the first player to hit 1000 boundaries in IPL
- Virat Kohli : first Indian and fifth cricketer overall to reach 13,000 runs in T20 cricket
- Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma : Break Yuvraj Singh's Record for Most ICC Final
- Virat Kohli : He played his 300th One Day International (ODI) match against New Zealand in Dubai
- Virat Kohli : fastest hitter to achieve 14,000 runs in one-day internationals
- Rohit Sharma : second fastest batter after compatriot Virat Kohli to complete 11,000 runs in One-day Internationals
- Babar Azam : joint-fastest hitter to reach 6000 ODI runs
- Dinesh Karthik : highest run-scorer in T20 cricket
- Smriti Mandhana : the first Indian woman to score 10 ODI century and Scored a century in just 70 balls
- Jasprit Bumrah : the bowler with the highest average among those with 200 or more Test wickets
- Richa Ghosh : India's wicket keeper-batter, made history by hitting the joint-fastest fifty in women's T20Is
- Nat SciverBrunt : Fastest Test Century in just 96 balls
- Shaheen Afridi (Pakistani) : country's first bowler to take 100 wickets in all formats of international cricket
- Virat Kohli : became the fastest cricketer to amass 27000 international runs, breaking Sachin Tendulkar's previous record.





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

