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Ques: How much worth of G-Secs did FPIs sell in Q1 FY26 under the Fully Accessible Route (FAR)?

- A. Rs.15,000 crore
- B. Rs.25,544 crore
- C. Rs.20,000 crore
- D. Rs.12,650 crore
- E. Rs.30,000 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- In Q1 of FY26, Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) sold Government Securities (G-Secs) worth Rs.25,544 crore under the Fully Accessible Route (FAR).
- This marks the largest quarterly sale since G-Secs were included in global bond indices.
- Notably, G-Secs were added to the JP Morgan GBI-EM Index (effective June 28, 2024) and Bloomberg's EM LC Government Index (January 31, 2025).

Key reasons for the sell-off include:

- A reduced yield spread (~180 bps) between the 10-year US Treasury and the 10-year Indian G-Sec (down from 400–500 bps earlier)
- Geopolitical tensions (e.g., India-Pakistan) and global trade/tariff uncertainties.
- Profit-booking after a bond rally, supported by 50 bps RBI rate cuts earlier this year.





Ques: Which HDFC Bank subsidiary received SEBI approval for launching India's largest NBFC IPO worth Rs.12,500 crore?

- A. HDFC Securities
- B. HDB Financial Services
- C. HDFC Capital
- D. HDFC AMC
- E. HDFC Infra Ltd

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- HDB Financial Services, a subsidiary of HDFC Bank, has received SEBI approval to launch an IPO worth Rs.12,500 crore, the largest NBFC IPO in India.
- The IPO includes an Offer for Sale (OFS) of Rs.10,000 crore and a fresh issue of Rs.2,500 crore.
- HDFC Bank currently holds a 94.36% stake in HDB Financial Services.
- The IPO is in compliance with the RBI's upper-layer NBFC norms, which mandate listing by 30 September 2025.
- Funds raised will be used to augment Tier-I capital and meet future lending needs.
- The company filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) in October 2024.
- Lead book-running managers include JM Financial, BNP Paribas, BofA Securities, Goldman Sachs, HSBC, IIFL, Jefferies, Motilal Oswal, among others.





Ques: Swarup Kumar Saha's tenure as MD & CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank has been extended till which year?

- A. 2027
- B. 2026
- C. 2025
- D. 2028
- E. 2030

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Government of India has extended the tenure of Swarup Kumar Saha, Managing Director and CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank, till February 28, 2027, or until further orders.
- His original tenure was supposed to end on June 2, 2025, but has now been extended under the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1980.
- Saha has over 30 years of experience in banking and has led the bank since June 2022.
- Punjab & Sind Bank reported strong financial results in Q4 and FY 2024-25.

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Mauritanian economist Sidi Ould Tah : 9th President of the African Development Bank (AfDB)
- Asheesh Pandey : Managing Director and CEO of Union Bank of India (UBI)
- Prashant Thakker : Head of Citigroup Inc. corporate bank for South- and Southeast Asia
- Dinesh Pant and Ratnakar Patnaik : Managing Directors (MDs) of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)
- Parameswaran Iyer : Interim Executive Director (ED) to represent India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka at the International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- Sanjay Joshi : Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of Oriental Insurance Company Limited (OICL)
- Dr. Poonam Gupta : Deputy Governor of RBI
- Vivek Singh : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Home Credit India
- Neeraj Kumar Gupta : Chairman and Public Interest Director at NSE International Exchange (NSE IX) at GIFT City
- Santosh Kumar : Deputy CFO, Special Officer-Finance & Accounts, and Key Managerial Personnel IndusInd Bank
- Ajay Bhushan Pandey : Vice President – Investment Solutions at the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- Piyush Anchliya : Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Cashfree Payments
- Dr. Neelam Dhungana Timsina : Acting Governor of Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB) (replaced Mahaprasad Adhikari)
- Andrew Holland : Head of the newly introduced asset class – specialised investment funds (SIF) of Nippon Life India Asset Management (NAM)
- Viral Davda : Deputy Chief Information Officer at Bombay Stock Exchange Limited (BSE)
- Balaji Nuthalapadi : Executive Director – Technology and Operations at Equitas Small Finance Bank



Ques: Which global investment firm sold 2.6% stake in YES Bank for Rs.1,775 crore through open market transactions?

- A. Blackstone Group
- B. Bain Capital
- C. Carlyle Group
- D. Warburg Pincus
- E. KKR & Co.

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Carlyle Group, a global investment firm based in the United States, sold a 2.6% stake in YES Bank worth Rs.1,775 crore via open market transactions.
- The transaction was conducted through its affiliate, CA Basque Investments.
- Carlyle sold 82 crore shares at a price between Rs.21.61– Rs.21.68 per share.
- Post-sale, Carlyle's stake in YES Bank declined from 6.84% to 4.22%.
- This development followed the announcement by SBI and 7 other lenders to sell 20% combined stake in YES Bank to Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) of Japan for Rs.13,483 crore, marking the largest cross-border investment in the Indian banking sector.
- Following the sale, YES Bank shares fell over 10% on both BSE and NSE.

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Ques: Which company recently received in-principle RBI approval to operate as a cross-border payment aggregator in India?

- A. PayPal
- B. Wise
- C. PhonePe
- D. Revolut
- E. Western Union

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Wise, a global technology company, has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a cross-border payment aggregator in India.
- This move allows Wise to provide faster, cheaper, and more transparent cross-border payment solutions to Indian users.
- Currently, Wise handles about 10% of all inbound international remittances to India.
- According to SK Saraogi, APAC Head of Expansion at Wise, this is a major step toward simplifying global money transfers for customers.
- The approval further solidifies Wise's footprint in the Indian fintech and remittance market.

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Ques: Under which article of the Indian Constitution were the new regulations for Ladakh's land, jobs, and cultural preservation issued?

- A. Article 370
- B. Article 244
- C. Article 240
- D. Article 371
- E. Article 368

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Central Government has issued a series of regulations for Ladakh under Article 240 of the Constitution.
- Article 240 empowers the President of India to make regulations for Union Territories without legislatures.

The new regulations include:

- Domicile-based recruitment rules for Ladakh government jobs.
- Reservation capped at 85% for SC, ST, OBC, and other backward groups (excluding 10% EWS).
- Recognition of English, Hindi, Urdu, Bhoti, and Purgi as official languages.
- Amendment to LAHDC Act to reserve one-third seats for women.
- Cultural and linguistic support for local communities.





Ques: Under the KERA project, how much financial assistance will rubber farmers receive per hectare?

- A. Rs.50,000
- B. Rs.60,000
- C. Rs.75,000
- D. Rs.1,00,000
- E. Rs.1,25,000

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The KERA Project (Kerala Climate Resilient Agri-Value Chain Modernisation) is a collaborative effort supported by the World Bank from 2025 to 2029.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Rubber Board and the Department of Agricultural Development and Farmers' Welfare, Kerala.
- Another MoU was signed with the Spices Board, represented by Director Rema Shree AB.
- Under this project:
 - Rubber farmers will receive Rs.75,000 per hectare, and
 - Cardamom farmers will receive Rs.1,00,000 per hectare (for up to 2 hectares).
- The project will benefit rubber farmers in Kottayam, Ernakulam, Pathanamthitta, Kannur, Malappuram, and Thiruvananthapuram, and cardamom farmers in Idukki.
- It also aims to replant 30,000 hectares of aged rubber plantations with a total project outlay of Rs.225 crore.

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Ques: What is the minimum investment required under the EV manufacturing scheme notified by the Government of India?

- A. Rs.3,000 crore
- B. Rs.5,000 crore
- C. Rs.4,150 crore
- D. Rs.6,484 crore
- E. Rs.2,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Under the EV manufacturing scheme, the minimum investment required in India over 3 years is Rs.4,150 crore (approximately USD 500 million).
- This investment condition is mandatory to avail benefits like reduced customs duty on import of electric passenger cars and permission to import Completely Built Units (CBUs).
- The scheme aims to attract global EV manufacturers, boost employment, and promote “Make in India.”

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Ques: Who won the 2025 Indian Premier League (IPL) title and how was the final match decided?

- A. Mumbai Indians by 5 wickets
- B. Chennai Super Kings by 3 runs
- C. Royal Challengers Bengaluru by 6 runs
- D. Punjab Kings by 4 wickets
- E. Kolkata Knight Riders by 7 runs

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) won their maiden IPL title in 2025 with a six-run victory over Punjab Kings in the final.
- The final was held at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad. 2025 Indian Premier League is 18th Edition
- RCB scored 190/9 in 20 overs and Punjab Kings scored 184/7 in their 20 overs.
- RCB captain Rajat Patidar, in his first season leading the team, achieved what many of his predecessors could not, ending an 18-year wait for the trophy.
- RCB won Rs.20 crore (US\$2.4 million) as prize money, while Punjab Kings received Rs.12.5 crore (US\$1.5 million) as runners-up.

Awards of 2025 Indian Premier League :

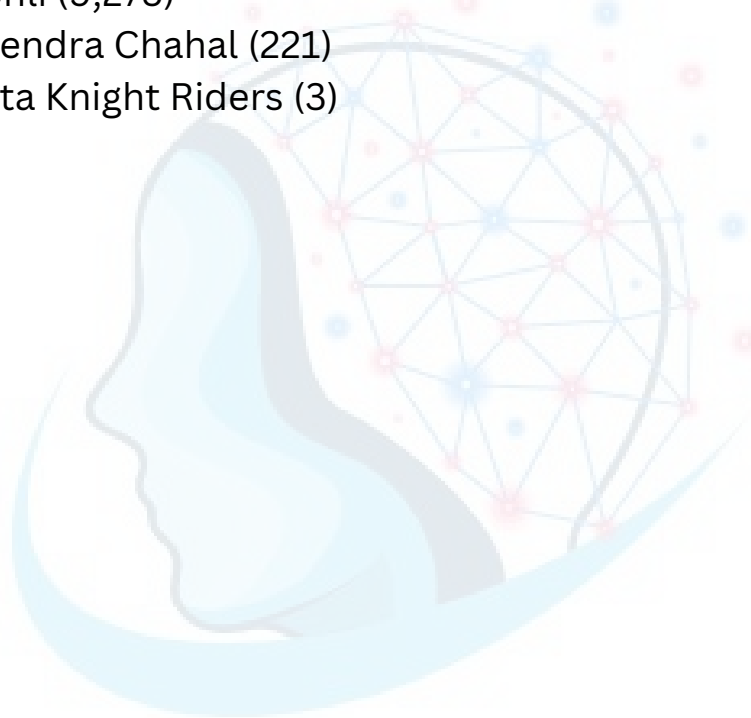
- Purple Cap (most wickets) : Prasidh Krishna (25) (Gujarat Titans)
- Orange Cap (most runs) : Sai Sudharsan (759) (Gujarat Titans)
- Emerging player of the season : Sai Sudharsan (Gujarat Titans)
- Striker of the season : Vaibhav Suryavanshi (Rajasthan Royals)
- Fantasy player of the season : Sai Sudharsan (Gujarat Titans)
- Most sixes : Nicholas Pooran (Lucknow SuperGiants)
- Most fours : Sai Sudharsan (Gujarat Titans)
- Green dot balls of the season : Mohammed Siraj (Gujarat Titans)
- Catch of the season : Kamindu Mendis (Sunrisers Hyderabad)
- Most Valuable Player : Suryakumar Yadav (Mumbai Indians)





About Indian Premier League :

- Started : 2008
- Most successful : Chennai Super Kings & Mumbai Indians (5 titles each)
- Most runs : Virat Kohli (9,275)
- Most wickets : Yuzvendra Chahal (221)
- 2024 winner : Kolkata Knight Riders (3)



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Ques: What was India's overall rank in the medal tally at the 26th Asian Athletics Championships 2025?

- A. First
- B. Second
- C. Third
- D. Fourth
- E. Fifth

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India secured the second position in the overall medal tally at the 26th Asian Athletics Championships 2025, held at Gumi Civic Stadium, South Korea, from May 27 to 31, 2025.
- India won a total of 24 medals – 8 Gold, 10 Silver, and 6 Bronze.
- China topped the chart with 32 medals (19 Gold, 9 Silver, 4 Bronze).
- The 27th edition of the championships is scheduled to be held in Xiamen, China, in 2027.

Ranking of Top 5 medal winners at 26th Asian Athletics Championships :

- 1 China : 19 (Gold) 9 (Silver) 4 (Bronze) 32 (Total)
- 2 India : 8 (Gold) 10 (Silver) 6 (Bronze) 24 (Total)
- 3 Japan : 5 (Gold) 11 (Silver) 12 (Bronze) 28 (Total)
- 4 Kazakhstan : 3 (Gold) 1 (Silver) 2 (Bronze) 6 (Total)
- 5 Qatar : 3 (Gold) 1 (Silver) 2 (Bronze) 6 (Total)





Ques: Who is the author of the book "The Great Conciliator: Lal Bahadur Shastri and the Transformation of India"?

- A. Ramachandra Guha
- B. Sanjeev Chopra
- C. Shashi Tharoor
- D. Jairam Ramesh
- E. Rajmohan Gandhi

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The book "The Great Conciliator: Lal Bahadur Shastri and the Transformation of India" is authored by Sanjeev Chopra.
- It explores Shastri ji's leadership during critical post-independence years and his role as a consensus builder balancing Nehruvian socialism and emerging Indian aspirations.
- The book highlights his contributions in the 1965 Indo-Pak war, the Green Revolution, and his emphasis on self-reliance with slogans like "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan."
- It presents him as a transformative figure in Indian politics, not just a transitional Prime Minister.

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- The Asian Weightlifting Federation (AWF), headquartered in Doha, Qatar, has announced that Ahmedabad, Gujarat will host the 2026 Asian Weightlifting Championships
- Former tennis player Serena Williams wins Princess of Asturias for sports 2025
- 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
- Vishwanath Karthikey Padakanti, a 16-year-old from Hyderabad, became the youngest Indian and second youngest globally to complete the 7 Summits challenge
- 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
- The 2025 Malaysia Masters, officially titled the Perodua Malaysia Masters 2025 organised by Badminton Association of Malaysia was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Cristiano Ronaldo has once again amazed the football world. On May 26, 2025, he scored his 800th club goal in a Saudi Pro League match for Al-Nassr against Al-Fateh. Messi has 753 goals, but is still behind him
- Neeraj Chopra won the silver medal at the 71st edition of the Janusz Kusociński Memorial 2025 held in Chorzów, Poland
- Novak Djokovic secured his 100th career singles title at the Geneva Open, joining the elite group of male tennis players with 100 or more titles
- Lando Norris, a Formula One driver from the United Kingdom, representing the UK-based McLaren team, won the F1 Monaco Grand Prix 2025
- Indian shooter Kanak Budhwar won gold in the 10 metre air pistol at the ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany
- Tottenham Hotspur beat Manchester United in the Europa League final at Athletic Bilbao's San Mames Stadium





Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- "Indira Gandhi and the Years That Transformed India" : Srinath Raghavan
- Test Cricket: A History : Tim Wigmore
- "Original Sin" : Jake Tapper and Alex Thompson
- 'Tested : The Remarkable Power of Resolve' : Australian Cricket Captain Patrick James Cummins
- "The Diary of a Cricketer's Wife: A Very Unusual Memoir" : Puja Pujara, the wife of renowned Indian cricketer Cheteshwar Pujara
- "White Lilies" : Vidya Krishnan
- "The Tamils: A Portrait of Community" : Nirmala Lakshman
- Autobiography "Janta Ki Kahani – Meri Aatamkatha" : Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatraya
- "PMO Through the Ages" (full title: Prime Minister's Office Through the Years) : Himanshu Roy
- "India@2047: Leading the Global Economic Order" : Shyam Prakash Sharma
- "The Thinking Machine: Jensen Huang, Nvidia and the World's Most Coveted Microchip" : Stephen Witt
- "Alone in the Ring: Decision-making in Critical Times" : General NC Viji, former Chief of Army Staff
- 'Janta Ki Kahani Meri Aatmkatha' : autobiography of Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatraya
- The School of Life : K. Vasuki's memoir
- "The Johnson & Johnson Files: The Indian Secrets of a Global Giant" : Kaunain Sheriff
- "The Undying Light: A Personal History of Independent India." : author and former Governor of West Bengal Gopalkrishna Gandhi
- "Ramanujan: Journey of a Great Mathematician" : Arun Singhal and Devendra Kumar Sharma
- March to Glory: The Story of India's 1975 World Cup triumph : K. Arumugam
- Buransh: The Fragrance of Words : Anupama Sharma
- Memories and Milestones : Justice P.N. Prakash
- Beyond the Courtroom: Reflections on Law, Constitution, and Nationhood : Fali Sam Nariman
- Mere Achhe Din : Hari Singh Rana



Ques: Which city in Andhra Pradesh is set to host an ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 match after 28 years?

- A. Vijayawada
- B. Visakhapatnam
- C. Tirupati
- D. Guntur
- E. Rajahmundry

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Visakhapatnam, a coastal city in Andhra Pradesh, will host a match of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025, marking its first World Cup match in 28 years.
- The tournament will be held from September 30 to November 2, 2025, across five venues in India and Sri Lanka (Colombo).
- India previously hosted the ICC Women's World Cup in 1978, 1997, and 2013.
- Participating teams include India, Australia, England, South Africa, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh.

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Ques: What is the total cost of the Aravalli Green Wall Project launched by PM Modi?

- A. Rs.12,000 crore
- B. Rs.14,800 crore
- C. Rs.16,053 crore
- D. Rs.18,200 crore
- E. Rs.20,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Aravalli Green Wall Project on June 5, aligning with World Environment Day 2025.
- The project aims to combat desertification and restore degraded land across four states — Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Gujarat.
- It has an estimated cost of Rs.16,053 crore and will create a 5 km buffer zone around the 700-km-long Aravalli range.
- The initiative covers about 6.45 million hectares and is expected to establish a carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of CO₂ equivalent.
- Though the land restoration project began in 2023, a detailed action plan has now been launched.
- This is a part of India's commitment to restore 26 million hectares of degraded land by 2030 under global climate goals.
- The Aravalli hills play a vital ecological role by preventing the spread of the Thar Desert and supporting rivers and biodiversity.





Ques: What is the name of the newly inaugurated centre by DRDO to boost India's indigenous quantum capabilities?

- A. Quantum Innovation Lab
- B. Quantum Computing Centre
- C. Quantum Defence Unit
- D. Quantum Technology Research Centre (QTRC)
- E. Centre for Advanced Quantum Studies

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has inaugurated the Quantum Technology Research Centre (QTRC).
- The centre is spearheaded by the Solid State Physics Laboratory (SSPL) and is aligned with India's National Quantum Mission.
- QTRC aims to develop sovereign quantum technologies for strategic and defence purposes and reduce reliance on foreign systems.

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Recent News Headlines Related to DRDO

- The Defence Materials Stores and Research & Development Establishment (DMSRDE), Kanpur, a laboratory under DRDO, has successfully developed a nanoporous multilayered polymeric membrane designed for high-pressure seawater desalination
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the DRDO Missile Test Range at Nagayalanka, Krishna district, Andhra Pradesh, with an investment of around Rs 1,460 crore
- The Multi-Influence Ground Mine (MIGM) is an advanced underwater naval mine developed by DRDO, led by the Naval Science & Technological Laboratory, Visakhapatnam
- DRDO successfully conducted maiden flight trials of the Stratospheric Airship Platform at the Sheopur trial site in Madhya Pradesh
- DRDO successfully conducted release trials of the Long-Range Glide Bomb (LRGB) 'Gaurav' from a Su-30 MKI aircraft
- The DRDO successfully test-fired the Vertically Launched Short-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VLSRSAM) for the Indian Navy
- DRDO successfully tested an indigenous life support system for Tejas light combat aircraft pilots at high altitude.
- The Indian Navy, in partnership with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), successfully tested the indigenously designed Naval Anti-Ship Missile - Short Range (NASM-SR)
- The DRDO has completed user trials for its HIMKAVACH multi-layer apparel system in extreme cold temperatures.
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), a defence PSU, formally handed over the "Jaldoot" Unmanned Surface Vessel (USV) to DRDO's Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL) in Visakhapatnam after successful trials.
- DRDO has completed flight testing for the Guided Pinaka Weapon System as part of the PSQR validation trials.
- DRDO has successfully completed three flight tests of the 4th Generation Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) at the Pokhran Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan.



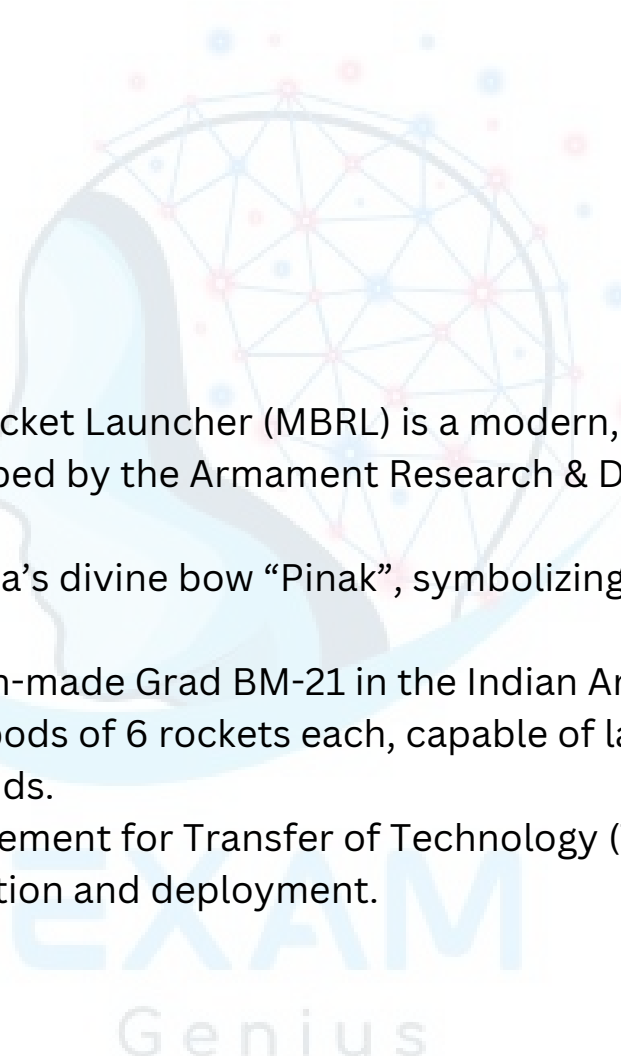
Ques: The Pinaka Multi Barrel Rocket Launcher, developed by ARDE and licensed to NIBE Limited, is named after which mythological weapon?

- A. Sudarshan Chakra
- B. Trishul
- C. Vajra
- D. Pinak
- E. Sharanga

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Pinaka Multi Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL) is a modern, high-precision indirect fire weapon system developed by the Armament Research & Development Establishment (ARDE).
- It is named after Lord Shiva's divine bow "Pinak", symbolizing strength and precision.
- It has replaced the Russian-made Grad BM-21 in the Indian Army's arsenal.
- The system includes two pods of 6 rockets each, capable of launching 12 rockets in salvo mode within 44 seconds.
- Recently, a Licensing Agreement for Transfer of Technology (ToT) was signed with NIBE Limited for its production and deployment.





Ques: What is the 70th division of Indian Railways that came into effect from June 1, 2025?

- A. Firozpur Division
- B. Jammu Division
- C. Baramulla Division
- D. Srinagar Division
- E. Amritsar Division

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Jammu Railway Division became the 70th division of Indian Railways effective from June 1, 2025, and operates under the Northern Railway zone.
- It was officially inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 6, 2025.

The division includes strategic and high-connectivity rail routes, transferred from the Firozpur Division, including:

- Pathankot–Jammu–Srinagar–Baramulla (423 km)
- Bhogpur Sirwal–Pathankot (87 km)
- Batala–Pathankot (68 km)
- Pathankot–Joginder Nagar (narrow gauge, 164 km)





Ques: Who received the Global Leadership Award at the 8th USISPF Annual Leadership Summit in 2025?

- A. Ratan Tata
- B. Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- C. Kumar Mangalam Birla
- D. Sundar Pichai
- E. Satya Nadella

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman of the Aditya Birla Group, received the Global Leadership Award from the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) at its 8th Annual Leadership Summit held in Washington, D.C.
- He was recognized for his leadership and for heading India's largest investor group in the United States.
- He shared the honour with Arvind Krishna (Chairman & CEO, IBM) and Toshiaki Higashihara (Executive Chairman, Hitachi).

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- 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’
- 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





Ques: What is India's rank in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2025?

- A. 4th
- B. 7th
- C. 9th
- D. 10th
- E. 18th

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India ranked 10th in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2025, which assesses the climate protection efforts of 63 countries and the EU, together accounting for over 90% of global GHG emissions.
- The CCPI is published by Germanwatch, New Climate Institute, and Climate Action Network International.
- The top three positions remain vacant as no country performed "very high" across all four categories: GHG Emissions (40%), Renewable Energy (20%), Energy Use (20%), and Climate Policy (20%).
- Denmark secured the 4th position, making it the highest-ranked country in the 2025 index.
- India and the UK are the only G20 nations on track with low per capita emissions, highlighting India's efforts in sustainable growth.

Top 10 countries ranking high in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2025

- 1 --
- 2 --
- 3 --
- 4 Denmark 78.37 (CCPI Score)
- 5 Netherlands 69.6
- 6 United Kingdom 69.29
- 7 Philippines 68.41
- 8 Morocco 68.32
- 9 Norway 68.21
- 10 India 67.99
- 67 Islamic Republic of Iran 17.47 (last)





India's Rankings in Different Indices

- World's Wealthiest Cities Report 2025 4th Edition Published by Henley & Partners : New York City, USA (1st), Mumbai, India (27th)
- Forbes' 2025 list of the world's highest-paid athletes : Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal) : Soccer
- 2025 Kantar BrandZ report : Apple (1st), TCS (45th)
- World Press Freedom Index 2025 was published by Reporters Without Borders (RSF) : India (151th), Norway (1st)
- Human Development Index (HDI) 2023 : India (130th)
- 2nd edition of the 2025 CareEdge State Rankings was published by CareEdge Ratings : Maharashtra (top) Gujarat (2nd)
- Asia University Rankings 2025 published by Times Higher Education (THE) : Indian Institute of Science (IISc) (38th), Tsinghua University (China) (1st)
- According to Newsweek and Statista's "World's Best Hospitals 2025" : All India Institute of Medical Sciences (Aiims) in New Delhi (97th)
- World's busiest airports in 2024 Published by Airports Council International (ACI) : Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in Delhi (9th), Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (United States) (1st)
- Report Automotive Industry: Powering India's Participation in Global Value Chains 2nd Edition Published by National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) : India (4th), China (1st)
- Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) baseline report 1st Edition Published by Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) : Gujarat (top)
- World's Best Airport for 2025 : Singapore Changi Airport (1st), Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), or Delhi International Airport (32nd)
- 'Readiness for Frontier Technologies' index Published by UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) : India (36th)
- Annual World's Billionaires list 39th Edition Published by Forbes : Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla Motors (1st), Mukesh Ambani (18th)
- Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 37) 37th Edition Published by China Development Institute (CDI) : GIFT City-Gujarat (India) (46th), New York (USA) (1st)
- 2025 Hurun Global Rich List Edition 14th Published by Hurun Research Institute : Elon Musk (1st), Mukesh Ambani (17th)





Ques: Who was elected President of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) for the 2025–2028 term?

- A. Ajay Seth
- B. Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- C. T.V. Somanathan
- D. V. Srinivas
- E. Amitabh Kant

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- V. Srinivas, Secretary of the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Government of India, has been elected as President of IIAS for the 2025–2028 term.
- The International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS), founded in 1930 and headquartered in Brussels, Belgium, promotes global cooperation in public administration.
- India has been an institutional member since 1998, and recently hosted the IIAS-DARPG India Conference 2025 in New Delhi with the theme "Next Generation Administrative Reforms – Empowering Citizens and Reaching the Last Mile."

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Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Rajiv Memani : President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) (replaces Sanjiv Puri)
- Suchitra K Ella : Vice President of CII
- R Mukundan : President-Designate of CII
- Witold Banka (Poland) : Independent President of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)
- Vikram Singh Mehta : Chairman of IndiGo (InterGlobe Aviation Ltd)
- Ram Mohan M K : Director of the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)
- Senior Advocate Vikas Singh : President of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) 2025-26
- Tapan Kumar Deka : Director, Intelligence Bureau (IB) (second one-year extension)
- Justice Kempaiah Somashekar : 9th Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court
- Vibhor Jain : Acting CEO of Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) (replaced Thampy Koshy)
- Former Chief Justice of India Dr. DY Chandrachud : National Law University, Delhi, as a Distinguished Professor
- Bhawna Agarwal : Senior Vice President (SVP) and Managing Director (MD) of Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) for its India operations (Replaced Som Satsangi)
- Arunabha Ghosh : South Asia envoy for COP-30
- M N Srinivasu : Chairperson of the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) (succeeded Harsh Jain)
- Mikaela Jaworski : Chair of Coordination Commission for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games
- Ajoy Chawla : Managing Director of Titan Company Limited (Replaced C K Venkataraman)
- Edward Thomas Smith : President of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)
- Harvansh P. Chawla : Chairman of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BRICS CCI)
- Ajay Kumar : 33rd Chairperson of UPSC
- Manoj Kumar Jhavar : Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of PTC India Ltd.
- Santosh Kumar Sarangi : CMD of Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)
- Sarit Maheshwari : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NTPC Green Energy Limited





Ques: What is the name of IRCTC's AI-based assistant that helps in booking, cancelling and tracking train tickets?

- A. RailBot
- B. eRailMate
- C. RailYatri AI
- D. AskDISHA 2.0
- E. IRCTC Assistant

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- AskDISHA 2.0 is an AI-powered virtual assistant developed by Indian Railways for the IRCTC platform.
- It enables users to book, cancel, track train tickets, and check refund status with voice or text input.
- The chatbot supports multiple Indian languages and allows OTP-based login, real-time TDR tracking, and quick retry for failed payments.
- The tool simplifies travel by storing frequent traveler details and offering PNR-based refund tracking.
- To book a ticket: Type/say "book ticket" → Share details → Select train → OTP verification → Pay and get e-ticket
- To cancel: Say "cancel ticket" → Authenticate → Select PNR → Confirm → Wait for SMS/email
- For refunds: Say "refund status" → Enter PNR/Txn ID → Get updates instantly

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Ques: What is the name of the newly declared conservation reserve in Telangana that connects Kawal Tiger Reserve with Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve?

- A. Deccan Tiger Reserve
- B. Godavari Corridor Sanctuary
- C. Kumram Bheem Conservation Reserve
- D. Telangana-Maharashtra Wildlife Belt
- E. Gondwana Tiger Landscape

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Telangana state government has officially notified the tiger corridor connecting Kawal Tiger Reserve (KTR) with Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) in Maharashtra as the “Kumram Bheem Conservation Reserve”.
- This declaration is made under Section 36(A) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- The reserve spans an area of 1,492.88 sq. km, enhancing the habitat connectivity for tigers and promoting conservation in the region.

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Recent News Headlines related to Tiger reserves

- The Uttar Pradesh government has introduced a first-of-its-kind Vistadome coach service connecting the Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary to the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve in Pilibhit
- The Madhya Pradesh government has approved a Rs.145 crore plan for the development of buffer zones around its 9 tiger reserves for the financial years 2025–26 to 2027–28
- Madhav National Park in Madhya Pradesh (MP) has been designated as India's 58th Tiger Reserve (TR) by Union Minister Bhupender Yadav of the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC). This is the ninth TR in MP
- Bhupender Yadav, the Union Minister for Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, notified the nation that the Ratapani Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh has been designated as the country's 57th Tiger Reserve.
- The 12th International Tourism Mart was held in Kaziranga National Park, Assam, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- The Chhattisgarh government has officially established Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary as tiger reserves, bringing the total number of tiger reserves in the state to four.
- The central government has given preliminary approval for Bihar's second tiger reserve in Kaimur district. The Bihar government proposed developing the Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary (KWLS) into a tiger reserve.
- According to 'EnviStats India-2024' report Nagarjunsagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR) has been ranked first for its leopard population.
- Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve in the Chandrapur district in Maharashtra is going to introduce a ropeway safari for the first time. It is the largest and oldest Tiger Reserve of Maharashtra.
- The forest department organised its first 'Cyclothon' recently to celebrate World Wildlife Week 2024 at the buffer zone of the Kawal Tiger Reserve in Telangana. Government of India declared Kawal Wildlife Sanctuary a Tiger Reserve in 2012.
- The Ratapani Sanctuary is stretching its arms to get the status of a tiger reserve. It is Situated in Raisen and Sehore districts of Madhya Pradesh, it spreads over 825.90 sq km.
- The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has been told by forest officials at the Palamau Tiger Reserve that Naxals have invaded the area.



Ques: What is the theme of World Environment Day 2025?

- A. Restore Our Earth
- B. Ecosystem Restoration
- C. Only One Earth
- D. Putting an End to Plastic Pollution
- E. Time for Nature

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- World Environment Day celebrated on 5 June.
- The theme for World Environment Day 2025 is "Putting an End to Plastic Pollution", highlighting global efforts to eliminate plastic waste.
- This year's observance is officially hosted by the Republic of Korea.
- It aligns with the UNEP-led #BeatPlasticPollution campaign.
- World Environment Day was established in 1972 during the Stockholm Conference, and the first celebration was held in 1973.

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Important days :

- 17th May : World Hypertension Day (Theme, "Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer!")
- 17th May : World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) (theme for is "Gender equality in digital transformation.")
- 18th May : 28th World AIDS Vaccine Day (HIV Vaccine Awareness Day)
- 18th May : International Day for Women in Maritime
- 18th May : International Museum Day (theme for 2025 is "The Future of Museums in Rapidly Changing Communities.")
- 20th May : 26th World Metrology Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Measurements for all times, for all people)
- 20th May : World Bee Day (2025 theme is "Bee inspired by nature to nourish us all")
- 21st May : 6th International Tea Day 2025
- 21st May : 34th National Anti-Terrorism Day 2025
- 21st May : World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development (Theme for 2025: "Protecting the diversity of cultural expressions is more important than ever")
- 22 May : International Day for Biological Diversity 2025 (Theme 2025 Harmony with Nature and Sustainable Development)
- 23 May : 25th World Turtle Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Dancing Turtles Rock!)
- 23 May : International Day to End Obstetric Fistula (THEME: Her Health, Her Right: Shaping a Future without Fistula)
- 24 May : National Brother's Day
- 24 May : Commonwealth Day in India (theme for 2025 is "Together We Thrive.")
- 24 May : World Schizophrenia Awareness Day 2025 (Rethink the Label: Reclaim the Story)
- 25 May : World Thyroid Day (first World Thyroid Day was celebrated in 2008)
- 25 May : 2nd World Football Day 2025 (May 25, 2024, commemorates the 100th anniversary of the 1924 Olympic Football Tournament held in Paris(France))
- 25 May : International Missing Children's Day
- 25 May : Africa Day (2025 theme is: "Revisiting Our History, Shaping Our Future")
- 21 to 25 May : Football Week 2025 (Theme 2025 Together, We Are Stronger)



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Two ships – ESPS Reina Sofia (Spanish Navy) and ITS Antonio Marceglio (Italian Navy) – from EUNAVFOR's Operation Atalanta made their maiden port call to Mumbai in 2025

Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh defeated World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen at the prestigious Norway Chess 2025 tournament

Hinduja Global Solutions Limited announced appointment of Venkatesh Korla as its new Global Chief Executive Officer and Mahesh Kumar Nutalapati as the new Global Chief Financial Officer

Bangalore International Airport Limited and InterGlobe Aviation Limited (IndiGo) inked a Memorandum of Understanding to spend Rs 1,100 crore in the establishment of a Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facility at Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, presented the Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi Classical Tamil Award for 2025 to eminent Tamil scholar Thayammal Aravanan. The award carries a cheque of ₹10 lakh and a citation plaque.

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