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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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





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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation :**

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

**Collection of GST in May 2025 :**

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

**GST Collection of Previous Months :**

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





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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation :**

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

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

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

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

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

**Anubhav Awards :**

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



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

### **Anubhav Jury Certificates :**

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

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

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

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation :**

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

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## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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