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Ques: CreditAccess Grameen recently secured a USD 100 million loan through External Commercial Borrowing (ECB). Which bank provided this loan?

- A. HSBC
- B. Standard Chartered Bank
- C. Bank of America
- D. Barclays Bank
- E. Citi Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- CreditAccess Grameen (CA Grameen), India's largest NBFC-MFI, secured a USD 100 million loan via External Commercial Borrowing (ECB).
- The loan was provided by Standard Chartered Bank (SCB).
- It is structured in dual currencies – Japanese Yen (JPY) and United States Dollar (USD) – to offer flexible funding.
- The funding will support CA Grameen's efforts in expanding microfinance services across India.

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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: From which date will the revised agency commission rates for banks handling government transactions become applicable?

- A. January 1, 2025
- B. March 31, 2025
- C. July 1, 2025
- D. June 1, 2025
- E. April 1, 2025

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revised the agency commission structure for banks managing government-related transactions such as revenue receipts, pension disbursements, and other payments.
- The changes include:
 - Rs.12 commission per transaction for electronic revenue receipts/payments (up from Rs.9).
 - Rs.80 per transaction for pension payments (up from Rs.75).
 - 7 paise per Rs.100 for other government payments (up from 6.5 paise).
- These new rates will be effective from April 1, 2025, aligning with the start of the new financial year.

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Ques: Who has recently been appointed as a Member of the SEBI Board, replacing Ajay Seth?

- A. Deepti Gaur Mukerjee
- B. Meena Agarwal
- C. Anuradha Thakur
- D. Nirmala Deshpande
- E. Neelam Singh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Anuradha Thakur has been appointed as a Member of the Board of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), replacing Ajay Seth, the outgoing Economic Affairs Secretary.
- She is the first woman to hold the position of Economic Affairs Secretary.
- The SEBI Board includes the Chairman, four full-time members, and three part-time (ex-officio) members – the RBI Deputy Governor, Economic Affairs Secretary, and Corporate Affairs Secretary.
- A separate notification is expected soon for her induction into the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- Deepti Gaur Mukerjee, the Corporate Affairs Secretary, is another current member representing the government on the SEBI Board.





Ques: As per SEBI's new directive, what is the revised expiry day for NSE's weekly index derivatives from July 1, 2024?

- A. Monday
- B. Tuesday
- C. Wednesday
- D. Thursday
- E. Friday

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has directed that NSE's weekly index derivatives contracts will now expire on Tuesday instead of the earlier Thursday.
- This decision is effective from July 1, 2024, and aims to reduce clustering of expiry dates in the derivatives segment and ensure smoother market functioning.
- BSE's weekly index derivatives, on the other hand, will now expire on Thursday.
- The expiry change applies to new contracts only, while existing contracts will follow the old schedule.

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Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) has received SEBI's approval to launch monthly electricity futures contracts
- SEBI introduced a comprehensive framework for the issuance and listing of ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) debt securities, effective June 5, 2025
- SEBI is introducing a validated UPI handle "@valid" for investor-facing intermediaries such as brokers, research analysts, and investment advisors
- SEBI imposed a Rs.3 lakh penalty on Motilal Oswal Financial Services for violating stock brokers' regulations
- 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





Ques: NTPC Limited recently secured a USD 750 million loan through External Commercial Borrowing (ECB). Which two banks acted as the Mandated Lead Arrangers and Underwriters for this deal?

- A. SBI and ICICI Bank
- B. Bank of Baroda and Axis Bank
- C. ICICI Bank and Yes Bank
- D. Punjab National Bank and HDFC Bank
- E. Bank of Baroda and HDFC Bank

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- NTPC Limited secured a USD 750 million loan via External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) for financing capital expenditure and renewable energy projects.
- Bank of Baroda acted as the Mandated Lead Arranger and Underwriter for the USD 500 million portion.
- HDFC Bank Limited was the Mandated Lead Arranger and Underwriter for the greenshoe portion of USD 250 million.
- The loan has a door-to-door tenor of 10 years with an average maturity of 7 years.

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Ques: What is the name of the new AI-based agriculture policy approved by the Maharashtra Cabinet for 2025–29?

- A. MahaFarm-AI
- B. MahaKrishi-AI
- C. MahaAgri-AI
- D. SmartAgri-MH
- E. AgriFuture-Maharashtra

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Maharashtra Cabinet has approved MahaAgri-AI 2025–29, a dedicated policy aimed at transforming the agriculture sector using artificial intelligence technologies.
- The policy includes the use of generative AI, computer vision, drones, robotics, and predictive analytics to enhance productivity and sustainability.
- It integrates with major digital initiatives like AgriStack, Maha-Agritech, Mahavedh, CropSAPP, Agmarknet, and Digital Farming Schools.
- The Mahavedh project will be extended under the WINDS initiative, setting up automated weather stations at the gram panchayat level for hyper-local weather forecasting.
- The Cabinet also approved enhanced pension benefits under the Gaurav Yojana for those imprisoned during the Emergency, and allocated 29+ hectares in Nashik to build a Tribal Industrial Cluster.

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Ques: According to the PGI 2.0 report for 2023–24, which Union Territory ranked highest in school education performance?

- A. Delhi
- B. Chandigarh
- C. Puducherry
- D. Jammu & Kashmir
- E. Ladakh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- According to the Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2.0 report released by the Union Ministry of Education, Chandigarh secured the highest score of 719 in the academic year 2023–24, placing it in the Prachesta-1 grade category (701–760 range).
- It is the only state/UT in this top category.
- On the contrary, Meghalaya ranked the lowest with 417 points, falling into the Akanshi-3 category.
- The PGI assesses states and UTs on 1000-point scale across key indicators such as learning outcomes, access, equity, infrastructure, governance, and teacher training.

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Ques: What is the name of the campaign launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to promote tribal empowerment and grassroots participation?

- A. Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana
- B. Adi Adarsh Abhiyan
- C. Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan
- D. Tribal Samagra Vikas Mission
- E. Janjatiya Gaurav Yatra

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan was launched by Union Tribal Affairs Minister Shri Jual Oram to promote tribal empowerment and public participation.
- It is a part of Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh, which commemorates 150 years of Bhagwan Birsa Munda.
- The campaign runs from June 15 to 30, 2025, and covers 549 tribal districts and 207 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) districts across India.
- It is also linked to the PM-JANMAN initiative for tribal welfare.

About PM-JANMAN scheme :

- Full Form : Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan
- Launched : 2023
- Total outlay : Rs.24,104 crore (Central Share:Rs.15,336 crore and State Share: Rs.8,768 crore)
- Focus area : 11 important areas/critical interventions across 9 line Ministries
- Beneficiary : 75 communities located in 18 states and the Union Territory (UT) of Andaman and Nicobar Islands





Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The 'Mukhya Mantrir Jiban Anuprerana' scheme was launched by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma to provide one-time financial assistance to research scholars, especially Divyang (specially-abled) scholars, to promote research and development in Assam
- Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will inaugurate the PM-KUSUM Component C scheme on June 11, 2025, at Gauribidanur, Chikkaballapura district
- Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) was launched in 2015 to offer short-term, industry-relevant skill training to youth. As of April 18, 2025, more than 1.63 crore youth have been trained under this scheme
- Under the EV manufacturing scheme, the minimum investment required in India over 3 years is Rs.4,150 crore (approximately USD 500 million)
- The Gujarat Karmayogi Swasthya Suraksha Yojana was launched by the Government of Gujarat to provide cashless medical treatment up to Rs.10 lakh per annum
- The Central Government has approved Rs.800 crore under the AMRUT 2.0 scheme to support the Yamuna cleaning project in Delhi
- The Rahveer Yojana, initiated by the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and implemented by Madhya Pradesh, aims to encourage Good Samaritans to help road accident victims
- Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has asked officials to include widowed women under the 'Mukhya Mantri Kanya Vivah Yojana' (MMKVY). The State Government has made a provision of Rs.12 crore in the 2025-26 State Budget

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Ques: What is the name of the Indian operation launched to evacuate Indian nationals from Iran amid the Israel-Iran conflict?

- A. Operation Ganga
- B. Operation Samudra Setu
- C. Operation Vijay
- D. Operation Shakti
- E. Operation Sindhu

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Operation Sindhu was launched by the Government of India in June 2025 to evacuate Indian nationals stranded in Iran due to escalating tensions with Israel.
- In the first phase, 110 students, mostly from Jammu & Kashmir, were brought to Yerevan, Armenia by road and then flown to New Delhi on a special IndiGo flight.
- The evacuation was coordinated by the Indian Embassy in Tehran with assistance from Iranian authorities.
- Some students had been injured or displaced after Israeli airstrikes hit their dormitories.
- Additional pilgrims, particularly from Uttar Pradesh, were still awaiting evacuation at the time of the report.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Operations :

- Operation True Promise 3 : Iran launched for escalating military strikes on Israel for the third consecutive day
- Operation Rising Lion : Israel launched an air operation on 13th June 2025, targeting Iran's nuclear and military infrastructure
- Operation Secure : a global cybercrime crackdown led by Interpol from January to April 2025
- Operation Olivia : annual conservation initiative by the Indian Coast Guard in collaboration with the Odisha Forest Department to protect the Olive Ridley turtles during their nesting period from December to May
- Operation Black Forest : conducted in Kurraguttalu Hills on the Chhattisgarh-Telangana border is one of India's largest anti-Naxal operations, 31 Maoists were killed
- Operation Gideon Chariots : Israel launched to pressure Hamas into releasing the remaining hostages
- Operation Keller : The Indian Army launched a counter-terrorism operation in Shoekal Keller, Shopian, Jammu & Kashmir
- Operation Bunyan al-Marsus : launched by Pakistan against India in response to India's Operation Sindoor conducted on May 7, 2025
- Operation Sindoor : by the Indian Armed Forces post-midnight in retaliation to the terrorist attack on April 22, 2025, in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir
- Operation Tikka : to foil an infiltration attempt along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Baramulla district
- Operation Brahma : to assist victims of the earthquake in Myanmar
- Operation Dronagiri : to showcase how geospatial technologies can enhance citizens' quality of life and ease of doing business
- Operation Sadbhavana : to provide humanitarian assistance to the countries affected by Typhoon Yagi, which include Myanmar, Laos, and Vietnam
- Operation Nanhe Farishtey : launched by Railway Protection Force (RPF) to take care of the children who were perceived as at risk within the railway station premises.





Ques : What is the name of the water conservation initiative launched by the Madhya Pradesh government from March 30 to June 30?

- A. Jal Jeevan Mission
- B. Nadi Shodh Abhiyan
- C. Jal Ganga Sanvardhan Abhiyan
- D. Namami Gange Mission
- E. River Revival Yatra

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Jal Ganga Sanvardhan Abhiyan is a significant water conservation initiative by the Madhya Pradesh government.
- Started under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's direction, the campaign is being carried out from March 30 to June 30 with the aim of preserving and revitalizing rivers, water sources, and wetlands.
- In Khandwa district, the Ghoda Pachhad River, a tributary of the Narmada, has been restored with the help of the local populace and the government.

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Ques : What is the title of the recently released book documenting Girish Karnad's cinematic journey?

- A. Karnad Chronicles
- B. Kaleidoscope of Cinema
- C. Karnad Kaleidoscope
- D. Karnad Reflections
- E. Glimpses of Karnad

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The book "Karnad Kaleidoscope" is written by Muralidhara Khajane, edited by M.K. Shankar, and published by the Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy.
- It offers insights into the creative journey of Girish Karnad, an iconic Indian actor, playwright, and filmmaker.
- This is the author's second book, following Random Reflections, co-authored with Subrahmanyam Vishwanath.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- 'Modi's Niti Shastra: The World's His Oyster' : Senior Advocate Dr. Adish C. Aggarwala
- "Will India Get Rich Before it Turns 100?" : Prosenjit Datta
- Portrait of a Genius : Jayanta Bhuyan
- "The Man Who Became Cinema: Dilip Kumar" : Ashok Chopra
- 'Story of Schisms and Isms – Kerala from the Twilight of Monarchy to the Present' : R. Mohan, a former IRS officer
- "Kashmir Insurgency – Deconstructing the State Response Revisiting 1989–90" : Colonel Yoginder Kandhari (Retd.), an Indian Army(IA) veteran
- "Life's Magic Moments" : Ruskin Bond
- "India: 5000 Years of History on the Subcontinent" : Audrey Truschke
- '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





Ques: As of June 2025, what percentage of India's national income is projected to come from the digital economy for the year 2024-25?

- A. 11.74%
- B. 12.50%
- C. 13.42%
- D. 14.80%
- E. 15.25%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- As part of the 11-year celebration of Digital India, the Government of India highlighted key digital milestones.
- The digital economy, which contributed 11.74% to national income in 2022-23, is projected to contribute 13.42% in 2024-25, due to rapid progress in AI, cloud computing, and digital infrastructure.
- Additionally, telephone connections rose from 93.3 crore (2014) to 120+ crore (2025), and internet connections grew by over 285% between 2014 and 2024.

About Digital India:

- Launched : July 1, 2015
- Coordinated by : Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
- Aim : to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy





Ques: From which date will the FASTag-based annual pass for private vehicles become effective?

- A. July 1, 2025
- B. August 15, 2025
- C. October 2, 2025
- D. January 26, 2026
- E. June 30, 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) will launch a FASTag-based annual pass for private, non-commercial vehicles (cars, jeeps, vans) starting August 15, 2025.
- This pass, priced at Rs.3,000, will be valid for 1 year or up to 200 toll trips, whichever is earlier.
- Its objective is to promote faster, smoother, and more cost-effective tolling. The average toll per trip under this scheme will be Rs.15, and it can be activated via the Rajmarg Yatra app and official NHAI/MoRTH websites.

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News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- 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
- Union Minister of State for Rural Development Shri Kamlesh Paswan inaugurated Garuda Aerospace's new Agri-Drone Indigenization Facility in Chennai
- Y-Break is a 5-minute guided yoga module created by the Ministry of Ayush to promote well-being and productivity in workplace environments
- The Ministry of Labour & Employment is preparing a comprehensive pension-linked welfare scheme for 5.73 crore registered construction workers (BOCWs) across India
- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) has announced that India's 16th decennial census, i.e. Population Census 2027, will be conducted in two phases: House Listing and Housing Census and Population Enumeration
- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 2.0' in New Delhi
- DPIIT under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, in collaboration with the Copyright Office, organized a special event in New Delhi. This was to mark the 68th anniversary of the Copyright Act, 1957
- On World Environment Day 2025, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) launched the Waste Picker Enumeration App under the NAMASTE Scheme to profile waste pickers across the country
- Union Minister of Labour & Employment and Youth Affairs & Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the Urban Adda 2025 conclave in New Delhi. A three-day conclave aims to unite young voices, experts, and leaders to forge sustainable urban futures
- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) organized a two-day National Workshop on "Using Alternate Data Sources and Frontier Technologies for Policy Making" on 5-6 June 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- The Ministry of Forest Environment and Climate Change has notified an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) around the Tral Wildlife Sanctuary in Pulwama, Jammu and Kashmir, to protect the critically endangered Hangul Deer, also known as the Kashmir Red Deer



Ques: Indian tennis player Ankita Raina recently clinched her 32nd career doubles title at which ITF tournament?

- A. ITF Valencia
- B. ITF Madrid
- C. ITF Porto
- D. ITF Lisbon
- E. ITF Guimaraes

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Ankita Raina, partnering with France's Alice Robbe, won the doubles title at the ITF \$40,000 tournament in Guimaraes, Portugal.
- They defeated the third-seeded Japanese pair Hiromi Abe and Kanako Morisaki in the final with a scoreline of 1-6, 6-4, [10-8].
- This was Ankita's third doubles title of the 2025 season and the 32nd doubles title of her career.
- She has also claimed 11 singles titles on the professional circuit, marking a successful tennis career for the 32-year-old Indian player.

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- 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
- 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: According to SIPRI's 2025 Yearbook, how many nuclear warheads does India possess as of January 2025?

- A. 150
- B. 170
- C. 180
- D. 200
- E. 165

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), in its 2025 Yearbook on Armaments, Disarmament and International Security, reported that India possesses an estimated 180 nuclear warheads as of January 2025, an increase from 172 in 2024.
- In comparison, Pakistan has approximately 170 nuclear warheads, while China is adding around 100 warheads annually since 2023.
- Globally, the nine nuclear-armed states collectively hold around 12,241 nuclear weapons, with 9,614 in military stockpiles.
- The SIPRI report also highlighted a 2.8% rise in arms revenues among the top 100 arms-producing companies, with USA-based firms accounting for \$317 billion.

About SIPRI :

- Established : 1966
- HQ : Solna, Sweden
- Director : Dan Smith

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India's Rankings in Different Indices

- “Women in Politics: 2025” report : India (174th)
- Global Gender Gap Report Edition 19th Published by World Economic Forum (WEF) : India (131st), Iceland (1st)
- 2025 Global Data Center Market Comparison report : Mumbai (6th), Virginia, United States of America (USA) (1st)
- Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2025 : India (10th), Denmark (4th)
- World’s Wealthiest Cities Report 2025 4th Edition Published by Henley & Partners : New York City, USA (1st), Mumbai, India (27th)
- Forbes' 2025 list of the world’s highest-paid athletes : Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal) : Soccer
- 2025 Kantar BrandZ report : Apple (1st), TCS (45th)
- World Press Freedom Index 2025 was published by Reporters Without Borders (RSF) : India (151th), Norway (1st)
- Human Development Index (HDI) 2023 : India (130th)
- 2nd edition of the 2025 CareEdge State Rankings was published by CareEdge Ratings : Maharashtra (top) Gujarat (2nd)
- Asia University Rankings 2025 published by Times Higher Education (THE) : Indian Institute of Science (IISc) (38th), Tsinghua University (China) (1st)
- According to Newsweek and Statista's "World's Best Hospitals 2025" : All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi (97th)
- World’s busiest airports in 2024 Published by Airports Council International (ACI) : Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in Delhi (9th), Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (United States) (1st)
- Report Automotive Industry: Powering India’s Participation in Global Value Chains 2nd Edition Published by National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) : India (4th), China (1st)
- Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) baseline report 1st Edition Published by Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) : Gujarat (top)
- World’s Best Airport for 2025 : Singapore Changi Airport (1st), Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), or Delhi International Airport (32nd)
- ‘Readiness for Frontier Technologies’ index Published by UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) : India (36th)





Ques: How many houses have been approved under the latest PMAY-U 2.0 announcement by the Central Government?

- A. 2.35 lakh
- B. 2.00 lakh
- C. 1.85 lakh
- D. 3.00 lakh
- E. 7.09 lakh

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- In the third meeting of the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) chaired by Srinivas Katikithala, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, the Central Government approved 2,34,864 houses under PMAY-Urban 2.0.
- These houses will be constructed in 9 states — Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh.
- With this latest approval, the total number of sanctioned houses under PMAY-U 2.0 now stands at 7,09,979.
- The initiative supports affordable housing for urban poor and aligns with the government's mission to provide "Housing for All."

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Ques: What year has the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared as the International Year of the Woman Farmer (IYWF)?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- In June 2025, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer (IYWF).
- This declaration was based on insights from a six-month-long symposia held in India, jointly organised by the Royal Norwegian Embassy, UN World Food Programme (UN-WFP), and the Government of India.
- The UNGA, established in 1945, is headquartered in New York, USA, and its current president is Philémon Yang.

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Ques : Which Indian institute has recently been designated as a Category A Rinderpest Holding Facility (RHF) by WOA and FAO?

- A. ICAR-IVRI, Bareilly
- B. ICAR-NDRI, Karnal
- C. ICAR-NIHSAD, Bhopal
- D. ICAR-CARI, Izatnagar
- E. ICAR-CIRG, Mathura

Answer: C

Explanation:

- India's ICAR-National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD), Bhopal, was recognized as a Category A Rinderpest Holding Facility by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and FAO during the 92nd WOAH General Session in Paris.
- Rinderpest, or Cattle Plague, was a deadly viral disease affecting ruminants, now eradicated, but sensitive material is still securely stored in designated facilities.
- It belongs to the Morbillivirus genus, related to measles and canine distemper viruses. The disease had 100% morbidity and up to 90% mortality, making it a major livestock killer historically.
- Spread via direct contact, contaminated water, and aerosols from infected animals. No insect vector and transmission is strictly animal-to-animal.

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Ques: On which river is the Shongtong Karcham Hydroelectric Project being constructed in Himachal Pradesh?

- A. Beas
- B. Chenab
- C. Yamuna
- D. Satluj
- E. Ravi

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Shongtong-Karcham Hydroelectric Project is being constructed on the Satluj River in the Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh.
- It is a run-of-the-river type hydropower project, which utilizes the natural flow of the river without large reservoir storage.
- The project features 3×150 MW Francis turbines, with a total installed capacity of 450 MW, and will generate approximately 1,594 million units (GWh) annually.
- The gross head and net head are 128.57 m and 126.58 m respectively, and there will be three penstocks with a length of 5.1 meters each to channel water to the turbines.
- The Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister has set a November 2026 deadline for the project's completion.

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Ques: What is India's rank in the Energy Transition Index 2025 released by the World Economic Forum?

- A. 63rd
- B. 51st
- C. 88th
- D. 71st
- E. 101st

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- In the Global Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2025 published by the World Economic Forum (WEF), India ranked 71st out of 118 countries, slipping from the 63rd position in 2024.
- While India has improved in areas like energy efficiency, methane (CH₄) emissions reduction, and energy regulations, it still lags behind in sustainability and equity aspects of energy systems.
- Sweden topped the index, followed by Finland, Denmark, Norway, and Switzerland. India's performance reflects progress but also the persistent challenges in its energy transition journey

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Ques : The UN General Assembly has declared which date as the International Day Against Unilateral Coercive Measures?

- A. October 24
- B. November 14
- C. December 4
- D. September 10
- E. January 26

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The UN General Assembly passed a resolution declaring December 4 as the International Day Against Unilateral Coercive Measures.
- The resolution was adopted with 116 votes in favour, 51 against, and 6 abstentions.
- It emphasizes the need for all countries to refrain from using unilateral economic, financial, or trade measures that go against international law or the UN Charter.

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Ques : What is the theme of Sustainable Gastronomy Week 2025 observed from June 16 to 22?

- A. Eat Green, Live Clean
- B. Heritage on the Plate
- C. Local Seeds, Local Eats
- D. Smart Farming, Smart Eating
- E. Culture on the Table

Answer: C

Explanation :

- Sustainable Gastronomy Day is celebrated annually on 18 June, as designated by the UN General Assembly in 2016.
- The 2025 edition of Sustainable Gastronomy Week is observed from 16–22 June.
- The UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) promotes cooperation among cities in fields like gastronomy, literature, music, and more.
- 56 cities are designated as Creative Cities of Gastronomy as of 2025.
- Lucknow has submitted its nomination to be recognized as a UNESCO City of Gastronomy

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Ques: When is World Sickle Cell Awareness Day observed every year?

- A. 15 June
- B. 16 June
- C. 17 June
- D. 18 June
- E. 19 June

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- World Sickle Cell Awareness Day is observed every year on 19th June to raise awareness about Sickle Cell Disease (SCD).
- The theme for 2025 is "Global Action, Local Impact: Empowering Communities for Effective Self-Advocacy."
- SCD is a genetic blood disorder caused by abnormal hemoglobin S, which causes red blood cells to become sickle-shaped and obstruct blood flow.
- It can lead to serious health issues, but bone marrow transplants, symptom-relief therapies, and gene therapy (recently approved in the UK) offer hope for treatment and cure.

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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)
- 15 June : World Wind Day





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

The Kerala State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KeSCPCR) will launch Radio Nellikka, an exclusive internet radio station for children.

In Nagaland, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launched a five-year Vision Document titled “Income Generation from Banana Cultivation in Wokha District” under the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative

Armand Duplantis broke the men's pole vault world record for a 12th time with a clearance of 6.28m at the Diamond League meeting in Stockholm.

University of Aberdeen has become the first Scottish university to receive the approval for setting up a branch campus in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.

To bolster the country's cyber resilience, especially in the defence domain, a comprehensive Cyber Security Exercise code-named ‘Cyber Suraksha’ was launched. The Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff under the Union Ministry of Defence organised the Cyber Suraksha Exercise.

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