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Ques: Why is the RBI discontinuing the daily Variable Rate Repo (VRR) auctions from June 12, 2025?

- A. Due to inflationary pressure
- B. Due to elections and model code of conduct
- C. Because liquidity surplus has improved
- D. Due to rising NPA levels in banks
- E. To promote long-term bond purchases

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- RBI will discontinue daily Variable Rate Repo (VRR) auctions from June 12, 2025, as the liquidity surplus in the banking system has significantly improved.
- The daily VRR auctions were introduced on January 16 to handle short-term liquidity shortages caused by tax outflows and forex volatility.
- Currently, there is a net liquidity surplus of Rs.2.45 trillion, and low demand for funds — banks bid only Rs.3,711 crore against the Rs.25,000 crore notified.
- RBI has also recently cut the CRR by 100 basis points, expected to infuse Rs.2.5 trillion more liquidity by November.
- Since January, RBI has injected Rs.9.5 trillion through VRR, OMO, and forex swaps, reducing the need for further short-term infusions.

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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has rejected the application of Annapurna Finance for a Universal Bank Licence
- RBI has increased the Loan-to-Value (LTV) ratio for gold jewellery-backed loans up to Rs.2.5 lakh to 85%.
- In the 55th meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) held from June 4 to 6, 2025, RBI reduced the Policy Repo Rate by 50 basis points to 5.50%.
- RBI launched a Hindi Book Writing Scheme (2024–25) to encourage original works in Economics, Banking, and Finance. The scheme is open to working or retired professors from UGC-recognized Indian universities
- 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 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
- 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
- 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
- RBI's balance sheet expanded by 8.2% in FY 2024–25, reaching a total size of Rs.76.25 lakh crore
- RBI has enhanced various UPI limits to promote its wider adoption. For direct and indirect tax payments, the UPI limit has been increased from Rs.1 lakh to rs.5 lakh per transaction
- RBI earned \$13 billion (Rs.1.11 lakh crore) from foreign exchange transactions in FY 2024–25, marking a nearly 33% increase year-on-year
- Worldline ePayments India, a leading digital payments company, has been authorised by RBI to operate as a Payment Aggregator (PA) for cross-border trade, i.e., import and export transactions
- RBI will transfer a record surplus of Rs.2,68,590 crore to the Government of India for FY25, reflecting a 27% increase from the Rs.2,10,874 crore transferred in FY24



Ques: Which e-commerce company recently received an NBFC license from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A. Amazon India
- B. Reliance JioMart
- C. Meesho
- D. Snapdeal
- E. Flipkart

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Flipkart Private Limited, India's largest e-commerce platform, has secured a Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC) license from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- With this license, Flipkart can now directly offer loans or credit to customers.
- However, it is not authorized to accept deposits like banks.
- Previously, Flipkart offered consumer loans through partnerships with financial institutions like Axis Bank and IDFC First Bank.

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Ques: How much refined gold did SPMCIL deliver to RBI in FY25?

- A. 2.5 tonnes
- B. 3.4 tonnes
- C. 5 tonnes
- D. 4.2 tonnes
- E. 3.0 tonnes

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd (SPMCIL) delivered 3.4 tonnes of refined gold to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) during FY25.
- The gold was purified from confiscated gold handed over by the Customs Department.
- This delivery was exclusive to RBI and was disclosed by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman during the inauguration of SPMCIL's new corporate office.
- SPMCIL also refines metals received from religious institutions such as Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams and the Vaishno Devi Shrine Board.

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Ques: What percentage of economic interest will IFC hold in Birla Estates' SPVs?

- A. 50%
- B. 44%
- C. 60%
- D. 56%
- E. 40%

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- International Finance Corporation (IFC) will invest \$50 million (Rs.420 crore) in two projects of Birla Estates, a subsidiary of Aditya Birla Real Estate.
- These projects, covering over 9 million sq ft of saleable area, are located in Pune and Thane. Rs.148 crore in Pune (3.13 million sq ft) and Rs.272 crore in Thane (6.43 million sq ft)
- The projects will be executed through Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) fully controlled by Birla Estates.
- As per the investment structure Birla Estates will hold 56% economic interest and IFC will hold 44% economic interest
- This partnership highlights a commitment to sustainable development and utilizes IFC's global expertise in real estate.

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Ques : In June 2025, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released data showing that bank deposit growth in India slowed to _ Year-on-Year (YoY)

- A 7.6%
- B 8.6%
- C 9.6%
- D 10.6%
- E 11.6%

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) published data in June 2025 indicating that bank deposit growth in India decreased to 10.6% YoY in FY25, the fiscal year 2024–2025, from 13% in FY24.

Data regarding deposits :

- Term Deposit (TD) : 59.5 % in FY25
- Savings Deposits : 29.1% in FY25
- Current Deposits : 9.8% in FY25
- Households deposit : 60.2% of the total in March 2025
- Within household deposits, female depositors : 20.7%
- Senior citizens' deposits : 20.2% of the total deposits

Regional Variations in Deposit Growth :

- Metropolitan areas : 11.7%
- Rural areas : 10.1%
- Semi-urban areas : 8.9%
- Urban areas : 9.3%





Ques: Why did SEBI impose a fine on Motilal Oswal Financial Services?

- A. Insider trading
- B. Delay in audit report
- C. Unauthorized trading terminal usage
- D. Misuse of investor funds
- E. Non-disclosure of shareholding

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- SEBI imposed a Rs.3 lakh penalty on Motilal Oswal Financial Services for violating stock brokers' regulations.
- An inspection conducted between April 2022 and January 2024 found irregularities.
- SEBI discovered that trading terminals were not located at authorised locations.
- 4 NSE terminals were operated by users who were not approved.
- 4 BSE terminals were accessed by unauthorised users, breaching exchange norms.
- The violations were serious enough to warrant regulatory action under SEBI rules.
- The penalty must be paid within 45 days from the order.

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Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- 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 Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, in collaboration with SEBI, launched a new pilot initiative titled “NiveshakShivir”
- Jio BlackRock Asset Management (AMC) has received final approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to start its mutual fund business
- SEBI has barred the Managing Directors (MDs) of Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs) from being members of their audit committees to ensure independence and transparency in audits
- SEBI and the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, through IEPFA, launched ‘Niveshak Shivir’, a nationwide investor assistance program
- SEBI released a consultation paper in May 2025 proposing enhanced disclosure norms for High Value Debt Listed Entities (HVDLE)
- SEBI has introduced a regulatory framework for Specialized Investment Funds (SIFs), effective from April 1, 2025
- Capitalmind Financial Services has received final approval from SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) to launch its mutual fund business, branded as Capitalmind Mutual Fund
- SEBI has approved Aye Finance, a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), to raise Rs.1,450 crore through an Initial Public Offering (IPO)
- SEBI has formed a high-level committee (HLC) of six members to review rules on conflict of interest. The committee is headed by Pratyush Sinha, a retired IAS officer and former Chief Vigilance Commissioner
- SEBI has extended the deadline for regulated firms to implement the Cybersecurity and Cyber Resilience Framework (CSCRF) by three months, until June
- SEBI has introduced a framework for the Past Risk and Return Verification Agency (PaRRVA) to verify performance-related claims made by research analysts, investment advisors, and algorithm providers
- SEBI has approved increasing the disclosure threshold for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) from Rs.25,000 crore to Rs.50,000 crore in equity AUM.
- SEBI has extended the suspension of derivatives trading in seven agricultural commodities until March 31, 2026



Ques: For which term has India been elected to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)?

- A. 2024–2026
- B. 2025–2027
- C. 2026–2028
- D. 2023–2025
- E. 2022–2024

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- India has been elected to ECOSOC for a three-year term from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2028.
- The election was held at the UN Headquarters in New York, USA.
- India received 181 out of 187 valid votes.
- Other selected members from the Asia Pacific Group include China, Lebanon, and Turkmenistan.
- This marks India's 18th term on ECOSOC, previously serving from 2008–2020.
- India was represented by Permanent Representative Parvathaneni Harish, who assumed office in September 2024.

About United Nations (UN) Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC):

- Established : 1945
- HQ : New York City, the United States of America
- Members : 54 member nations, with 18 members elected each year by the UNGA for staggered three-year terms
- President : Bob Rae





Ques: Which institute developed the heat-resistant variety of pigeon pea (tur dal)?

- A. ICAR
- B. CIMMYT
- C. ICRISAT
- D. IARI
- E. IIPR

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) developed a new heat-resistant pigeon pea variety named ICPV 25444.
- It tolerates temperatures up to 45°C, doubles yield (2 tonnes/hectare), and shortens the crop cycle to 4 months.
- This innovation can significantly reduce India's import dependence (currently \$800 million/year) and utilize idle rabi fallows across ~12 million hectares.
- The variety is also suitable for machine harvesting, having been successfully tested in Karnataka, Odisha, and Telangana.

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Ques: Where is India's first e-waste recycling park being developed?

- A. Gurugram
- B. Noida
- C. Bengaluru
- D. North Delhi
- E. Hyderabad

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- India's first e-waste recycling park is being developed in Holambi Kalan, North Delhi, as announced by Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa.
- Spread across 11.4 acres, the project will operate under the PPP model (DBFOT) with a 15-year concession period.
- It will process 51,000 tonnes of e-waste annually, covering 106 categories under the E-Waste Management Rules, 2022.
- The park is expected to generate Rs.350 crore in revenue and provide over 1,000 green jobs.
- It will also have dedicated zones for dismantling, refurbishing, plastic recovery, and resale of second-hand electronics, along with skilling centres to upskill informal sector workers.

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Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and world :

- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) became the first Indian corporate to issue ESG bonds under the SEBI's newly introduced sustainability-linked bond framework
- Sana Mir, former captain of Pakistan women's cricket team, became the first Pakistani woman cricketer to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame
- Indore became the 16th city in India and first in Madhya Pradesh to receive a metro rail service
- Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL), in collaboration with Airbus, will establish India's first privately led helicopter Final Assembly Line (FAL) in Kolar district, Karnataka
- Diu district, part of the Union Territory Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, has become the first district in India to meet 100% of its electricity demand from solar energy
- India will set up its first AI-focused SEZ in Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The project is being developed by RackBank Datacenters Pvt. Ltd., based in Indore, with an investment of Rs.1,000 crore
- IndiGo will be the first airline to commence operations at the upcoming Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) with 18 daily flights to 15 cities on the first day of commercial operations
- Researchers from Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST), Srinagar, have produced India's first gene-edited sheep by using the CRISPR gene-editing technology to modify the myostatin gene, which regulates muscle growth
- Tamil Nadu CM M.K. Stalin inaugurated India's first Mahouts' Village at Theppakadu Elephant Camp, located in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Nilgiris district
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate India's first 9000 HP electric locomotive on May 26 in Dahod, Gujarat
- Uttarakhand Forest Department inaugurated the state's first dedicated Cycad Garden in Haldwani to conserve one of the world's most ancient and endangered groups of plant cycads. The initiative is funded by the Tokyo based Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Cycads, often referred to as 'living fossils'



Ques: Who became the second Paraguayan President to visit India officially?

- A. Mario Abdo Benítez
- B. Horacio Cartes
- C. Santiago Peña Palacios
- D. Fernando Lugo
- E. Luis Cubas

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- President Santiago Peña Palacios of Paraguay visited India from 2 to 4 June 2025.
- This was his first official visit to India.
- He is the second President of Paraguay to visit India, after President Fernando Lugo's visit in May 2012.
- President Peña visited New Delhi and Mumbai during his trip.
- India and Paraguay established diplomatic relations in 1961.

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Ques: Where was the 4th edition of the India-Central Asia Dialogue held?

- A. Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- B. Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- C. Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic
- D. New Delhi, India
- E. Almaty, Kazakhstan

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The 4th edition of the India-Central Asia Dialogue was held in New Delhi, India.
- It was hosted by India's External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar.
- Foreign Ministers of five Central Asian countries – Uzbekistan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan – participated.
- During the event, the Prime Minister invited leaders of the five countries to attend the 2nd India-Central Asia Summit in 2025.

Previous editions were held in:

- 1st: Samarkand, Uzbekistan (2019)
- 2nd: Virtual format (2020)
- 3rd: New Delhi (2021)

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Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan attended the National Agriculture Renewable Energy Conference 2025 organised by the National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI) in New Delhi
- The 81st IATA AGM and World Air Transport Summit were hosted by IndiGo at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- The International Conference on Glaciers' Preservation was held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, in 2025. It was organized by UNESCO, World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), and the Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of Science & Technology, launched "Bharat Gen" at the BharatGen Summit held in New Delhi
- The 22nd edition of the Shangri-La Dialogue, also known as the Asian Security Summit, was held in 2025 at the Shangri-La Hotel in Singapore
- The 38th Meeting of the Central Apprenticeship Council (CAC) recommended a 36% hike in the stipend under two national schemes National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS)
- Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the review meeting of Public Sector General Insurance Companies (PSGICs) in New Delhi
- The 15th BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) Trade Ministers' Meeting was held in Brazil under the presidency of Brazil
- Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Minister for Communications and Development of North East Region, unveiled the theme "Innovate to Transform" for the 9th Edition of the India Mobile Congress 2025
- The Ministry of Earth Sciences (India), in collaboration with the Embassy of France and the Embassy of Costa Rica, hosted the Second Blue Talks in New Delhi



Ques: Which Indian steel company ranked 10th globally in 2024 for crude steel production?

- A. JSW Steel
- B. SAIL
- C. Tata Steel
- D. Jindal Steel
- E. Vizag Steel

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Tata Steel produced 31.02 million tonnes of crude steel in 2024, maintaining its 10th position globally, same as 2023.
- It remains the highest-ranked Indian steel producer in the global list.
- Meanwhile, JSW Steel ranked 12th, and SAIL came in at 20th position.
- China's Baowu Group topped the list with 130.09 million tonnes, and India's overall steel output hit a record 149.4 million tonnes in 2024.

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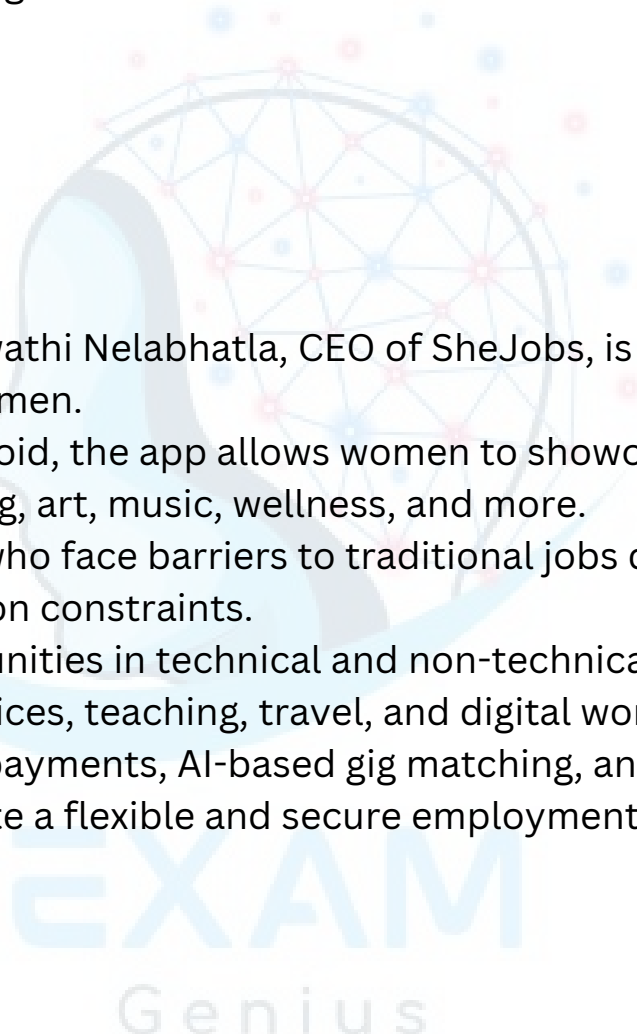
Ques: What is the primary objective of India's first women-exclusive gig app 'Sitha'?

- A. Promote coding among schoolgirls
- B. Provide investment advice to women
- C. Enable flexible job access for skilled women
- D. Connect women entrepreneurs with global funding
- E. Launch AI-driven coaching for UPSC

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Sitha App, launched by Swathi Nelabhatla, CEO of SheJobs, is India's first gig platform exclusively for women.
- Available on iOS and Android, the app allows women to showcase and monetize skills in fields such as coding, art, music, wellness, and more.
- It is designed for women who face barriers to traditional jobs due to career gaps, household duties, or location constraints.
- The app offers gig opportunities in technical and non-technical sectors, including legal consulting, home services, teaching, travel, and digital work.
- With features like secure payments, AI-based gig matching, and skill-building support, Sitha aims to create a flexible and secure employment ecosystem for skilled women across India.





Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals

- The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has issued an advisory to all e-commerce platforms to identify and eliminate Dark Patterns, which are deceptive or manipulative design techniques that mislead or coerce users into making unintended decisions
- Union Minister of Coal and Mines Shri G Kishan Reddy launched the C CARES Version 2.0, a web portal of CMPFO (Coal Mines Provident Fund Organization), developed and designed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)
- The Ayush Nivesh Saarthi Portal is an investor-centric digital platform launched on 29 May 2025 by the Ministry of Ayush and Invest India
- The AyushSuraksha Portal was launched by Union Minister Shri Prataprao Jadhav, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Ayush to act as a watchtower against misleading advertisements and ensure only safe and credible Ayush products reach the public
- The Krishi Nivesh Portal is an initiative by the Ministry of Agriculture to serve as a unified digital platform
- i-PRAGATI (Investigation Progress Report through Automatically Generated Accurate and Timely Information) was launched by the Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and MoS Harsh Sanghavi. The portal automatically sends SMS updates to complainants during four stages of investigation
- The Mahavistar App was launched by the Maharashtra Government ahead of the Kharif season to support farmers
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched a revamped OCI (Overseas Citizen of India) Portal with an updated user interface
- Petologist App Launched by Karnataka Government to connect pet owners and farmers with licensed veterinarians, clinics, and hospitals. It is Developed by Bengaluru based Transduceideas Technologies LLP
- SBOF Agrosmart Private Limited launched SBOF Agrosmart, India's first AI-powered integrated agriculture app
- Maharashtra became the first state to successfully complete the digitisation of the entire seed retail chain on the SATHI portal. This includes capturing essential details about seed sources, species, and distribution channels





Ques: How much renewable energy capacity is India expected to add in FY26 and FY27 combined?

- A. 49 GW
- B. 60 GW
- C. 75 GW
- D. 88 GW
- E. 100 GW

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- According to Crisil Ratings, India is expected to add 75 GW of renewable energy capacity in FY26 and FY27 combined, marking a 53% increase over the 49 GW added in FY24 and FY25.
- This growth will be driven largely by hybrid and storage-linked projects, which are capital intensive.
- About 37% of the new capacity will come from hybrid and storage-based projects (up from 17% previously).
- Total installed renewable capacity is projected to reach 233 GW by March 2027, though delays in transmission infrastructure could pose challenges.

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Ques: Which Indian cricketer, part of both the 2007 T20 and 2011 ODI World Cup-winning squads, announced retirement from all formats in 2025?

- A. Amit Mishra
- B. Piyush Chawla
- C. Pragyan Ojha
- D. Ravindra Jadeja
- E. Yusuf Pathan

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Indian leg-spinner Piyush Pramod Chawla announced his retirement from all formats of professional cricket in 2025.
- He was a member of India's World Cup-winning squads in both 2007 (T20) and 2011 (ODI).
- Chawla made his Test debut in 2006 against England at the age of 17 years and 75 days.
- He also made his T20I debut in 2010 vs South Africa and took 3 wickets on ODI debut against Bangladesh in 2007.

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Recently Retired Players :

- Glenn Maxwell : Retirement from ODIs
- Power-hitter Heinrich Klaasen (South African) : international cricket
- Virat Kohli : retired from Test cricket
- Rohit Sharma (Indian) : retired from Test cricket
- Vandana Katariya (Indian) : Hockey
- B Sumeeth Reddy (Indian) : badminton player
- Mushfiqur Rahim (Bangladesh) : Retirement from One-Day International cricket
- Sharath Kamal (Indian) : Retired from table tennis
- Steve Smith (Australia) : Retirement from the ODI format
- Dimuth Karunaratne (Sri Lankan) : Retired from international cricket
- Marcelo (Brazil) : retirement from football
- Marcus Stoinis : End his ODI career
- Simona Halep (Romanian) : retired from tennis
- Tamim Iqbal (Bangladesh) : Retirement from international cricket
- Varun Aaron (India) : Retirement from all kinds of cricket
- Martin Gupthill (New Zealand) : Retirement from international cricket
- Rishi Dhawan : Retirement from Indian limited overs cricket
- Ravichandran Ashwin (Indian) : International cricket
- Imad Wasim (Pakistan) : International cricket
- Siddarth Kaul (Indian) : cricket
- Emma McKeon (Australia): professional swimming
- Rafael Nadal (Spain) : professional tennis
- Tim Southee (New Zealand) : international cricket
- Mohammad Nabi (Afghanistan) : Retire from ODI Cricket





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy) in 2025?

- A. Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi
- B. Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai
- C. Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta
- D. Lt Gen S C Sardana
- E. Lt Gen M. V. Suchindra Kumar

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, a senior officer from the Kumaon Regiment, was appointed as the Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy).
- He continues to hold the position of Director General of Military Operations (DGMO).
- He was notably contacted by Pakistan's DGMO for ceasefire negotiations last month.
- On 4 June 2025, Lt Gen Ghai was awarded the Uttam Yudh Seva Medal (UYSM) during the Defence Investiture Ceremony (Phase-II) for his distinguished military service.

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Recent Defence related appointments :

- Lieutenant Commander Yashasvi Solanki : Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to the President of India
- Shri Shailendra Nath Gupta : Director General of Defence Estates
- Lieutenant General Dinesh Singh Rana : 18th Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN) (replaces Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan)
- Eyal Zamir : 24th Israel's new military chief (Replaced Lieutenant General Herzi Halevi)
- Dr Mayank Sharma : Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)
- Kash Patel : 9th director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Shashank Anand : Inspector general (IG) of the Border Security Force of strategic Jammu sector (Replaced DK Boora)
- Amrit Mohan Prasad : Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), the additional responsibility of Director General, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)
- Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal : Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF)
- Gyanendra Pratap Singh : Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
- Air Commodore Debakinandan Sahu : Command of the Base Repair Depot (BRD) at Tughlakabad (Air Commodore Rishi Seth)
- Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra : Chief of the Indian Air Force's Western Air Command (Replaced Air Marshal Pankaj Mohan Sinha)
- Vitul Kumar : Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) (Replaced Anish Dayal Singh)
- Jared Isaacman : NASA Chief to Oversee Moon Missions
- Valdecy Urquiza (Brazil) : Secretary-General of the International Criminal Police Organisation INTERPOL
- Rajesh Kumar Singh : Defence Secretary at South Block
- Surgeon Vice Admiral Kavita Sahai : Director General Medical Services (Navy)
- Paramesh Sivamani : 26th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG)
- Air Marshal SP Dharkar : Vice Chief of Air Staff
- IPS Nalin Prabhat : Director General of Police (DGP) of Jammu and Kashmir (Replaced R.R. Swain)
- Surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin : first female officer as Director General of Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS)



Ques: What is the name of the container ship that caught fire off the Kerala coast?

- A. MSC Elsa 3
- B. MV One Marvel
- C. MV Wan Hai 503
- D. Maersk Trader
- E. KMTC Seoul

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The MV Wan Hai 503, a Singapore-flagged container vessel, caught fire 88 nautical miles off the Beypore coast in Kerala.
- The ship was traveling from Colombo to Mumbai with 22 crew members, of which 18 were rescued by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and 4 are still missing (including nationals from Taiwan, Indonesia, and Myanmar).
- An explosion was reported, some containers fell into the sea, and firefighting operations are ongoing.
- The incident has raised concerns, especially after a similar maritime disaster involving MSC Elsa 3 near Kochi in May 2025.

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Ques: Who received the United Nations Sasakawa Award 2025 for Disaster Risk Reduction?

- A. Dr. Randeep Guleria
- B. Rajeev Gauba
- C. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra
- D. Kamal Kishore
- E. G. C. Murmu

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General of the India Meteorological Department (IMD), received the United Nations Sasakawa Award 2025 for his outstanding contributions to tropical cyclone forecasting and early warning systems.
- The award was presented at the 8th Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction held in Geneva.
- The Sasakawa Award, established in 1986 with support from The Nippon Foundation, is one of the most prestigious international awards in the field of disaster risk reduction.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Global Leadership Award from the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) : Kumar Mangalam Birla
- Kalaignar 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’
- 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 (CSIRIICT), 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)





Ques: Who recently became the fourth highest run-scorer in T20Is?

- A. Paul Stirling
- B. Babar Azam
- C. Jos Buttler
- D. Virat Kohli
- E. Joe Root

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- England's Jos Buttler surpassed Ireland's Paul Stirling to become the fourth-highest run-scorer in T20 Internationals, with 3678 runs.
- He achieved this feat during his 47-run innings against West Indies in the second T20I at Bristol.

Top 4 T20I run-scorers as of now :

- 1 Rohit Sharma (India) – 4231 runs
- 2 Babar Azam (Pakistan) – 4223 runs
- 3 Virat Kohli (India) – 4188 runs
- 4 Jos Buttler (England) – 3678 runs

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Recent records in Cricket :

- Virat Kohli : playing for Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), became the first cricketer to score 9000 T20 runs for a single franchise
- Joe Root : fastest cricketer to reach 13,000 Test runs in terms of matches played during a four-day Test against Zimbabwe at Trent Bridge, Nottingham
- Rohit Sharma : After Virat Kohli, he was the only other Indian hitter to reach the milestone of 12,000 T20 runs
- Virat Kohli : 100th T20 half-century while playing for Royal Challengers Bengaluru against Rajasthan Royals at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium
- M.S. Dhoni : first player in IPL history to record 200 fielding dismissals
- Virat Kohli : highest run-scorer in Indian Premier League (IPL) history and the only player to cross the 8000-run mark and also became the first player to hit 1000 boundaries in IPL
- Virat Kohli : first Indian and fifth cricketer overall to reach 13,000 runs in T20 cricket
- Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma : Break Yuvraj Singh's Record for Most ICC Final
- Virat Kohli : He played his 300th One Day International (ODI) match against New Zealand in Dubai
- Virat Kohli : fastest hitter to achieve 14,000 runs in one-day internationals
- Rohit Sharma : second fastest batter after compatriot Virat Kohli to complete 11,000 runs in One-day Internationals
- Babar Azam : joint-fastest hitter to reach 6000 ODI runs
- Dinesh Karthik : highest run-scorer in T20 cricket
- Smriti Mandhana : the first Indian woman to score 10 ODI century and Scored a century in just 70 balls
- Jasprit Bumrah : the bowler with the highest average among those with 200 or more Test wickets
- Richa Ghosh : India's wicket keeper-batter, made history by hitting the joint-fastest fifty in women's T20Is
- Nat SciverBrunt : Fastest Test Century in just 96 balls





Ques: On whose 125th Martyr's Day (Balidan Diwas) did PM Modi pay tribute on 9 June 2025?

- A. Tantia Bhil
- B. Sidhu Murmu
- C. Birsa Munda
- D. Alluri Sitarama Raju
- E. Tilka Manjhi

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Birsa Munda, born on 15 November 1875 in Khunti, Jharkhand, was a tribal freedom fighter and social reformer from the Munda tribe.
- He led the Munda Rebellion (Ulgulan) (1899–1900) against British policies like zamindari, forest laws, and land dispossession.
- He envisioned 'Munda Raj', advocated tribal land rights, and influenced the Chotanagpur Tenancy Act, 1908.
- Birsa also founded the Birsait faith, promoting tribal unity and social reform, and is honored as Dharti Aba (Father of the Earth).
- He died on 9 June 1900 in Ranchi Jail under mysterious circumstances, and his martyrdom is commemorated as Balidan Diwas.
- His birth anniversary, 15 November, is celebrated as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas and also marks Jharkhand's foundation day (2000).

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Ques: Who became the first Indian writer to receive the Dostoevsky Star Award for promoting cultural and literary dialogue?

- A. Gulzar
- B. Vikram Seth
- C. Chetan Bhagat
- D. Javed Akhtar
- E. Ruskin Bond

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Javed Akhtar became the first Indian writer to receive the Dostoevsky Star Award conferred by the Russian House for his contribution to promoting cultural and literary dialogue.
- A book of his poems translated into Russian by Ramdas Akella was also released during the ceremony.
- Akhtar has been previously honoured with multiple awards, including five National Film Awards, the Padma Shri (1999), the Padma Bhushan (2007), the Sahitya Akademi Award for his Urdu poetry, and the Richard Dawkins Award (2020) for rationalism.

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Ques: What is the name of the world's largest container ship that recently docked at Vizhinjam Port, Kerala?

- A. MSC Elsa 3
- B. MSC One Marvel
- C. Ever Given
- D. Maersk Alabama
- E. MSC Irina

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- MSC Irina is the world's largest container ship, with a carrying capacity of 24,346 TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units).
- It is nearly 400 meters long and 61.3 meters wide, approximately four times the length of a football field.
- The vessel made its maiden visit to Vizhinjam International Seaport in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, marking a significant development for India's maritime trade infrastructure.
- This docking highlights India's growing role in global shipping and the strategic importance of the Vizhinjam port in international logistics.

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Ques: What is the theme of World Oceans Day 2025 observed on 8 June?

- A. Life Below Water
- B. Clean Oceans, Green Future
- C. Protecting the Blue Planet
- D. Wonder: Sustaining what sustains us
- E. Oceans and Climate

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- World Oceans Day 2025 was observed on 8 June with the theme "Wonder: Sustaining what sustains us."
- The idea of celebrating a World Oceans Day was first proposed in 1992 at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.
- On 5 December 2008, the UN General Assembly officially designated 8 June as World Oceans Day.
- The UN Ocean Conference 2025 is scheduled to be held in Nice, France from 9–13 June 2025.

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Important days :

- 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)
- 29 May : International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers 2025 (Theme 2025 The Future of the Peacekeeping)
- 29 May : World Digestive Health Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Your Digestive Health: Nourish to Flourish)
- 30 May : 2nd International Day of Potato, coinciding with the 80th anniversary year of Food and Agriculture Organization (Theme 2025 Shaping history, feeding the future)
- 31 May : World No Tobacco Day (Theme 2025 Unmasking the Appeal: Exposing Industry Tactics on Tobacco and Nicotine Products)
- 1 June : Global Day of Parents 2025 (Theme 2025 Raising Parents)
- 1 June : World Milk Day (theme for 2025 is: "Let's Celebrate The Power of Dairy")
- 1 June : Global Day of Parents (Theme : Raising Parents)
- 3 June : World Bicycle Day 2025
- 4 June : 43rd International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
- 5 June : International Day for the Fight against Illegal Unreported and Unregulated Fishing
- 5 June : World Environment Day (Theme 2025 : Putting an End to Plastic Pollution)





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Spain's Marcel Granollers and Argentina's Horacio Zeballos won their first Grand Slam men's doubles title at the French Open 2025, defeating the British duo of Joe Salisbury and Neal Skupski with a score of 6-0, 6-7(5), 7-5

Coco Gauff of the United States won the French Open 2025 Women's Singles title by defeating Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus in the final. Gauff became the first American woman since Serena Williams in 2015 to win the French Open.

As per the Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test under ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, and Delhi emerged as top performers in adult literacy certification. The test was developed by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).

Dutch Prime Minister Dick Schoof announced his resignation. Prime Minister Dick Schoof has submitted his resignation to King Willem-Alexander

The DRUM (Dynamic Route Planning for Urban Green Mobility) app, developed by IIT-Kharagpur researchers, is set to begin real-world trials after successful simulations in Delhi.

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