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Ques: Vedanta Aluminium signed an MoU with which bank to provide collateral-free financing to MSMEs and OEMs through BALCO in Korba, Chhattisgarh?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Vedanta Aluminium signed an MoU with the Central Bank of India to provide collateral-free financing to MSMEs and OEMs through Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) in Korba, Chhattisgarh.
- This initiative is aimed at improving working capital access for downstream customers, especially those that constitute over 60% of Vedanta's customer base.
- Loans ranging from Rs.10 lakh to Rs.10 crore will be provided based on parameters like business turnover, customer history, and recommendation from BALCO, at some of the lowest interest rates in the aluminium sector.

About Central Bank of India :

- Established : 1911
- HQ : Mumbai
- MD & CEO : M.V. Rao
- Tagline : Central to You Since 1911





Recently signed banking agreements

- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT) signed an MoU to boost cybersecurity and resilience in India's digital payment ecosystem
- 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
- 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



Ques: Recently, the RBI approved the extension of the term of Sandeep Batra as Executive Director of which bank?

- A. HDFC Bank
- B. ICICI Bank
- C. Axis Bank
- D. SBI
- E. Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the extension of Sandeep Batra's term as Executive Director (ED) of ICICI Bank.
- His renewed term will be effective from December 23, 2025 to December 22, 2027.
- Final shareholder approval will be obtained in due course.
- Sandeep Batra has been serving as ED since July 2018, managing vital departments like corporate communications, finance, HR, legal, customer service, and compliance.
- He also oversees risk management, internal audit, and regulatory compliance functions.

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Prashant Kumar : six-month extension as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Yes Bank
- Sumit Madan : Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Axis Max Life Insurance
- R Doraiswamy : CEO and MD of LIC
- Sat Pal Bhanoo : additional charge of CEO & MD of LIC
- Shri T. Rabi Sankar : part-time member of the 16th Finance Commission (XVIFC)
- K. Prathapa Reddy : Chairman of Telangana Grameena Bank (TGB) (replacing Y. Sobha)
- Stefan Schaffer : Chief Executive officer (CEO) of Deutsche Bank India (Replaced Dilipkumar Khandelwal)
- Swarup Kumar Saha : Managing Director and CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank
- Raman Aggarwal : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC) - Representative body of NBFCs
- 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





Ques: Which company launched the fully digital 'Business Loan 24/7' product for MSMEs in India?

- A. Bajaj Finserv
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. Tata Capital
- D. Muthoot Finance
- E. Poonawalla Fincorp

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Poonawalla Fincorp Limited, promoted by the Cyrus Poonawalla Group, has launched 'Business Loan 24/7', a first-of-its-kind fully digital loan product for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- The product enables MSMEs to apply, get approval, and receive disbursement without visiting any branch or submitting physical documents.
- It uses a digital risk assessment model integrated with India's public digital infrastructure such as GST system, Credit Bureaus, and Account Aggregators.
- This initiative is aimed at enhancing financial accessibility and supporting the growth of MSMEs across India.

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Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Scapia Federal Credit Card Launched by Scapia (a Bengaluru-based travel fintech startup) & Federal Bank
- SBM ZET Credit Card Launched by ZET (Bengaluru) & State Bank of Mauritius (SBM) Bank (India). The card can be secured by opening an FD with SBM Bank, starting from Rs.5,000
- Indian Bank has launched new NRE Savings Account variants specifically for NRIs, bundled with premium debit cards — IND D'Elite, IND Premium, and IND Plus
- Axis Bank super.money Credit Card Launched by Axis Bank Limited & super.money (a fintech platform backed by Bengaluru based Flipkart)
- HDFC Bank has launched Biz+ Current Accounts, a reimaged suite of current account products tailored for Indian businesses
- Indian Bank launched two new fixed deposit (FD) schemes — IND SECURE (444 days) and IND GREEN (555 days) — with effect from May 8, 2025
- Union Bank of India (UBI) launched the 'Union Wellness Deposit', an innovative retail term deposit scheme
- Canara Bank has launched 'CANARA TruEdge', a specialized and feature-rich suite of Current and Savings Accounts
- In 2025, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) introduced a WhatsApp-based premium payment facility
- Kotak Solitaire Credit Card Launched by Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited. It is available exclusively to Solitaire Program customers with a Total Relationship Value (TRV) of Rs. 75 lakh (savings accounts) or Rs. 1 crore (current accounts)
- Razorpay Software Private Limited has launched India's first Model Context Protocol (MCP) server for a payment gateway
- Hyderabad-based Goldsikka has unveiled India's first AI-powered Gold-Melting ATM, setting a new benchmark in automated gold transactions
- A first-of-its-kind parametric climate risk insurance product called "ClimateSafe" was introduced in India by Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Limited and Germany-based Allianz SE
- BookMyForex, part of the MakeMyTrip Group, introduced the 'Global Forex Card', a USD-denominated prepaid card
- Aditya Birla Capital Digital Limited (ABCDL) launched a Digital Gold SIP facility on its ABCD mobile app in May 2025



Ques: Recently, the Reserve Bank of India issued draft regulations for which type of derivatives?

- A. Commodity Derivatives
- B. Currency Derivatives
- C. Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives
- D. Credit Default Swaps
- E. Equity Derivatives

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued draft guidelines for Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives (IRD) to keep the regulatory framework in line with evolving market dynamics.
- The previous IRD guidelines were issued in June 2019.
- Due to the introduction of new derivative products and increased participation of non-resident entities, an updated regulatory approach was deemed necessary.
- An Interest Rate Derivative is a financial contract whose value is based on rupee interest rates, related instruments, or indices.
- The revised norms aim to promote transparency, safety, and broader market access.

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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- RBI plans to re-issue sovereign green bonds (SGrBs) during the upcoming government securities (G-Secs) auction on June 13, 2025
- RBI has allowed STRIPS (Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities) for State Government Securities (SGS)
- RBI has extended the deadline for low-risk individual customers to update their KYC (Know Your Customer) details
- RBI has reduced the qualifying asset threshold for Non-Banking Financial Companies – Microfinance Institutions (NBFC-MFIs) from 75% to 60% to provide a boost to the sector
- 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 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
- 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
- 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%.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of CSB Bank for a 3-year term?

- A. Shyam Srinivasan
- B. Pralay Mondal
- C. Rajkiran Rai G
- D. Sandeep Bakhshi
- E. Atanu Chakraborty

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Pralay Mondal has been appointed as the MD & CEO of CSB Bank Limited for a term of 3 years.
- His appointment is in accordance with Section 35B of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- He had been serving as the interim MD & CEO of CSB Bank since April 2022.
- His confirmation marks a continuation of leadership at the private sector bank, strengthening its strategic and operational direction.

About CSB Bank Limited :

- Established : 1920
- HQ : Thrissur, Kerala
- Tagline : "Banking on Transformation"

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Ques: Which stock exchange received SEBI approval to launch monthly electricity futures contracts?

- A. Bombay Stock Exchange
- B. National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange
- C. National Stock Exchange
- D. Indian Energy Exchange
- E. Multi Commodity Exchange

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) has received SEBI's approval to launch monthly electricity futures contracts.
- This is aimed at strengthening India's power markets and aligns with long-term structural reforms under the Electricity Act, 2003.
- NSE Clearing Limited will handle the clearing and settlement of these contracts.
- NSE, in collaboration with NCDEX, had earlier set up Power Exchange India Limited in 2008, India's first dedicated power exchange.
- According to NITI Aayog, achieving net-zero emissions by 2047 will require annual investments of over USD 250 billion.

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Ques: IFC has committed \$60 million investment in which company's investment arm?

- A. HDFC Group
- B. Motilal Oswal Group
- C. ICICI Group
- D. Axis Group
- E. Kotak Group

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, has committed a \$60 million (approximately Rs.510 crore) investment in Motilal Oswal Alternates, the private investment arm of Motilal Oswal Financial Services.
- This funding aims to support mid-market companies in India by enabling business expansion and job creation.
- The target sectors for this investment include Consumer goods, Financial services, Life sciences and Manufacturing
- The partnership aligns with IFC's broader mission to foster sustainable economic development through private sector growth.

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RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS :

- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) raised Rs.2,005.90 crore via Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP)
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$109.97 million (Rs.927 crore) results-based loan to Gujarat
- Adani Airports Holdings Limited (AAHL), a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises, has raised \$750 million (6250 crore) through External Commercial Borrowings (ECB)
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) President Masato Kanda announced that ADB is ready to provide up to \$4.5 billion annually in sovereign lending to India
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has committed up to \$10 billion over 5 years for India's urban transformation, including metro expansions
- Vivriti Asset Management (VAM) Secured USD 20 Million from Vienna (Austria)-based Development Bank of Austria (OeEB) for its Vivriti India Retail Assets Fund (VIRAF), bolstering the fund's capital base to USD 165 million
- Bank of Maharashtra has sanctioned Rs.1500 crore to the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA)
- Uttarakhand secures Rs 1910 crore urban development funding from European Investment Bank (EIB) to enhance urban infrastructure development across four cities (Pithoragarh, Sitarganj, Rudrapur, and Kashipur) in Uttarakhand
- A loan of \$85.4 million has been authorized by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to finance essential industrial infrastructure in Tripura's nine industrial complexes
- As of December 31, 2024, the Asian Development Bank has committed \$59.5 billion in loans to India overall, up from \$55.3 billion in 2023
- Argentina and the International Monetary Fund inked a \$20 billion, 48-month Extended Fund Facility agreement
- National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) has provided a loan of Rs.1,787 crore to BluPine Energy Private Limited to optimize financial structuring, enhance operational efficiency, and fuel portfolio expansion
- India and Japan have signed credit agreements totaling 191.736 billion Japanese yen for six projects through Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) to India
- Wipro Ltd has signed a 10-year, £500 million deal with Phoenix Group, a major UK-based savings and retirement company



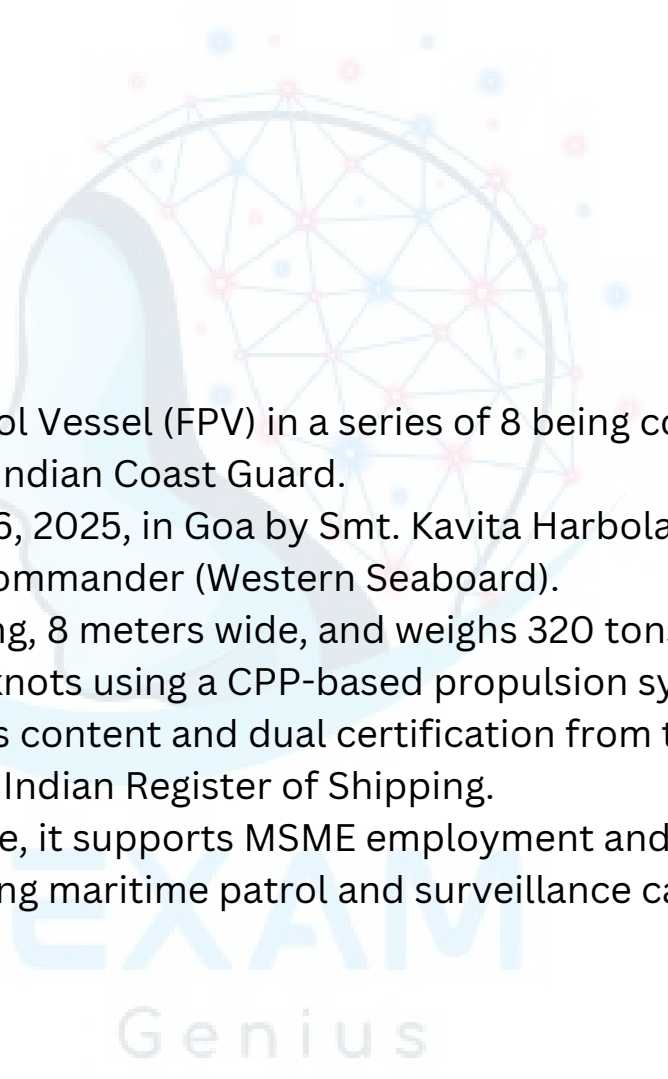
Ques: What is the name of the 5th Fast Patrol Vessel launched by Goa Shipyard Ltd. (GSL) for the Indian Coast Guard on June 16, 2025?

- A. Arjun
- B. Abhay
- C. Ajeya
- D. Anant
- E. Achal

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- 'Achal' is the 5th Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) in a series of 8 being constructed by Goa Shipyard Ltd. (GSL) for the Indian Coast Guard.
- It was launched on June 16, 2025, in Goa by Smt. Kavita Harbola, in the presence of ADG Anil Kumar Harbola, Commander (Western Seaboard).
- The vessel is 52 meters long, 8 meters wide, and weighs 320 tons, capable of reaching a top speed of 27 knots using a CPP-based propulsion system.
- It features 60% indigenous content and dual certification from the American Bureau of Shipping and the Indian Register of Shipping.
- Built at a cost of ₹473 crore, it supports MSME employment and Aatmanirbhar Bharat goals, while enhancing maritime patrol and surveillance capabilities.





Ques: Why has India directed IREL (India) Limited to suspend its rare earth supply agreement with Japan?

- A. Due to environmental concerns
- B. To comply with WTO guidelines
- C. To promote private sector participation
- D. To prioritize domestic needs and reduce dependence on Chinese chains
- E. To encourage exports to Europe

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India has instructed IREL (India) Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking under the Department of Atomic Energy, to suspend its 13-year-old rare earth supply agreement with Japan.
- The decision aims to prioritize domestic industrial needs and reduce India's dependence on Chinese rare earth processing chains.
- IREL plays a crucial role in mining, processing, and refining strategic minerals like neodymium, essential for sectors such as energy, electronics, defence, and EVs.
- This move aligns with India's strategic goal of building a self-reliant rare earth value chain to support indigenous manufacturing.

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Ques: Recently, TRAI capped the charges for Wi-Fi hotspot operators related to which scheme?

- A. BharatNet
- B. PM-WANI
- C. Digital India
- D. Startup India
- E. Make in India

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has issued an order to cap the charges that can be levied on public Wi-Fi hotspot operators.
- The move is part of the PM-WANI (Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface) scheme, which seeks to expand affordable internet access via public Wi-Fi.
- TRAI observed that some Internet Service Providers (ISPs) were charging 40–80 times higher than residential broadband rates for commercial hotspot setups.
- The new rule mandates that hotspot operators be charged no more than residential users, making Wi-Fi access more feasible for small entrepreneurs and public use.
- While Broadband India Forum and Tata Communications opposed the cap citing commercial impacts, TRAI stood firm to ensure internet affordability and digital inclusion.

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Ques: Who became the first female physique sports athlete from Arunachal Pradesh to win a gold medal at an international event?

- A. Sangay Dema
- B. Hillang Yajik
- C. Tashi Lhamu
- D. Anshu Jamsenpa
- E. Pema Dolma

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Hillang Yajik from Arunachal Pradesh won 1 gold and 1 silver medal at the 15th South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships 2025 in Thimphu, Bhutan.
- She secured 1st position in the Women's Model Physique up to 155 cm category.
- She became the first female physique sports athlete from Arunachal Pradesh to win a gold medal at an international competition.
- The event was organized by the South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Federation

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Nishant Dev, an Indian boxer, won his second professional fight against Josue Silva by a majority decision of 60-54 in a Super Welterweight match at Madison Square Garden Theatre in New York.
- U Mumba defeated Jaipur Patriots 8-4 in Ahmedabad to win the Ultimate Table Tennis Season 6 title
- South Africa clinched the ICC World Test Championship 2025 title by defeating defending champions Australia in the final held at Lord's, London
- Wimbledon's prize money has risen to a record 53.5 million pounds (about \$73 million) and the singles champions will each earn three million pounds (\$4 million)
- The 2025 Taiwan Athletics Open, part of the World Athletics Continental Tour Bronze (Category C), was held at Taipei Municipal Stadium in Taipei City, Taiwan
- Priyanka Goswami won gold in the women's 10km race at the Austrian Racewalking Championships in Innsbruck
- Anahat Singh, India's top-ranked women's squash player, won two awards at the PSA Awards 2024-25 : Women's Challenger Player of the Season, and Women's Young Player of the Season (shared with Amina Orfi of Egypt)
- Portugal won their second UEFA Nations League title by defeating Spain 5-3 in a penalty shootout, after a 2-2 draw in the final held at the Allianz Arena, Munich, Germany
- The 43rd edition of the Indonesia Open, officially titled the Kapal Api Indonesia Open 2025, was a premier badminton tournament held at Istora Gelora Bung Karno, Jakarta, Indonesia
- 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
- Spain's Carlos Alcaraz defeated Italy's Jannik Sinner to win the Men's Singles title at the French Open 2025
- 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



Ques: What is the name of the indigenous VTOL drone recently tested by the Indian Army for precision strikes?

- A. Garudstrike
- B. Rudrastra
- C. Agnivega
- D. Trinetra
- E. Nirbhay

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Rudrastra is an indigenously developed VTOL (Vertical Take-Off and Landing) drone tested by the Indian Army for precision strikes.
- Developed by Solar Aerospace and Defence Limited (SDAL), Rudrastra was tested at the Pokhran firing range.
- It has a range of 170 km including loitering, with an endurance of about 1.5 hours.
- It uses airburst munitions from high altitudes to neutralize targets over a wide radius.
- The drone demonstrated effective target destruction up to a range of 50 km.

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Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to acquire I-STAR aircraft under a Rs.10,000 crore project, which is expected to be cleared soon by the government
- INS Arnala is the first Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) of the Indian Navy. It will be commissioned on 18 June 2025 at the Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam, presided over by General Anil Chauhan, Chief of Defence Staff
- MSC Irina is the world's largest container ship, with a carrying capacity of 24,346 TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units).
- The MV Wan Hai 503, a Singapore-flagged container vessel, caught fire 88 nautical miles off the Beypore coast in Kerala
- The Indian Navy will commission INS Arnala, the first Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), on June 18, 2025, at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam
- The yacht 'Triveni', indigenously built, was used for India's first-ever international open-sea sailing mission by an all-women Tri-Services team
- The Pinaka Multi Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL) is a modern, high-precision indirect fire weapon system developed by the Armament Research & Development Establishment (ARDE)
- 'Meghdoot Millennium' is a secure, real-time postal software designed specifically for defence personnel, ensuring modernized and efficient postal services
- Intelsat, a multinational satellite services provider, has received approval from IN-SPACE to operate four Geostationary (GEO) satellites — IS-17, IS-20, IS-36, and IS-39
- China launched the Tianwen-2 spacecraft to collect samples from near-Earth asteroid 2016HO3 and to explore main-belt comet 311P
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved the execution model of the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programme, which aims to build India's first fifth-generation fighter aircraft
- Samtel Avionics Limited and Aerospace Technology Systems Corporation.Sdn.Bhd. (ATSC), based in Kuantan, Malaysia, have teamed together to serve the Royal Malaysian Air Force's (RMAF) fleet, particularly the Su30MKM aircraft
- AgniKul Cosmos Private Limited successfully fired India's first electric motor-driven semi-cryogenic engine, which will power its upcoming Agnibaan launch vehicle
- Aerpace Industries Limited has successfully tested India's next generation smart Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) ecosystem under the aerShield initiative



Ques: Which of the following platforms was NOT among those launched by Amit Shah for disaster management in June 2025?

- A. NDEM Lite 2.0
- B. Flood Hazard Zonation Atlas of Assam
- C. National Cyber Emergency Alert System
- D. Integrated Control Room for Emergency Response
- E. All were launched

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- In June 2025, Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched three key platforms to strengthen disaster management in India:
 - Integrated Control Room for Emergency Response (ICR-ER)
 - National Database for Emergency Management Lite 2.0 (NDEM Lite 2.0)
 - Flood Hazard Zonation Atlas of Assam
- These platforms were launched during the Annual Conference of Relief Commissioners and Disaster Management Authorities.
- The National Cyber Emergency Alert System was not part of this announcement.
- The launched platforms aim to boost real-time coordination, data access, and flood mitigation through satellite streaming, national disaster databases, and regional hazard mapping.

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Ques: Which gin became the first alcohol label from Northeast India to be exported?

- A. Kaziranga Craft Gin
- B. Shillong Dry Gin
- C. Cherrapunji Eastern Craft Gin
- D. Brahmaputra Botanical Gin
- E. Meghalaya Highland Gin

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Cherrapunji Eastern Craft Gin has become the first alcohol label from the northeastern region of India to be exported.
- Announced on World Gin Day (June 14), it is produced in small batches using traditional copper stills.
- The gin uses rainwater harvested from Sohra and Mawsynram—the wettest places on Earth.
- Its unique botanical profile includes regional ingredients like kaji nemu, Khasi mandarin, Sohmarit pepper, smoked black cardamom, and pine-smoked tea.
- The gin has received 13 international awards, including a ‘Master’ medal at the Global Spirits Masters 2023 and a silver at the World Gin Awards.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the 18th Chief of the UK's Secret Intelligence Service (MI6), becoming the first woman to lead the agency?

- A. Fiona Hill
- B. Anne Keast-Butler
- C. Blaise Metreweli
- D. Stella Rimington
- E. Cressida Dick

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Blaise Metreweli has been appointed as the 18th Chief of the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6), marking a historic moment as the first woman to head the UK's foreign intelligence agency.
- She succeeds Sir Richard Moore.
- Metreweli currently serves as the Director General for Technology and Innovation at MI6, bringing extensive experience to the top role.

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Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Arun Srinivas : Managing Director (MD) and Head of Meta India operations (Replaced Sandhya Devanathan)
- Kirti Ganorkar : Managing Director of Sun Pharmaceutical Industries (Replaced Dilip Shanghvi)
- Bobby Mukkamala : 180th president of the American Medical Association (AMA)
- S. Somanath : Chancellor of Chanakya University, Bengaluru, a private university
- Sailesh C. Mehta : Chairman of the Fertiliser Association of India (FAI) (Replaced N. Suresh Krishnan)
- Economist S Mahendra Dev : Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)
- Former German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock : President of the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)
- Sudarshan Venu : Chairman and Managing Director of TVS Motor Company (Replacing Sir Ralf Speth)
- V. Srinivas : President of International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS)
- Venkatesh Korla : Global Chief Executive Officer at Hinduja Global Solutions Limited
- Mahesh Kumar Nutalapati : Global Chief Financial Officer at Hinduja Global Solutions Limited
- S Padmanabhan : Chairman of Tata Chemicals (Replaced N Chandrasekaran)
- 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





Ques: Who among the following has recently resigned from the position of India's G20 Sherpa?

- A. Ajit Doval
- B. Amitabh Kant
- C. S. Jaishankar
- D. Rajiv Kumar
- E. Arvind Panagariya

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Amitabh Kant, a retired 1980-batch IAS officer from the Kerala cadre and former CEO of NITI Aayog, has resigned from the post of India's G20 Sherpa.
- He was appointed to this crucial diplomatic role in July 2022, just before India assumed the G20 Presidency.
- Amitabh Kant has had a distinguished career of over 45 years, serving in various significant roles across the Indian government.
- His contribution was instrumental during India's G20 Presidency year in steering policy negotiations and shaping global economic agendas.

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Ques: Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) signed a contract with which organization for building two Coastal Research Vessels (CRVs)?

- A. Geological Survey of India
- B. DRDO
- C. Indian Navy
- D. Indian Coast Guard
- E. National Institute of Ocean Technology

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- GRSE (Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited) signed a contract with the Geological Survey of India (GSI) for the construction of two Coastal Research Vessels (CRVs).
- GSI functions under the Ministry of Mines (MoM) and is headquartered in Kolkata.
- The CRVs will be 64 meters long, 12 meters wide, with a deadweight of 450 tons, and can sustain 15 days of operation with accommodation for 35 personnel.
- GRSE was established in 1851 and is headquartered in Kolkata, with Cmde PR Hari as its CMD.

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has entered into a long-term strategic partnership with Salling Group, the largest retail chain in Denmark. The partnership aims to enable Salling Group's cloud transition and AI-driven digital transformation.
- Andhra Pradesh signed a MOU with NITI Aayog and Institute for Sustainability, Employment and Growth (ISEG Foundation) on the state energy road transition roadmap.
- Dhruva Space, a private Indian space company, is partnering with Sodern (a subsidiary of ArianeGroup, France) to launch a star tracker named HORUS in 2026
- IG Drones, an Indian drone technology firm, has signed a strategic partnership with Belgium-based VoxelSensors, a deep tech company. The collaboration focuses on integrating next-generation 3D perception systems into Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)
- IRCTC, in partnership with the Maharashtra government and Indian Railways, created a "Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj circuit train tour" to highlight the history and legacy of Maratha monarch Chhatrapati Shivaji
- International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited and Bhartiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Limited formalized a Tripartite Service Agreement to establish the 'Beej Anusandhan Kendra, a state-of-the-art seed research center in Kalol, Gujarat
- Maharashtra forest department partnered with Microsoft and the Centre for Youth Development and Activities (CYDA), Pune, for eco-restoration of Tamhini Wildlife Sanctuary
- To promote linguistic inclusion and AI-driven digital transformation in the Indian Railways, a MoU was signed between Digital India Bhashini Division (DIBD) and the Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS)
- 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
- 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



Ques: Which country recently joined BRICS as its 10th partner country?

- A. Malaysia
- B. Kazakhstan
- C. Nigeria
- D. Vietnam
- E. Uzbekistan

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Vietnam has officially joined BRICS as a partner country, becoming the 10th partner.
- The partner country category was introduced at the 2024 BRICS Summit held in Kazan, Russia.
- Other partner countries include Belarus, Bolivia, Kazakhstan, Cuba, Malaysia, Nigeria, Thailand, Uganda, and Uzbekistan.
- BRICS originally included Brazil, Russia, India, and China, with South Africa joining later to form BRICS.
- The bloc also established the New Development Bank (NDB), headquartered in Shanghai, to support infrastructure and sustainable development in emerging economies.

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Ques: What is the purpose of the newly sanctioned Forest Rights Act (FRA) Cells under the Dharti Aba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyaan?

- A. Conduct forest conservation surveys
- B. Implement rural employment schemes
- C. Accelerate the implementation of FRA, 2006
- D. Promote eco-tourism in tribal areas
- E. Monitor wildlife movement in forest regions

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- For the first time since the enactment of the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006, the Government of India has approved 324 FRA Cells to support the implementation of the Act under the Dharti Aba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyaan (DAJGUA).
- These cells will be located at the district and state levels within Tribal Sub-Plan areas and aim to strengthen the administrative framework for recognizing and securing forest rights of tribal and forest-dwelling communities.
- The initiative is funded by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and is guided by DAJGUA operational guidelines.
- Major states with the highest sanctioned cells include Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Maharashtra, and Assam.

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Ques: Which state launched the 'Udyog Kranti' initiative to boost industrial growth and streamline business approvals?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat
- C. Karnataka
- D. Punjab
- E. Haryana

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Punjab government launched the Punjab Udyog Kranti initiative to simplify, reduce, and expedite statutory processes for setting up industries in the state.
- It unveiled 12 new industrial initiatives, including a deemed approval system that mandates all applications be processed within 45 working days.
- A new Fast-track Punjab portal enables auto-generated approvals the next day, legally valid like regular clearances.
- Punjab also became the first state in India to launch colour-coded stamp papers to assist entrepreneurs in setting up their business units.

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Ques: Where was the 6th Governing Council meeting of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) held?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Hyderabad
- D. New Delhi
- E. Kolkata

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The 6th Governing Council meeting of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) was held in New Delhi.
- It was chaired by Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who heads both the Ministry of Finance (MoF) and the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA).
- NIIF was established in 2015 and is headquartered in Mumbai.
- The current MD & CEO of NIIF is Sanjiv Aggarwal.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) led the 137th meeting of the Offshore Security Coordination Committee (OSCC) in New Delhi. The OSCC was constituted in 1978 to ensure the effective functioning of offshore security arrangements
- Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, addressed at the first "Best Practices" Conclave conducted by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare at All India Institute of Medical Sciences in Nagpur.
- United Nations Ocean Conference 2028 4th Edition Will host by China and South Korea (Republic of Korea)
- Meeting of the Task Force on Textiles Exports 1st Edition Organised by Ministry of Commerce at New Delhi and Chaired by Commerce Secretary Shri Sunil Barthwal
- The third meeting of the ITU-T Focus Group on Artificial Intelligence Native for Telecommunication Networks (FG-AINN) was inaugurated in New Delhi. The FG-AINN was set up in July 2024 by ITU-T Study Group 13
- At the third UN Ocean Conference (UNOC3) held in Nice, France, a significant climate initiative called the Blue Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) Challenge was jointly launched by France and Brazil
- Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan chaired the Global Young Scientists Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Global Young Academy at IIT Hyderabad
- Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of Earth Sciences (Independent Charge), is leading the Indian delegation to the 3rd United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3) in Nice, France
- 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,"



Ques: When is World Wind Day celebrated annually to highlight the role of wind energy?

- A. 5 June
- B. 15 June
- C. 21 April
- D. 10 August
- E. 30 May

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- World Wind Day is celebrated every year on 15 June to raise awareness about the power of wind and its role in transforming global energy systems.
- The event was first organized in 2007 by the European Wind Energy Association (EWEA).
- It gained global recognition in 2009 with the support of the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC).
- The day promotes the importance of wind as a clean and sustainable energy source.

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Important days :

- 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)
- 6 June : UN Russian Language Day 2025
- 6 June : World Pest Day (theme for 2025 was: "Guardians of Health: Professional Pest Management for a Safer World")
- 7 June : 7th World Food Safety Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Food safety: science in action)
- 8 June : World Oceans Day (theme "Wonder: Sustaining what sustains us.")
- 8 June : World Brain Tumor Day (Theme 2025 Brain Health for All Ages)
- 9 June : World Accreditation Day (Theme, "Accreditation: Empowering Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)")
- 9 June : 77th International Archives Day 2025 (Theme 2025 #ArchivesAreAccessible-Archives for Everyone)
- 9 to 13 June : International Archives Week
- 10 June : International Day for Dialogue among Civilizations (THEME 2025 : The Imperative of Dialogue among Civilizations in a Changing World)
- 11 June : International Day of Play (THEME : Choose play – every day!)
- 12 June : 26th World Day Against Child Labour (Theme: "Progress is clear, but there's more to do: let's speed up efforts!")
- 12 June : Russia Day (birthday of modern Russia)
- 13 June : International Albinism Awareness Day (theme for 2025 is "Demanding our rights: Protect our skin, Preserve our lives")
- 14 June : World Blood Donor Day (WBDD) (Theme for 2025 is: "Give blood, give hope: together we save lives.")
- 15 June : World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (2025 Theme: Addressing Abuse of Older Adults in Long Term Care Facilities: Through Data and Action)





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

MyGov, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, successfully hosted a one-day session titled "Think Social @ MyGov" in New Delhi. The training aimed to improve digital communication across Ministries and Departments and increase citizen involvement through platforms including YouTube, Meta, and LinkedIn.

To improve the quality and monitoring of National Highway projects, NHAI has limited consulting firms to a maximum of 10 projects per 'Engineer' for construction and maintenance.

A team of researchers has identified a new species of jumping spiders of the Spartaeinae subfamily in southern India. New species named Spartaeus karigiri known for their intelligent hunting skills and webinvasion tactics.

Union Minister of State for Rural Development Shri Kamlesh Paswan inaugurated Garuda Aerospace's new Agri-Drone Indigenization Facility in Chennai

Russia has trademarked technology for launching autonomous spacecraft from orbital stations. This will be the world's first drone platform with self-maintenance robotic systems.

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