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**Ques: Which company has listed India's first Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) bonds on the National Stock Exchange?**

नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज पर भारत के पहले पर्यावरण, सामाजिक और शासन (ESG) बॉन्ड सूचीबद्ध करने वाली कंपनी कौन सी है?

- A. Reliance Industries / रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज
- B. Tata Power / टाटा पावर
- C. Adani Green Energy / अदानी ग्रीन एनर्जी
- D. Larsen & Toubro / लार्सन एंड टुब्रो
- E. JSW Energy / जेएसडब्ल्यू एनर्जी

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Larsen & Toubro has become the first company in India to list Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) bonds on the National Stock Exchange (NSE).
- The company raised Rs 500 crore through Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) issued at a coupon rate of 6.35%.
- These NCDs will mature over a period of 3 years.
- The transaction was executed in partnership with HSBC (Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited).

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**Ques: What is the Unified Lending Interface (ULI) recently discussed by the Department of Financial Services and developed by the Reserve Bank of India?**  
**वित्तीय सेवा विभाग और भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक द्वारा हाल ही में चर्चा की गई यूनिफाइड लेंडिंग इंटरफेस (ULI) क्या है?**

- A. A credit card approval portal / एक क्रेडिट कार्ड स्वीकृति पोर्टल
- B. A digital currency exchange / एक डिजिटल मुद्रा विनिमय
- C. A loan comparison website / एक ऋण तुलना वेबसाइट
- D. An API-based digital lending platform / एक एपीआई-आधारित डिजिटल ऋण मंच
- E. A government payment gateway / एक सरकारी भुगतान गेटवे

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Unified Lending Interface (ULI) is an API-based, consent-driven digital platform developed by the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) in collaboration with the RBI to enhance India's digital credit infrastructure.
- It enables secure access to borrower data like Aadhaar, land records, tax filings, and KYC from various sources by banks and financial institutions.
- ULI is a form of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) that aggregates data from key sources such as GSTN, milk pouring data, satellite data, and verification services like Aadhaar e-KYC and PAN.
- It also integrates with Account Aggregators and Digilocker, and provides property data analytics to support faster and more accurate loan underwriting.
- The platform was first announced by former RBI Governor Shri Shaktikanta Das at the RBI 90@ Global Conference on August 26, 2024.





**Ques: According to the June 2025 RBI bulletin, which country in the Global South emerged as the top destination for Greenfield investments in the digital economy?**  
**RBI की जून 2025 बुलेटिन के अनुसार, ग्लोबल साउथ में डिजिटल अर्थव्यवस्था में ग्रीनफील्ड निवेश के लिए शीर्ष गंतव्य कौन सा देश बना है?**

- A. Brazil / ब्राज़ील
- B. South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- C. Indonesia / इंडोनेशिया
- D. India / भारत
- E. Vietnam / वियतनाम

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- As per the June 2025 bulletin of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), India has emerged as the top destination in the Global South for Greenfield investments in the digital economy.
- Between 2020 and 2024, India received USD 114 billion in Greenfield investments across digital economy sectors.
- This substantial inflow of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has elevated India's position to the 16th largest recipient of FDI globally.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- RBI has extended call money market hours by 2 hours, now operating from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
- RBI has scheduled a 7-day Variable Rate Reverse Repo (VRRR) auction of Rs.1 lakh crore on June 27, 2025 to absorb surplus liquidity in the banking system
- To address the rising issue of digital payment frauds, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is collaborating with major public and private sector banks to build a new platform named DPIP (Digital Payment Intelligence Platform)
- RBI has revised the priority sector lending (PSL) norms for Small Finance Banks (SFBs) effective from FY 2025–26
- RBI has eased project funding norms, especially for under-construction loans, to support infrastructure financing and reduce liquidity stress on banks
- RBI has amended the Master Direction – Import of Goods and Services, originally issued on January 1, 2016
- RBI has revised the agency commission structure for banks managing government-related transactions such as revenue receipts, pension disbursements, and other payments.
- RBI discontinued its daily Variable Rate Repo (VRR) auctions due to a liquidity surplus of Rs. 2.75 to Rs. 3 lakh crore in the banking system, exceeding 1% of Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL), effective from 11 June 2025.
- On June 16, 2025, RBI Deputy Governor T. Rabi Sankar inaugurated the new Regional Office of the Reserve Bank of India in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
- Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), in collaboration with RBI and banks, launched a pilot project to digitise legacy user consents
- RBI has issued draft guidelines for Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives (IRD) to keep the regulatory framework in line with evolving market dynamics
- RBI plans to re-issue sovereign green bonds (SGrBs) during the upcoming government securities (G-Secs) auction on June 13, 2025
- RBI has allowed STRIPS (Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities) for State Government Securities (SGS)
- RBI has extended the deadline for low-risk individual customers to update their KYC (Know Your Customer) details



**Ques: Where was India's first AI-powered traffic system launched?**

**भारत का पहला एआई-आधारित ट्रैफिक सिस्टम कहाँ शुरू किया गया है?**

- A. Mumbai / मुंबई
- B. Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- C. Lucknow / लखनऊ
- D. Pune / पुणे
- E. Dwarka Expressway, Delhi / द्वारका एक्सप्रेसवे, दिल्ली

**Answer:** Option E

**Explanation :**

- India's first AI-based Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) has been launched on the Dwarka Expressway in Delhi, making it a landmark initiative in smart traffic control.
- It also covers a 28-kilometre stretch of National Highway-48 (NH-48), enhancing real-time traffic monitoring and enforcement.
- The system utilizes technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), smart cameras, Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR), weather detection, and incident alerting.
- The aim is to reduce accidents, minimize congestion, and enforce better road discipline, while aiding authorities in real-time decision-making and automated rule enforcement

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

- Bharat Biotech International Ltd (BBIL) and GSK will jointly supply the world's first malaria vaccine (RTS,S) to the global alliance Gavi between 2026–2030
- Under the New Nuclear Energy Mission, Bihar will establish its first nuclear power plant based on Small Modular Reactor (SMR) technology
- Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, a 39-year-old Indian Air Force fighter pilot, became the first Indian to reach the ISS on 26 June 2025 as part of the Axiom-4 mission
- Adani New Industries Limited (ANIL) has commissioned India's first off-grid 5 MW green hydrogen pilot plant in Kutch, Gujarat, officially announced on 23rd June 2025
- Oman has issued a royal decree to become the first Gulf country to impose personal income tax starting in 2028
- NTPC Limited flagged off five hydrogen fuel cell-based buses for India's first commercial hydrogen bus operations in Leh
- BSNL has soft-launched Quantum 5G Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) in Hyderabad, India's first fully indigenous, SIM-less 5G FWA service, delivering fibre-like speeds via 5G radio
- The National Institute of Immunohaematology (NIIH), under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), launched India's first national rare blood donor registry in Mumbai
- IFFCO (Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative) is establishing its first international nano-fertiliser manufacturing plant in Paraná province, Brazil
- Uttarakhand has become the first state in India to launch a Yoga Policy, announced by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on the 11th International Yoga Day
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the first 'Make in India' diesel locomotive meant for export from the Marhowrah Diesel Locomotive Factory in Bihar
- The Delhi government is set to implement its first-ever artificial rain pilot project to tackle pollution
- The first Indian epigraphical reference to Halley's Comet was found in a 1456 CE copper plate inscription at the Mallikarjunaswamy Temple in Srisailem, Andhra Pradesh
- The Bihar State Election Commission has announced the launch of an Android-based mobile e-voting system, making Bihar the first state in India to adopt such a technology-driven approach to voting





**Ques: What is the purpose of the Shaktipeeth Expressway recently approved by the Maharashtra Cabinet?**

**हाल ही में महाराष्ट्र मंत्रिमंडल द्वारा अनुमोदित शक्ति पीठ एक्सप्रेसवे का उद्देश्य क्या है?**

- A. To build a coastal shipping route / एक तटीय शिपिंग मार्ग बनाना
- B. To connect Mumbai with Delhi / मुंबई को दिल्ली से जोड़ना
- C. To link key Shakti Peethas and reduce travel time from Nagpur to Goa / प्रमुख शक्ति पीठों को जोड़ना और नागपुर से गोवा की यात्रा का समय घटाना
- D. To promote urban housing projects / शहरी आवास परियोजनाओं को बढ़ावा देना
- E. To create a new railway corridor / एक नया रेलवे कॉरिडोर बनाना

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The Shaktipeeth Expressway is a major infrastructure project approved by the Maharashtra Cabinet on June 24, 2025.
- It will span 802 km, connecting 12 districts from Pavnar in Wardha to Patradevi on the Maharashtra-Goa border.
- The expressway is designed to reduce travel time between Nagpur and Goa from 18 hours to 8 hours.
- It will link 18 religious shrines, enhancing religious tourism by connecting key Shakti Peethas across Maharashtra and Goa.
- The project is being implemented by the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC).
- A major loan of Rs.12,000 crore will be sourced from HUDCO for land acquisition, while the total project cost is estimated at over Rs.84,000 crore.
- The expressway is modeled after the Nagpur-Mumbai Samruddhi Mahamarg, an access-controlled highway.
- Despite its benefits, the project is facing strong opposition from farmers along the proposed corridor.







**Ques: What is the main objective of the MoU signed between the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)?**

**ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय (MoRD) और कौशल विकास एवं उद्यमिता मंत्रालय (MSDE) के बीच हस्ताक्षरित समझौता ज्ञापन (MoU) का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?**

- A. To launch a rural digital literacy programme / ग्रामीण डिजिटल साक्षरता कार्यक्रम शुरू करना
- B. To promote rural tourism / ग्रामीण पर्यटन को बढ़ावा देना
- C. To strengthen Self-Help Groups (SHGs) through DAY-NRLM / डीएवाई-एनआरएलएम के माध्यम से स्वयं सहायता समूहों (SHGs) को मजबूत करना
- D. To develop rural roads / ग्रामीण सड़कों का विकास करना
- E. To provide free housing to SHG members / SHG सदस्यों को मुफ्त आवास प्रदान करना

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- A MoU was signed between the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) for a term of 3 years.
- The objective is to strengthen Self-Help Groups (SHGs) under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).
- DAY-NRLM, launched in June 2011, aims to reduce rural poverty by promoting livelihood opportunities, enhancing skill development, and improving access to financial services for rural households.
- With an annual budget of over Rs.13,000 crore, the scheme covers 7.15 lakh villages across 723 districts, and reaches over 8.6 crore rural households.





## Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- India and South Africa signed two submarine cooperation agreements during the 9th Joint Defence Committee (JDC) meeting, held in Johannesburg, South Africa
- Reliance Aerostructure Limited (RAL) has entered into a strategic partnership with Dassault Aviation of France to manufacture Falcon 2000 business jets in Nagpur, Maharashtra
- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in collaboration with the WHO has initiated a nationwide survey is to develop India-specific Child Growth Standards by replacing the outdated 2006 WHO benchmarks
- Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) & BHASHa Interface for India (BHASHINI) signed MOU to harness AI-powered language translation technologies for greater inclusivity and enhanced accessibility in Panchayati Raj governance
- A MOU was signed between the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM), a non-governmental trade association and Zurich (Switzerland) based Swissmem for three years to promote technical transfer, training, trade missions, regulatory cooperation, and investment for MSMEs and large firms
- The Ministry of Defense's Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) and Google-backed space technology startup Pixxel have inked a second deal to create cutting-edge hyperspectral and midwave infrared payloads for the Indian Air Force
- The Directorate General of Training, in collaboration with Shell India, launched a training program focused on Green Skills and Electric Vehicles (EVs)
- Reliance Defence Limited has entered into a strategic cooperation agreement with Diehl Defence GmbH & Co. KG valued at Rs.10,000 crore
- In 2022, Patanjali Group signed a 5-year agreement with Malaysia-based Sawit Kinabalu to source oil palm seeds under the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) scheme
- Government of Madhya Pradesh and the Embassy of France in India sign MOU to strengthen long-term cooperation in the field of culture and tourism at Samatva (Chief Minister's residence) in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- GRSE (Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited) signed a contract with the Geological Survey of India (GSI) for the construction of two Coastal Research Vessels (CRVs)





**Ques: Which Indian state will host the country's first Quantum Computing Valley by January 2026?**

**जनवरी 2026 तक देश की पहली क्वांटम कंप्यूटिंग वैली किस भारतीय राज्य में स्थापित की जाएगी?**

- A. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
- B. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- C. Telangana / तेलंगाना
- D. Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- E. Gujarat / गुजरात

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- Andhra Pradesh will host India's first Quantum Computing Valley in Amaravati by January 2026.
- The announcement was made by Katamneni Bhaskar, Secretary of Information Technology, Electronics & Communications (ITE&C), during a workshop in Vijayawada.
- The Amaravati Quantum Valley Tech Park will serve as a national innovation hub and is aligned with the objectives of the National Quantum Mission (NQM).
- IBM will deploy logical qubit quantum computers in the park.
- Key collaborators in the project include IBM, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), and Larsen & Toubro (L&T).

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**Ques: What is the name of the first entirely Australian-made orbital rocket to be launched?**

**लॉन्च होने वाला पहला पूर्ण रूप से ऑस्ट्रेलियाई निर्मित ऑर्बिटल रॉकेट कौन सा है?**

- A. Aurora / ऑरोरा
- B. Kangaroo-I / कंगारू-I
- C. Emu / एमू
- D. Eris / एरिस
- E. Vega / वेगा

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Eris is a 25-metre tall, three-stage orbital rocket developed by Gilmour Space Technologies, a private aerospace firm based in Gold Coast, Australia.
- The rocket is scheduled for launch between July 1–3, 2025, from the Bowen Orbital Spaceport in Queensland, approximately 150 km southeast of Townsville.
- This will be Australia's first homegrown orbital rocket, fully designed, built, and launched within the country – a historic achievement for the Australian space program.
- Despite earlier delays, the mission marks a major breakthrough for Australia's commercial space sector.

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**Ques: What is the name of the bill passed by the UK Parliament that allows terminally ill patients to opt for assisted dying?**

**यूके संसद द्वारा पारित उस विधेयक का क्या नाम है जो गंभीर रूप से बीमार मरीजों को सहायता प्राप्त मृत्यु चुनने की अनुमति देता है?**

- A. Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Bill / असिस्टेड डाइंग फॉर टर्मिनली इल बिल
- B. Euthanasia Regulation Bill / यूथेनैशिया रेगुलेशन बिल
- C. Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill / टर्मिनली इल एडल्ट्स (एंड ऑफ लाइफ) बिल
- D. Compassionate Exit Act / कॉम्पैशनेट एग्जिट एक्ट
- E. Right to Die Law / राइट टू डाई लॉ

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The UK Parliament passed the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill in the House of Commons, allowing patients in England and Wales with less than six months to live to opt for assisted dying.
- The legislation includes strict medical and legal oversight, involving two doctors, a psychiatrist, a senior lawyer, and a social worker.
- The bill addresses the issue of euthanasia, which refers to intentionally ending a person's life to relieve suffering.
- The bill only applies to voluntary euthanasia, where the patient consents and meets the required conditions.

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**Ques: What is the focus of the Global Tobacco Epidemic 2025 report released by the WHO?**

**WHO द्वारा जारी ग्लोबल टोबैको एपिडेमिक 2025 रिपोर्ट का मुख्य फोकस क्या है?**

- A. Increasing tobacco farming subsidies / तंबाकू खेती पर सब्सिडी बढ़ाना
- B. Promoting tobacco in media / मीडिया में तंबाकू को बढ़ावा देना
- C. Reducing taxes on tobacco / तंबाकू पर करों को कम करना
- D. Development of e-cigarettes / ई-सिगरेट का विकास
- E. MPOWER measures for tobacco control / तंबाकू नियंत्रण के लिए MPOWER उपाय

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- The Global Tobacco Epidemic 2025 report is published by the World Health Organization (WHO) with support from Bloomberg Philanthropies.
- It focuses on the MPOWER measures, which are proven strategies under the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) to reduce tobacco use.

**MPOWER stands for:**

- M – Monitor tobacco use and prevention policies
- P – Protect people from tobacco smoke
- O – Offer help to quit tobacco
- W – Warn about dangers of tobacco
- E – Enforce bans on tobacco advertising
- R – Raise taxes on tobacco products

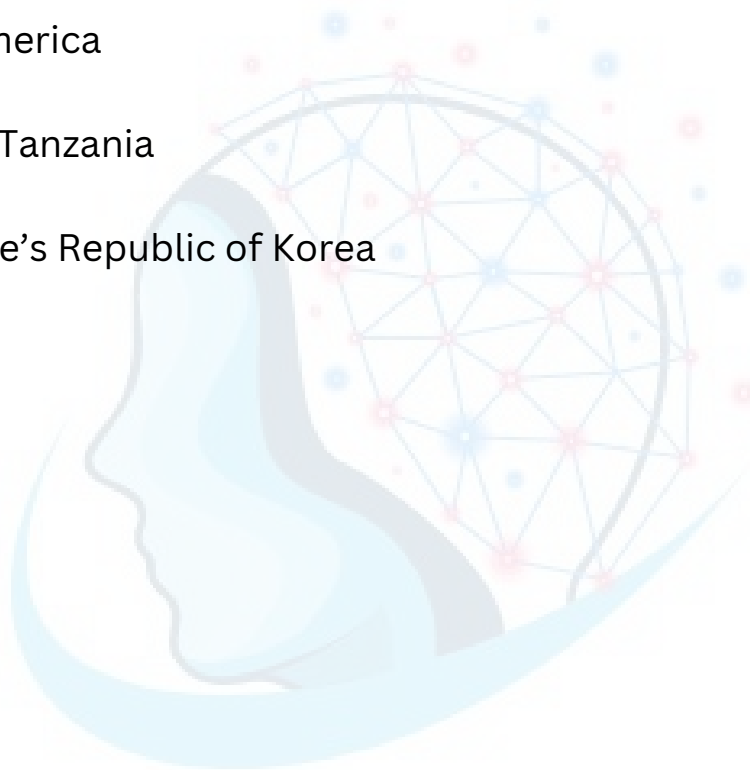
- The 2025 report especially emphasizes the ‘W’ measure (warn about dangers) and shows that 6.1 billion people are now protected by at least one MPOWER measure.
- India is recognized for best-practice-level graphic health warnings and has been in the top group for the ‘W’ measure since 2016
- However, tobacco taxation (‘R’ measure) is the least adopted MPOWER strategy in India.
- India leads globally by applying tobacco control regulations to digital streaming content, in addition to traditional media.





**The world's top 10 largest Tobacco producing countries, as of 2023 are:**

- 1 China (mainland)
- 2 India
- 3 Brazil
- 4 Indonesia
- 5 Zimbabwe
- 6 United States of America
- 7 Pakistan
- 8 United Republic of Tanzania
- 9 Argentina
- 10 Democratic People's Republic of Korea



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**Ques: 'Adamya' is the first Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) inducted into which force?**  
**‘आदम्या’ को किस बल में पहले फास्ट पेट्रोल वेसल (FPV) के रूप में शामिल किया गया है?**

- A. Indian Coast Guard / भारतीय तटरक्षक बल
- B. Indian Navy / भारतीय नौसेना
- C. Indian Army / भारतीय सेना
- D. Border Security Force / सीमा सुरक्षा बल
- E. Indo-Tibetan Border Police / भारत-तिब्बत सीमा पुलिस

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation :**

- ‘Adamya’ is the first Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) under the eight FPV Project at Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL).
- It was inducted into the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) on June 26, 2025, in Goa.
- The vessel is the first of its class in the ICG to feature Controllable Pitch Propellers (CPPs) and indigenously developed gearboxes, enabling better maneuverability and performance at sea.
- It is equipped with advanced technologies including a 30mm CRN-91 gun, remote-control guns, IBS, IPMS, and APMS.
- This enhances the ICG’s capability in law enforcement, coastal surveillance, rescue operations, and EEZ protection.
- ‘Adamya’ has been completely designed and built by GSL, showcasing India’s progress in shipbuilding and promoting the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

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## Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- Axiom Space, the U.S.-based private company behind Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4) featuring Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, has signed an agreement with Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace
- INS Nilgiri, the first stealth frigate under Project 17A, has officially joined the Eastern Naval Command at Visakhapatnam and is now part of the Eastern Sword – Sunrise Fleet
- The Tomahawk is a long-range, subsonic cruise missile developed by the United States Navy, used primarily for precision land-based strikes
- India has initiated preliminary development of a conventional variant of its Agni-V ICBM, equipped with a 7.5-tonne warhead
- INS Teg is a stealth Talwar-class guided missile frigate of the Indian Navy, deployed in the South West Indian Ocean Region
- The Indian Navy will commission INS Tamal, a stealth multi-role frigate, on July 1, 2025, in Kaliningrad, Russia
- The GBU-57A/B Massive Ordnance Penetrator (MOP), also known as a "bunker buster", is a 30,000-pound (13,600 kg) precision-guided bomb developed by the United States
- Russia has trademarked technology for launching autonomous spacecraft from orbital stations. This will be the world's first drone platform with self-maintenance robotic systems
- Rudrastra is an indigenously developed VTOL (Vertical Take-Off and Landing) drone tested by the Indian Army for precision strikes
- 'Achal' is the 5th Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) in a series of 8 being constructed by Goa Shipyard Ltd. (GSL) for the Indian Coast Guard
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to acquire I-STAR aircraft under a Rs.10,000 crore project, which is expected to be cleared soon by the government
- INS Arnala is the first Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) of the Indian Navy. It will be commissioned on 18 June 2025 at the Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam, presided over by General Anil Chauhan, Chief of Defence Staff
- MSC Irina is the world's largest container ship, with a carrying capacity of 24,346 TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units).
- The MV Wan Hai 503, a Singapore-flagged container vessel, caught fire 88 nautical miles off the Beypore coast in Kerala



**Ques: Which prestigious Indian literary award, known for its Rs.25 lakh prize, was discontinued after its 7th edition in 2024?**

**कौन सा प्रतिष्ठित भारतीय साहित्यिक पुरस्कार, जो Rs.25 लाख की राशि के लिए जाना जाता था, 2024 में अपने 7वें संस्करण के बाद बंद कर दिया गया है?**

- A. Sahitya Akademi Award / साहित्य अकादमी पुरस्कार
- B. JCB Prize for Literature / जेसीबी साहित्य पुरस्कार
- C. Booker Prize India Edition / बुकर पुरस्कार भारत संस्करण
- D. DSC Prize for South Asian Literature / डीएससी दक्षिण एशियाई साहित्य पुरस्कार
- E. Tagore Literary Prize / टैगोर साहित्य पुरस्कार

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The JCB Prize for Literature, India's most lucrative literary award (Rs.25 lakh for the winner and Rs.10 lakh for the translator), has been discontinued after seven successful editions.
- The final award was given in 2024 to Upamanyu Chatterjee for his novel 'Lorenzo Searches for the Meaning of Life'.
- The news was confirmed by Mita Kapur, the Literary Director of the JCB Prize.
- Launched in 2018, the prize played a crucial role in promoting Indian fiction and especially celebrating literary translations into English.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- 2025 Bloomberg Philanthropies Global Tobacco Control Award : India under the 'O' category, which stands for "Offer help to quit tobacco use"
- 'Special Mention Award' at the Digital Payments Award 2024-25 : India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)
- Knighthood by King Charles III : David Robert Joseph Beckham
- Skytrax's World Airline Awards 2025 : Qatar Airways
- Jury Award for Best Commissioned Film at the Annecy International Animation Festival 2025 : "Desi Oon", created by renowned Indian animation filmmaker Shri Suresh Eriyat
- 'The Champion of Digital Media Awards South Asia 2025' : The Hindu
- James Beard Awards : Vijay Kumar
- Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) honour : Leena Nair
- Srimanta Sankardeva Award by Government of Assam : Dr. Sonal Mansingh
- Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III is the highest civilian honour of Republic of Cyprus : Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Leopard award at this year's Locarno Film Festival : American filmmaker Alexander Payne
- India's shooter Sift Kaur Samra secure a bronze medal in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions event at the ISSF World Cup 2025 in Munich, Germany.
- Dostoevsky Star Award conferred by the Russian House : Javed Akhtar became the first Indian writer
- United Nations Sasakawa Award 2025 : Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General of the India Meteorological Department (IMD)
- Global Leadership Award from the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) : Kumar Mangalam Birla
- Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi Classical Tamil Award : Tamil scholar Thayammal Aravanan
- 72nd Miss World 2025 : Miss Thailand, Opal Suchata Chuangsri
- Global Indian of the Year 2025 : Jagadish "Jaggi" Vasudev, widely known as Sadhguru by the Canada India Foundation (CIF)
- Companion of the Order of Fiji, the highest civilian honour in Fiji : Sumeet Tappoo
- Asian Athletics Leadership Gold Pin : Adille J. Sumariwalla
- International Booker Prize 2025 : Banu Mushtaq for her short story collection 'Heart Lamp'





**Ques: What was the target of Iran's Operation Bashayer Al-Fath launched in response to the US's Operation Midnight Hammer?**

**अमेरिका के ऑपरेशन मिडनाइट हैमर के जवाब में ईरान द्वारा शुरू किए गए ऑपरेशन बशायेर अल-फतह का लक्ष्य क्या था?**

- A. US Embassy in Iraq / इराक में अमेरिकी दूतावास
- B. Israeli Air Base / इज़रायली एयर बेस
- C. Al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar / कतर में अल-उदीद एयर बेस
- D. Strait of Hormuz Naval Base / होरमुज़ जलडमरूमध्य नौसैनिक अड्डा
- E. Camp Arifjan in Kuwait / कुवैत में कैंप अरिफ़जान

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Iran targeted the Al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar with Operation Bashayer Al-Fath.
- The United States' Operation Midnight Hammer, which comprised airstrikes on Iranian nuclear facilities, prompted this operation.
- The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), a division of the Iranian Armed Forces, carried out Operation Bashayer Al-Fath, which translates to "Annunciation of Victory."
- The US Al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar, a vital strategic asset for the US military in the area, was the target of a missile attack during the operation.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to Operations :

- Operation Midnight Hammer : U.S. military executing airstrikes on three key Iranian nuclear sites—Fordow, Natanz, and Isfahan using B-2 stealth bombers and long-range missiles
- Operation Sindhu : launched by the Government of India in June 2025 to evacuate Indian nationals stranded in Iran due to escalating tensions with Israel
- Operation True Promise 3 : Iran launched for escalating military strikes on Israel for the third consecutive day
- Operation Rising Lion : Israel launched an air operation on 13th June 2025, targeting Iran's nuclear and military infrastructure
- Operation Secure : a global cybercrime crackdown led by Interpol from January to April 2025
- Operation Olivia : annual conservation initiative by the Indian Coast Guard in collaboration with the Odisha Forest Department to protect the Olive Ridley turtles during their nesting period from December to May
- Operation Black Forest : conducted in Kurraguttalu Hills on the Chhattisgarh–Telangana border is one of India's largest anti-Naxal operations, 31 Maoists were killed
- Operation Gideon Chariots : Israel launched to pressure Hamas into releasing the remaining hostages
- Operation Keller : The Indian Army launched a counter-terrorism operation in Shoekal Keller, Shopian, Jammu & Kashmir
- Operation Bunyan al-Marsus : launched by Pakistan against India in response to India's Operation Sindoor conducted on May 7, 2025
- Operation Sindoor : by the Indian Armed Forces post-midnight in retaliation to the terrorist attack on April 22, 2025, in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir
- Operation Tikka : to foil an infiltration attempt along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Baramulla district
- Operation Brahma : to assist victims of the earthquake in Myanmar
- Operation Dronagiri : to showcase how geospatial technologies can enhance citizens' quality of life and ease of doing business
- Operation Sadbhavana : to provide humanitarian assistance to the countries affected by Typhoon Yagi, which include Myanmar, Laos, and Vietnam



**Ques: As per Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil, by which year will the remaining 4 crore households get tap water connections under Jal Jeevan Mission?**

**प्रति जल शक्ति मंत्री सी. आर. पाटिल, जल जीवन मिशन के तहत शेष 4 करोड़ घरों को नल से जल कनेक्शन किस वर्ष तक मिल जाएगा?**

- A. 2025
- B. 2026
- C. 2027
- D. 2028
- E. 2029

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Over 15 crore households in India have already been provided with tap water connections under the Jal Jeevan Mission, as announced by Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil.
- The remaining 4 crore households are expected to be connected by the year 2028, ensuring universal access to safe drinking water across the country.
- According to WHO estimates, safe water supply has helped prevent nearly 4 lakh deaths annually from diarrheal diseases.
- The mission reinforces the government's vision of 'Har Ghar Jal' and was discussed during a press conference in New Delhi.

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**Ques: What is ConvEx-3 (2025), recently hosted by Romania in collaboration with the IAEA?**

**ConvEx-3 (2025) क्या है, जिसे हाल ही में रोमानिया द्वारा IAEA के सहयोग से आयोजित किया गया?**

- A. A nuclear disarmament summit / एक परमाणु निरस्त्रीकरण शिखर सम्मेलन
- B. A global nuclear emergency preparedness exercise / एक वैश्विक परमाणु आपातकालीन तैयारी अभ्यास
- C. A military nuclear weapons demonstration / एक सैन्य परमाणु हथियार प्रदर्शन
- D. A treaty signing event for radiation protection / विकिरण सुरक्षा के लिए एक संधि हस्ताक्षर कार्यक्रम
- E. A workshop on nuclear energy investment / परमाणु ऊर्जा निवेश पर कार्यशाला

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- ConvEx-3 (2025) is a full-scale international emergency preparedness exercise focused on nuclear or radiological emergencies with potential cross-border impacts.
- The exercise is hosted by Romania in collaboration with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).
- Over 75 countries and 10 international organizations are participating in this major simulation.
- ConvEx exercises are organized every 3 to 5 years and are based on simulated nuclear events hosted by IAEA Member States.
- The goal is to test and enhance the operational arrangements of the Early Notification Convention and the Assistance Convention, which guide international coordination during nuclear emergencies.

**There are three types of ConvEx exercises:**

ConvEx-1: Tests 24/7 emergency communication links and response times.

ConvEx-2: Tests specific parts of emergency response procedures.

ConvEx-3: A comprehensive, real-time simulation involving multiple countries and organizations





## Recent News Headlines Related to Defence Exercise :

- The 53rd edition of NATO's premier multinational maritime-focused exercise, BALTOPS 25, was launched in Latvia
- Tiger Claw is the first-ever joint exercise between the Special Forces of the Indian Air Force (Garud) and the United States Air Force Special Forces
- The 8th edition of Exercise Shakti 2025, a biennial bilateral military exercise between India and France, will be held at La Cavalerie, France, from June 18 to July 1, 2025
- The India-U.K. joint naval Passage Exercise (PASSEX) took place in the North Arabian Sea on June 9–10, 2025. The Indian Navy was represented by INS Tabar (a stealth frigate), a submarine, and a P-8I maritime patrol aircraft
- The 22nd edition of the multinational exercise 'Khaan Quest' is being held in Mongolia from June 14 to 28, 2025. It was first initiated in 2003 by the USA and Mongolia, and has been a multinational event since 2006
- The 17th edition of the India–Mongolia joint military exercise Nomadic Elephant was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- Iran and Azerbaijan launched the "Aras-2025" joint special forces military exercise. It was conducted from May 18 to 21, 2025, involving Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and Azerbaijani troops
- Golden Dragon 2025 is a joint military exercise between China and Cambodia. The exercise is held at the Ream Naval Base in Sihanoukville, Cambodia's southern coast
- The Indian Army and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) jointly conducted Exercise Raahat in Assam, focusing on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) operations
- The Indian Army conducted 'Teesta Prahar', a large-scale integrated field exercise at the Teesta field firing range in West Bengal. The exercise was held under the Trishakti Corps, part of the Eastern Command
- India is set to join the Talisman Sabre 2025 military drill for the first time. This exercise is a biennial event. It aims to enhance strategic cooperation and defense collaboration in the Indo-Pacific region.
- Exercise "Aakraman," a significant military exercise, was carried out by the Indian Air Force (IAF) to simulate strikes on both ground and mountain targets
- The Indian Air Force contingent took part in Exercise Desert Flag-10, held at Al Dhafra Air Base, UAE





**Ques: How many weapon systems has DRDO offered for emergency procurement to enhance the capabilities of the Indian Armed Forces?**

**भारतीय सशस्त्र बलों की क्षमताओं को बढ़ाने के लिए DRDO ने आपातकालीन खरीद के लिए कितने हथियार प्रणालियों की पेशकश की है?**

- A. 14
- B. 28
- C. 22
- D. 18
- E. 34

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- India's Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has taken action to improve the military's capabilities.
- It has provided 28 current weapon systems for purchase in an emergency.
- The Army, Navy, and Air Force can purchase new weapon systems or resupply existing ones as needed thanks to emergency procurement.
- There are 14 systems available for the Army to choose from, eight for the Navy, and six for the Air Force.

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**Ques: Under which operation did the DRI seize ₹9 crore worth of Pakistani-origin goods illegally routed via Dubai?**

**दुबई के माध्यम से अवैध रूप से भेजे गए ₹9 करोड़ के पाकिस्तानी सामान को DRI ने किस ऑपरेशन के तहत जब्त किया?**

- A. Operation Black Border / ऑपरेशन ब्लैक बॉर्डर
- B. Operation Sindoor / ऑपरेशन सिंदूर
- C. Operation Silent Route / ऑपरेशन साइलेंट रूट
- D. Operation Deep Manifest / ऑपरेशन डीप मैनिफेस्ट
- E. Operation Vigil Trade / ऑपरेशन विजिल ट्रेड

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) launched 'Operation Deep Manifest' to crack down on the illegal routing of Pakistani-origin goods via third countries like Dubai, violating India's import policy.
- 39 containers carrying 1,115 metric tonnes of such goods worth approximately Rs.9 crore were seized at Nhava Sheva Port, Maharashtra.
- Importers misdeclared origins, used Dubai's Jebel Ali Port for transshipment, and manipulated documents to bypass the ban imposed after the May 2, 2025 Pahalgam terror attacks.
- This operation is part of DRI's larger efforts, alongside Operation Sindoor, to counter economic threats and safeguard national security.

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**Ques: When will India conduct its first comprehensive Household Income Survey to assess income distribution across the country?**

**भारत में आय वितरण का आकलन करने के लिए पहली व्यापक घरेलू आय सर्वेक्षण कब किया जाएगा?**

- A. 2024
- B. 2025
- C. 2026
- D. 2027
- E. 2028

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has announced that India will conduct its first comprehensive Household Income Survey in 2026.
- This will be the first nationwide survey focused solely on household income distribution.
- The survey will be conducted by the National Sample Survey (NSS) and overseen by a Technical Expert Group (TEG) led by Dr. Surjit S. Bhalla.
- It aims to incorporate global best practices, overcome past issues of underreporting, and use digital tools for improved accuracy.
- This builds on MoSPI's broader efforts to modernize statistical data collection and methodology.

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## News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- The Union Cabinet approved the setting up of the CIP South Asia Regional Centre (CSARC) at Singna village, Agra district, Uttar Pradesh
- Ministry of Defence placed an order for 450 Nagastra-1R loitering munitions (suicide drones) with Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited. The Rs. 158 crore contract aims to boost the Indian Army's precision-strike capabilities.
- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has launched the Rs.2.3 crore 'Innovative Projects Start-up Challenge' focused on Rooftop Solar (RTS) and Distributed Renewable Energy (DRE) technologies
- NAVYA (Nurturing Aspirations through Vocational Training for Young Adolescent Girls) is a pilot initiative jointly launched by Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) and Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) on 24th June 2025 in Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh
- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) has partnered with IIM Ahmedabad to launch a Training of Trainers (ToT) program focused on the generation of Own Source Revenue (OSR) by Gram Panchayats
- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has announced that the base year for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) will be updated to 2024
- Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav launched the Gharial Species Conservation Programme on 20 June 2025 at Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, Uttar Pradesh, by releasing seven one-year-old gharial hatchlings into the Gerua River
- Yoga Bandhan is a global initiative launched by the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) under the Ministry of Ayush
- The Union Education Ministry has set up a high-level committee to address the rising dependency on coaching centres and improve the fairness and effectiveness of competitive exams
- The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) will launch a FASTag-based annual pass for private, non-commercial vehicles (cars, jeeps, vans) starting August 15, 2025
- The Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan was launched by Union Tribal Affairs Minister Shri Jual Oram to promote tribal empowerment and public participation
- MyGov, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, successfully hosted a one-day session titled "Think Social @ MyGov" in New Delhi. The training aimed to improve digital communication across Ministries and Departments and increase citizen involvement through platforms including YouTube, Meta, and



**Ques: What is the estimated cost of the 'Mukhya Mantri Kanya Vivah Mandap Yojana' recently approved by the Bihar Cabinet?**

**बिहार कैबिनेट द्वारा हाल ही में स्वीकृत 'मुख्यमंत्री कन्या विवाह मंडप योजना' की अनुमानित लागत क्या है?**

- A. Rs.1,000 crore
- B. Rs.2,526 crore
- C. Rs.3,000 crore
- D. Rs.4,026 crore
- E. Rs.5,100 crore

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Bihar Cabinet has approved the 'Mukhya Mantri Kanya Vivah Mandap Yojana' to construct marriage halls in all 8,053 gram panchayats of the state.
- The estimated total cost of the scheme is Rs.4,026 crore, with each marriage hall to be built at a cost of Rs.50 lakh.
- The scheme will be implemented in a phased manner over five years starting from the current financial year.
- In another decision, the cabinet approved the launch of 'Jeevika Didi Ki Rasoi' at block, sub-divisional, and district-level offices, and at government medical colleges and hospitals.
- Meals under this scheme will be provided at a subsidised rate of Rs.20 per plate, and the initiative will begin on July 1, with an estimated budget of Rs.5 crore.
- The state also announced a significant increase in social security pensions — from Rs.400 to Rs.1,100 per month, benefiting around 1.11 crore people, including the elderly, persons with disabilities, and widows.





**Ques: Who is the author of the book 'Mujib's Blunders: The Powers and the Plot Behind His Killing'?**

**‘मुजीब्स ब्लंडर्स: द पॉवर्स एंड द प्लॉट बिहाइंड हिज किलिंग’ पुस्तक के लेखक कौन हैं?**

- A. Salil Tripathi / सलील त्रिपाठी
- B. Sagarika Ghose / सागरिका घोष
- C. Manash Ghosh / मानस घोष
- D. Humayun Ahmed / हुमायूँ अहमद
- E. Yasmin Saikia / यास्मीन सैकिया

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The book 'Mujib's Blunders: The Powers and the Plot Behind His Killing' is written by Manash Ghosh, a seasoned journalist who reported from Dhaka during the 1970s.
- It provides deep insights into the assassination of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founding father of Bangladesh, and explores the political rivalries, policy failures, and international intelligence operations behind the incident.
- Drawing from first-hand accounts, archival research, and an Indian perspective, the book is a valuable addition to South Asian political literature.
- It is published by Paper Missile.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- A Billion Butterflies: A Life in Climate and Chaos Theory : Dr. Jagadish Shukla
- "History That India Ignored" : Prem Prakash, Chairman of Asian News International (ANI)
- 'New World: 21st Century Global Order in India' : senior BJP leader Ram Madhav
- "Zan! Zendegi! Azadi!" (Woman! Life! Freedom!) : Chowra Makaremi
- "Varalaru Koorum Tamil Nattu Kaasugal (Coins that Speak Tamil Nadu History) : Thangam Thennarasu, Minister for Finance, Tamil Nadu and Arumuga Sitharaman, a noted numismatic researcher
- A Different Kind of Power : Jacinda Kate Laurell Ardern
- "The Stars Light the Way" : Sucheta Raj Khanna
- India's Finance Ministers III: Different Strokes (1998–2014) : A.K. Bhattacharya's
- Guardians of Heritage : Senthilkumar Chandrasekaran
- "Karnad Kaleidoscope" : Muralidhara Khajane
- 'Modi's Niti Shastra: The World's His Oyster : Senior Advocate Dr. Adish C. Aggarwala
- "Will India Get Rich Before it Turns 100?" : Prosenjit Datta
- Portrait of a Genius : Jayanta Bhuyan
- "The Man Who Became Cinema: Dilip Kumar" : Ashok Chopra
- 'Story of Schisms and Isms – Kerala from the Twilight of Monarchy to the Present' : R. Mohan, a former IRS officer
- "Kashmir Insurgency – Deconstructing the State Response Revisiting 1989–90" : Colonel Yoginder Kandhari (Retd.), an Indian Army(IA) veteran
- "Life's Magic Moments" : Ruskin Bond
- "India: 5000 Years of History on the Subcontinent" : Audrey Truschke
- 'Revolution in Banking: Wheels of India's Growth Story' : Nirmal Bansal and Suneel Gupta
- "The Great Conciliator: Lal Bahadur Shastri and the Transformation of India" : Sanjeev Chopra
- "Indira Gandhi and the Years That Transformed India" : Srinath Raghavan
- Test Cricket: A History : Tim Wigmore
- "Original Sin" : Jake Tapper and Alex Thompson





**Ques: From which year will CBSE conduct Class 10 board exams twice a year?**  
**CBSE किस वर्ष से कक्षा 10 की बोर्ड परीक्षाएं वर्ष में दो बार आयोजित करेगा?**

- A. 2024
- B. 2025
- C. 2026
- D. 2027
- E. 2028

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Starting from 2026, Class 10 students under the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) will have the opportunity to appear for board exams twice in one academic year.
- As per the new format, appearing in the first phase (February) will be mandatory for all students.
- The second phase (May) will be optional, allowing students a chance to improve their scores if desired.
- These changes are part of the National Education Policy (NEP) recommendations to reduce exam pressure on students.
- The results of the first exam will be declared in April, and those of the second attempt in June.

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## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Union Minister of State (MoS) Pankaj Chaudhary, Ministry of Finance (MoF) launched the ICETAB device for export examination on the first day of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) Conclave.

The government has cancelled the appointment of Pankaj Dwivedi as Executive Director (ED) of the state-owned Union Bank of India.

The transgender community in Assam will now be accorded OBC (Other Backward Class) status, according to a statement made by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. Additionally, he announced a 50% reservation for Anganwadi workers in supervisor-level roles within the Women and Child Development Department (WCD).

Union Minister Amit Shah released a book titled “The Emergency Diaries – Years that Forged a Leader” to mark ‘Samvidhan Hatya Diwas’, commemorating the antiEmergency movement in India

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## महत्वपूर्ण एक पंक्ति वाली करेंट अफेयर्स

केंद्रीय राज्य मंत्री (MoS) पंकज चौधरी, वित्त मंत्रालय (MoF) ने केंद्रीय अप्रत्यक्ष कर और सीमा शुल्क बोर्ड (CBIC) कॉन्क्लेव के पहले दिन निर्यात जांच के लिए ICETAB डिवाइस लॉन्च की।

सरकार ने सरकारी स्वामित्व वाले यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया के कार्यकारी निदेशक (ED) के रूप में पंकज द्विवेदी की नियुक्ति रद्द कर दी है।

असम के मुख्यमंत्री हिमंत बिस्वा सरमा द्वारा दिए गए एक बयान के अनुसार, असम में ट्रांसजेंडर समुदाय को अब OBC (अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग) का दर्जा दिया जाएगा। इसके अतिरिक्त, उन्होंने महिला और बाल विकास विभाग (WCD) के भीतर पर्यवेक्षक स्तर की भूमिकाओं में आंगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ताओं के लिए 50% आरक्षण की घोषणा की।

केंद्रीय मंत्री अमित शाह ने भारत में आपातकाल विरोधी आंदोलन की याद में 'संविधान हत्या दिवस' को चिह्नित करने के लिए "द इमरजेंसी डायरीज़ - इयर्स दैट फोर्ज्ड ए लीडर" नामक एक पुस्तक का विमोचन किया।

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