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Ques: Which municipal corporation became the first in India to list a green bond on BSE?

- A. Mumbai Municipal Corporation
- B. Nagpur Municipal Corporation
- C. Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation
- D. Pune Municipal Corporation
- E. Thane Municipal Corporation

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) became the first civic body in India to list a green municipal bond on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).
- The listing marks a significant step in promoting eco-friendly and sustainable urban infrastructure.
- The ceremonial bell at BSE was rung by Maharashtra Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis, with Ajit Pawar and Eknath Shinde also present.
- The green bond issue reflects a growing climate-conscious financing trend in urban governance.

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Ques: As per the World Bank's latest Global Economic Prospects report, what is India's GDP growth forecast for FY26?

- A. 6.0%
- B. 6.3%
- C. 6.5%
- D. 6.7%
- E. 6.9%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The World Bank has retained India's GDP growth forecast for FY26 at 6.3%, as per its Global Economic Prospects report.
- Although it had previously cut the forecast by 40 basis points in April 2025 due to global uncertainties and investment slowdown, India still remains the fastest-growing major economy.
- The FY27 growth forecast was also revised downward by 20 bps to 6.5%, mainly due to weak exports and rising global trade barriers.
- The report also notes a possible slowdown in investment growth amid policy uncertainty.

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Ques: Where is Nabard's Annual Mango Festival 2025 being held?

- A. Cuttack
- B. Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar
- C. Balasore
- D. Ranchi
- E. Sambalpur

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Nabard's Annual Mango Festival 2025 is being held from 10 to 12 June 2025 at the Nabard Regional Office in Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- The event is part of Nabard's Tribal Development Fund (TDF) to promote orchard-based livelihoods for tribal communities through the Wadi model.
- Odisha is emerging as a mango-growing hub, with unique varieties and rising global demand.
- Under the "Export Pathshala" initiative, Odisha exported 50 quintals of mangoes to Europe in May 2025.
- The festival connects farmers directly with consumers, removing middlemen and ensuring better prices and feedback.
- According to Sanjay Kumar Talukdar, CGM, Nabard, the initiative strengthens rural incomes and builds sustainable market linkages.
- Over 50 participants from 20 FPOs and various TDF projects are participating in the festival.





Ques: Which international organization has partnered with AU Small Finance Bank for a climate risk advisory program?

- A. Asian Development Bank
- B. World Economic Forum
- C. International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- D. United Nations Environment Programme
- E. IMF

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- AU Small Finance Bank has partnered with International Finance Corporation (IFC) — a member of the World Bank Group — to implement a comprehensive climate risk advisory program.
- IFC will serve as the lead ESG and climate risk advisor, helping the bank assess and manage climate-related financial risks.
- For technical execution, IFC will collaborate with StepChange, a Bengaluru-based climate risk solutions provider, to conduct analytical modeling and quantification.

About AU Small Finance Bank :

- Established : 2017
- HQ : Jaipur, Rajasthan
- CEO & MD : Sanjay Agarwal
- Tagline : Badlaav Humse Hai

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Recently signed banking agreements

- Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with AMUL, India's largest dairy cooperative, and Richplus, a bio fertilizer company to promote organic farming and empower one lakh organic farmers by offering credit facilities and agricultural support services
- Through the bank's branch network, Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Company Limited (ABSLI) and Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited (ESFBL) have formed a strategic alliance with the goal of increasing life insurance accessibility in India
- A MoU was signed by IndusInd Bank Limited and Atal Incubation Centre (AIC) Software Technology Parks of India Next (STPINEXT) to offer crucial financial solutions and structural support to MSMEs and early-stage startups throughout India
- The Indian Institute of Banking & Finance (IIBF) and Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) have inked a MoU for a tailored Electronic (e)-Learning and certification program on Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Businesses (MSMEs)
- Bank of India (BOI) has signed a MoU with IIT Hyderabad to organize a FinTech & Cybersecurity Hackathon in September 2025
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has entered into a strategic partnership with Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL) to expand access to digital credit solutions across India
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) announced a strategic partnership with Khan Bank, a leading commercial bank in Mongolia, to modernise its digital banking platform
- The Tamil Nadu government signed agreements with 7 banks including Indian Bank, SBI, Axis Bank, and others to provide insurance and loan benefits to government employees
- SBM Bank India has entered into a strategic partnership with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, marking a pivotal move aimed at enhancing its retail banking offerings and delivering a wider array of financial solutions to its customers.
- SBI Card has collaborated with Apollo HealthCo, the operator of Apollo Pharmacy, to launch a co-branded credit card in May 2025
- Exim Bank of India signed an agreement on January 16, 2025, with the Government of Mongolia to provide a USD 700 million Line of Credit (LoC) for financing the construction of a crude oil refinery plant in Mongolia





Ques: What is the name of the bridge that connects the Katra-Banihal section of the USBRL rail line and spans the deep Anji river valley?

- A. Chenab Arch Bridge
- B. Pir Panjal Bridge
- C. Anji Khad Bridge
- D. Zojila Bridge
- E. Udhampur Valley Bridge

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Anji Khad Bridge, India's 1st cable-stayed rail bridge
- Anji Khad Bridge spans the deep Anji river valley, south of the Chenab River, and connects the Katra-Banihal section of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL).
- Located about 80 km from Jammu, it is supported by 96 high-tensile cables, with 653 km of cable strand used.
- The bridge is 331 meters high from the riverbed and spans 725 meters in length.
- PM Narendra Modi dedicated the 272 km long USBRL project, built at a cost of Rs 43,780 crore, comprising 36 tunnels and 943 bridges.
- He also flagged off two Vande Bharat trains from Katra Railway Station, directly connecting Jammu and Kashmir.

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Recent Headlines Related to Inauguration :

- The Chenab Rail Bridge, located in Jammu & Kashmir, was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 6, 2024
- Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the 'Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan' at ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar on May 29, 2025
- Union Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu, Ministry of Civil Aviation, inaugurated the curtain raiser event for Wings India 2026 in New Delhi
- Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh, who heads the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, laid the foundation stone for a Rs.42.4 crore Integrated Aqua Park in Kailashahar, Tripura, under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)
- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated Sagar Bhavan and Polar Bhavan at the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) in Goa
- In a landmark move symbolizing deepening diplomatic relations, Honduras officially inaugurated its embassy in New Delhi. Tegucigalpa is the capital of Honduras and its currency Honduran Lempira
- The Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL) launched India's longest rail flyover girder at Kalamboli, Maharashtra, on the JNPT-Nilje section of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the new building of Shri K.K. Patel and Smt. Madhuben K. Patel Nursing College located in Mehsana, Gujarat, in May 2025
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the revamped Multi Agency Centre (MAC), developed at a cost of Rs.500 crore
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually inaugurate 103 redeveloped railway stations on May 22, 2025, from Bikaner, Rajasthan
- The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, has opened a new office in Srinagar
- On May 11, 2025, National Technology Day, Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh virtually inaugurated a new BrahMos Aerospace Integration and Testing Facility in Lucknow





Ques: Where was the 51st G7 Summit held in 2025?

- A. Rome, Italy
- B. Tokyo, Japan
- C. Kananaskis, Canada
- D. Berlin, Germany
- E. Paris, France

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 51st G7 Summit was held at Kananaskis, Alberta, Canada.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi represented India, invited by Canadian PM Mark Carney.
- This marks PM Modi's sixth appearance at the G7 (previous: 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024).
- Only three Indian PMs have ever attended a G7 Summit: Atal Bihari Vajpayee (2003), Dr Manmohan Singh, and Narendra Modi.
- G7 Group First meeting held at France in 1975. Members are Canada, France, Italy, Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America

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Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The 4th edition of the India-Central Asia Dialogue was held in New Delhi, India
- 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
- The 24th IORA Council of Ministers (COM) meeting was hosted virtually by Sri Lanka, which currently holds the IORA Chair. The meeting was held under the theme "Sustainable Indian Ocean for future Generation"





Ques: What is the name of Rapido's newly launched zero-commission food delivery platform?

- A. RFood
- B. Zply
- C. Ownly
- D. DineX
- E. FreshCart

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Rapido has launched Ownly, a zero-commission food delivery platform designed to challenge the dominance of Swiggy and Zomato.
- It ensures price parity between dine-in and delivery menus, unlike other platforms.
- Restaurants will not be charged commission, and the model emphasizes transparent pricing, no packaging or platform fees (excluding GST), and earned visibility instead of ads or discounts.
- Delivery fees: ₹25 for orders below ₹400, ₹50 for orders above ₹400, directly paid to delivery partners.
- For orders under ₹100, restaurants pay ₹10, and customers pay ₹20.
- Future model will include flat subscription charges for restaurants.
- Each restaurant must list at least 4 meal options under ₹150 to ensure affordability.

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Ques: Which DRDO laboratory located in Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra recently transferred technologies of nine systems to 10 industries?

- A. RCI Hyderabad
- B. VRDE Ahilyanagar
- C. DEAL Dehradun
- D. DRDL Hyderabad
- E. CAIR Bengaluru

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- By transferring the technology of nine systems to ten industries, the Vehicles Research & Development Establishment (VRDE), a DRDO facility in Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra, has made significant progress.

List of Product/Technology and transfer Industries :

- Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (CBRN) Recce Vehicle (Tracked) Mk-II : Bharat Electronics Limited
- Mounted Gun System : Bharat Forge Limited
- Anti-Terrorist Vehicle - Tracked Version : Metaltech Motor Bodies Private Limited
- Full Trailer of 70t Tank Transporter for Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun Mk-1A : BEML Limited, Tata International Vehicle Applications, SDR Auto Private Limited and John Galt International
- Expandable Mobile Shelter : Bharat Electronics Limited
- Vajra-Riot Control Vehicle : Tata Advanced Systems Limited
- Unit Maintenance Vehicle for MBT Arjun : BEML Limited
- Unit Repair Vehicle for MBT Arjun : BEML Limited
- Multi-Purpose Decontamination System : Dass Hitachi Limited and Goma Engineering Private Limited





Ques: What is the amount of unused welfare cess the Centre plans to utilize for BOCWs' social security scheme?

- A. Rs.50,000 crore
- B. Rs.60,000 crore
- C. Rs.80,000 crore
- D. Rs.75,000 crore
- E. Rs.70,000 crore

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Labour & Employment is preparing a comprehensive pension-linked welfare scheme for 5.73 crore registered construction workers (BOCWs) across India.
- The plan will utilize over Rs.70,000 crore of unutilized welfare cess, collected by state and UT welfare boards from construction costs.
- The EPFO may be tasked with managing the pension fund.
- In case a worker dies before the age of 60, the entire accumulated amount will be given to their family.
- Uttar Pradesh has the highest number of registered workers at 1.64 crore, while Ladakh has none.

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Ques: What is the significance of the recent archaeological discovery near Khadir Bet in the Great Rann of Kutch?

- A. It revealed the oldest Harappan city
- B. Evidence of Buddhist settlements
- C. Evidence of human habitation 5,000 years before the Harappan civilisation
- D. Discovery of Vedic manuscripts
- E. Remains of a medieval trade port

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- IIT Gandhinagar led archaeological research that discovered human presence in the Great Rann of Kutch dating back at least 5,000 years before the Harappan civilisation.
- The findings were made near Khadir Bet, close to the Harappan site Dholavira.
- Ancient hunter-gatherers lived in the region, consuming seafood like oysters and snails.
- Shell middens, stone tools, and pottery were discovered, providing insight into early lifestyles.
- Carbon dating (AMS) of shells confirmed the pre-Harappan timeline.
- The area once had mangroves and higher sea levels, making it a seafood-rich coastal habitat.
- Similar sites exist in Oman and Pakistan, suggesting ancient coastal links.





Ques: What is the revised minimum land requirement for SEZs exclusively for semiconductor or electronics component manufacturing after the 2024 SEZ reforms?

- A. 50 hectares
- B. 30 hectares
- C. 20 hectares
- D. 10 hectares
- E. No land requirement

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The government amended Rule 5 of the SEZ Rules, 2006, to reduce the minimum land requirement to 10 hectares for SEZs dedicated to semiconductor or electronics component manufacturing, down from the earlier 50 hectares.
- Rule 7 was amended to allow SEZ land to be mortgaged or leased to Central or State governments without disqualification.
- Rule 53 now includes free-of-cost goods in Net Foreign Exchange (NFE) calculations.
- Rule 18 enables these SEZ units to supply into the domestic tariff area upon payment of applicable duties.
- Micron will set up an SEZ in Sanand, Gujarat, and Aequs in Dharwad, Karnataka.

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Ques: Who is the author of the book "India: 5000 Years of History on the Subcontinent"?

- A. William Dalrymple
- B. Audrey Truschke
- C. Romila Thapar
- D. Ramachandra Guha
- E. Salman Rushdie

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Historian Audrey Truschke authored the book "India: 5000 Years of History on the Subcontinent", which presents a comprehensive view of Indian history – from the earliest signs of life to developments in the 21st century.
- She is also known for her earlier work, "Aurangzeb: The Man and the Myth".
- The book aims to make South Asian history accessible to both general readers and scholars.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- ‘Revolution in Banking: Wheels of India’s Growth Story’ : Nirmal Bansal and Suneel Gupta
- “The Great Conciliator: Lal Bahadur Shastri and the Transformation of India” : Sanjeev Chopra
- “Indira Gandhi and the Years That Transformed India” : Srinath Raghavan
- Test Cricket: A History : Tim Wigmore
- "Original Sin" : Jake Tapper and Alex Thompson
- ‘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 Vij, 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





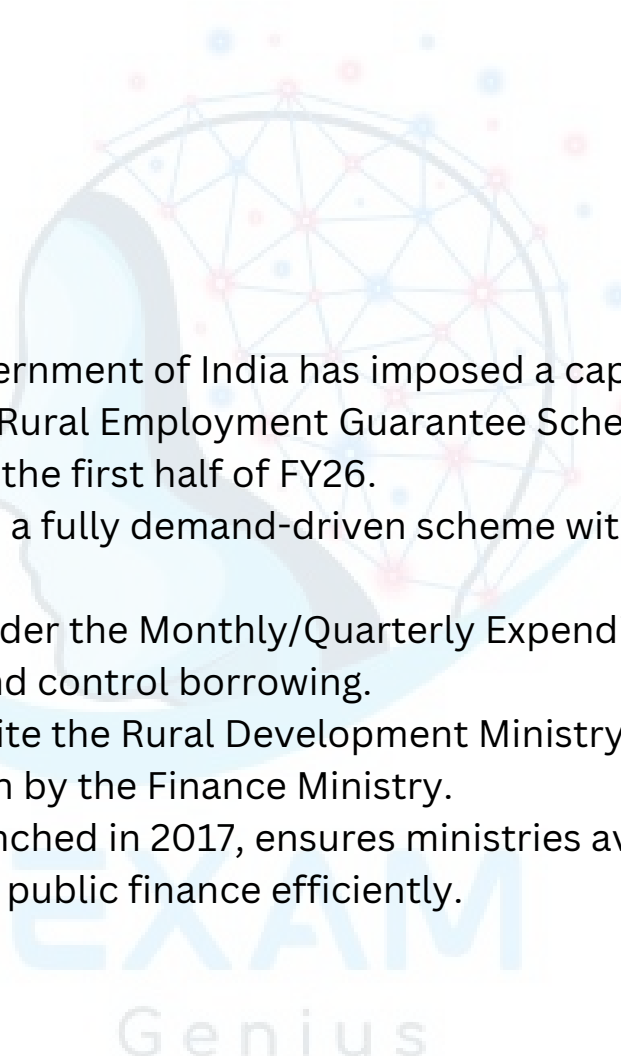
Ques: What is the maximum capped spending under MGNREGS for H1FY26 as per the government's new directive?

- A. 40%
- B. 50%
- C. 60%
- D. 70%
- E. No Cap

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- For the first time, the Government of India has imposed a cap on MGNREGS (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme) spending at 60% of the annual allocation for the first half of FY26.
- Previously, MGNREGS was a fully demand-driven scheme with no upper spending limit.
- It will now be governed under the Monthly/Quarterly Expenditure Plan (MEP/QEP) to streamline fund usage and control borrowing.
- This move was made despite the Rural Development Ministry's request for a higher cap, which was turned down by the Finance Ministry.
- The MEP/QEP system, launched in 2017, ensures ministries avoid excessive cash outflows and helps manage public finance efficiently.





Ques: Where was India's first commercially approved utility-scale Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) inaugurated?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Chennai
- D. Delhi
- E. Bengaluru

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Delhi Power Minister Ashish Sood inaugurated India's first utility-scale 20 MW / 40 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in Delhi.
- It is South Asia's largest grid-connected BESS project and the first in India to receive commercial approval.
- The project was developed by BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (a joint venture between Reliance Infrastructure and Government of NCT Delhi) in partnership with India Grid Trust, India's first power sector Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT).

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Ques: According to UNFPA, what is India's estimated population as of April 2025?

- A. 141.10 crore
- B. 144.50 crore
- C. 146.39 crore
- D. 148.20 crore
- E. 140.80 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- According to the UNFPA's State of the World Population 2025 report, India's population has reached 146.39 crore as of April 2025, making it the most populous country, ahead of China's 141.61 crore.
- The Total Fertility Rate (TFR) has declined to 1.9, which is below the replacement level of 2.1, suggesting population stabilization and eventual decline.
- In contrast, India's own projection in 2019 had estimated the population to be 141.10 crore by 2025.
- The next Census, delayed from 2021, is expected by March 2027.
- India's TFR of 1.9 is lower than Bangladesh (2.1), Pakistan (3.5), and Afghanistan (4.7), and equal to Nepal and Sri Lanka.

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Ques: Which organization published the "Comprehensive Modular Survey: Telecom, 2025 (CMS-T)" report?

- A. TRAI
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Ministry of Electronics and IT
- D. National Statistical Office
- E. Department of Telecommunications

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The CMS-T 2025 report was published by the National Statistical Office (NSO) as part of the 80th round of the National Sample Survey (NSS) conducted during January – March 2025.
- The report highlights the digital divide in India, especially in rural areas:

Key Findings:

- 51.6% of rural women aged 15 years and above do not own a mobile phone.
- 85.5% of Indian households own at least one smartphone.
- 86.3% of households have internet access within their premises.
- Among individuals aged 15–29, 97.1% used a mobile phone in the last three months.
- Among those aged 15–24, 97% reported mobile phone use.
- Across India, 85.7% of people aged 15+ use mobile phones.

Internet Usage :

- Individuals aged 15–24 years : 94.3% used the internet at least once in the last three months
- Among individuals aged 15-29 years : 93.6% used the internet at least once in the last three months
- Among individuals aged 15 years and above : 70% used the internet at least once in the last three months





Ques: Where was the 7th International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI) 2025 held?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Geneva
- C. Nice, France
- D. Tokyo
- E. Paris

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The 7th edition of ICDRI was held on June 6–7, 2025, in Nice, France, marking the first time the conference was hosted in Europe.
- The theme was: “Shaping a Resilient Future for Coastal Regions”.
- The conference focused on protecting small island developing states (SIDS) and coastal communities from climate risks such as sea-level rise and storms.
- ICDRI is organized under the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), launched by India in 2019. CDRI Headquarters in New Delhi
- It aims to mobilize US\$10 trillion investment into resilient infrastructure by 2050.
- CDRI has 46 member countries and 8 partner organizations, including UN agencies, multilateral banks, and private sector entities.

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Ques: Which state signed a five-year MoU with Satish Dhawan Space Centre to strengthen its AWARE platform?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Gujarat
- C. Karnataka
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. Odisha

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Andhra Pradesh government signed a five-year MoU with Satish Dhawan Space Centre to enhance the AWARE (Andhra Pradesh Weather Forecasting and Early Warning Research Centre) platform.
- The MoU aims to integrate satellite imagery and scientific inputs for delivering real-time, citizen-centric governance.
- Satellite inputs will be used across 42 key applications including agriculture, disaster management, weather forecasting, urban planning, and public safety.
- AWARE consolidates data from satellites, drones, IoT devices, sensors, mobile phones, and CCTVs, and shares alerts via SMS, WhatsApp, media, and social platforms

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- The Andhra Pradesh Government partnered with NVIDIA to establish India's first AI University, aiming to boost education, skill development, and research in Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- India and Italy have agreed to establish joint working groups in the automobile and space sectors
- Dassault Aviation and Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) have signed 4 Production Transfer Agreements for manufacturing the Rafale fighter aircraft fuselage
- Assam and Meghalaya governments have jointly announced a 55 MW hydropower and irrigation project on the Kulsi River after consulting local communities
- The State Bank of India (SBI) signed an MoU with the Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) to promote the establishment and support of Global Capability Centres (GCCs) in Karnataka
- Kolkata-based Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE) and Norway's Kongsberg signed an MoU to build the country's first ever Polar Research Vessel (PRV) indigenously - advancing India's capabilities in polar and ocean research
- The KERA Project (Kerala Climate Resilient Agri-Value Chain Modernisation) is a collaborative effort supported by the World Bank from 2025 to 2029. MoU was signed between the Rubber Board and the Department of Agricultural Development and Farmers' Welfare, Kerala
- Bangalore International Airport Limited and InterGlobe Aviation Limited (IndiGo) inked a MOU to spend Rs 1,100 crore in the establishment of a Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facility at Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru
- 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





Ques: What is the purpose of the amendments to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act 2023?

- A. To ban private mining operations
- B. To enhance exploration and extraction of critical minerals
- C. To regulate coal mining
- D. To privatize public sector mines
- E. To increase export duties

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The amendments are aimed at boosting the exploration and extraction of 24 identified critical minerals, supporting the National Critical Minerals Mission (NCMM).
- The mission has a budget of ₹16,300 crore (FY 2024–2031) and additional Rs.18,000 crore from CPSEs.
- National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) funds (Rs.6,000 crore corpus) will be used, including for exploration in Zambia.
- India has secured mineral blocks in Zambia, covering 9,000 square kilometres. The NMET funds will facilitate the exploration of copper and cobalt resources
- Other initiatives include a Rs.1,500 crore recycling scheme and a tailings policy to promote extraction from mining waste.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Denmark's Anders Antonsen beat Taiwanese Chou Tien-chen to clinch his first Indonesia Open men's singles title. South Korea's An Se-young her second championship (Indonesia Open women's singles title) in Jakarta.

Tamil Nadu government officially notified the creation of the Greater Flamingo Sanctuary at Dhanushkodi in Ramanathapuram district

8th Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction held in Geneva. The theme of 8th session of GPDRR (2025) is "Every Day Counts: Act for Resilience Today,"

Air India Limited signed a codeshare agreement with Reykjavík (Iceland) based Icelandair to enhance air connectivity between India and Europe via Iceland. This newly signed codeshare agreement will enable passengers to travel more easily across 15 routes in India and Europe.

Sri Lanka is celebrating the sacred Poson Poya festival, marking the historic arrival of Buddhism over 2,000 years ago. Observed on the June full moon.

'Day of the Jackal' author Frederick Forsyth dies at 86. Forsyth published more than 25 books, also including The Odessa File and The Dogs of War

