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Ques: Where has India's first Cyber-Security Operation Centre "Sahakar Suraksha" been launched by the Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank?

- A. Pune
- B. Aurangabad
- C. Nashik
- D. Vashi, Navi Mumbai
- E. Nagpur

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India's first Cyber-Security Operation Centre (C-SOC) named "Sahakar Suraksha" has been launched by the Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank (MSC Bank) in Vashi, Navi Mumbai.
- The initiative was executed in collaboration with Sequaretek IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd, a cybersecurity firm.
- This state-of-the-art facility is built at a cost of Rs.50 crore and is operated 24/7 by 35 trained cybersecurity professionals.
- It is powered by an AI-driven platform capable of real-time threat detection and early fraud prevention.
- The system sends instant alerts to member banks, enabling a rapid response to potential cyber threats.
- The C-SOC will serve 31 District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) across Maharashtra.

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Ques: As per Swiss National Bank (SNB) data, how much Indian money was parked in Swiss banks in 2024?

- A. 1.04 billion Swiss francs
- B. 2.5 billion Swiss francs
- C. 3.5 billion Swiss francs
- D. 4.2 billion Swiss francs
- E. 346 million Swiss francs

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- According to official data released by the Swiss National Bank (SNB), Indian money in Swiss banks rose to CHF 3.5 billion (approximately Rs.37,600 crore) in 2024, more than three times the amount recorded in 2023.
- This amount includes funds held via local branches of Indian banks, other financial institutions, fiduciaries, and trusts—not just customer deposits.
- Customer deposits alone stood at CHF 346 million, showing only an 11% increase.
- The major rise in 2024 came from CHF 3.02 billion parked via other banks and entities, not individual clients.
- Notably, in 2023, Indian funds in Swiss banks had dropped by 70% to CHF 1.04 billion.
- These figures do not represent unreported or black money, as clarified by SNB.

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Ques: Which organization partnered with the SBI Foundation to expand the experiential Kriya programme in Raichur district?

- A. NCERT
- B. Azim Premji Foundation
- C. Prayoga Institute of Education Research
- D. NITI Aayog
- E. Vidya Bharati

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Prayoga Institute of Education Research has partnered with SBI Foundation and SBI Funds Management Pvt. Ltd. to expand its Kriya programme in 12 government schools in Raichur district, Karnataka.
- The programme is part of SBI Foundation's Integrated Learning Mission (ILM) under the initiative "Reimagining Science Education."
- It aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, focusing on curiosity, critical thinking, and scientific skills for students from Classes 6 to 10.
- Initially, it will be implemented in 77 schools, impacting 11,000+ students across Karnataka.

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Recently signed banking agreements

- Maruti Suzuki India has signed an MoU with Equitas Small Finance Bank, entering into a strategic vehicle financing partnership for customers.
- RuPay, supported by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has partnered with Japan-based JCB International to launch a limited-time 25% cashback offer
- 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
- 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)



Ques: What is the name of the centralized payment system promoted by SEBI for secure fee payments to investment advisers and research analysts?

- A. FinTrack
- B. CeFCoM
- C. PaySecure
- D. SEBI PayNet
- E. TrustPay

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has introduced a secure platform called CeFCoM (Centralized Fee Collection Mechanism).
- To ensure that investors make payments only to SEBI-registered investment advisers and research analysts, reducing the risk of financial fraud and unauthorized collections.
- Operational Since October 1, 2024
- The system is operated by BSE Ltd in partnership with MF Utilities India Pvt. Ltd.
- CeFCoM is designed to bring transparency and trust into the advisory fee payment process.

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Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- SEBI has directed that NSE's weekly index derivatives contracts will now expire on Tuesday instead of the earlier Thursday
- 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: Which digital financial platform recently joined the ONDC network as a buyer-side participant?

- A. Paytm
- B. PhonePe
- C. Bajaj Markets
- D. Google Pay
- E. MobiKwik

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Bajaj Markets, a subsidiary of Bajaj Finserv, has joined the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) as a buyer-side participant.
- With this integration, customers of Bajaj Markets will now be able to access ONDC services via its mobile app and website.
- Bajaj Markets offers a wide range of financial products and services and its participation in ONDC will help enhance digital commerce reach and adoption.
- This development is in line with ONDC's mission to democratize e-commerce in India by connecting buyers and sellers through an open and interoperable network.

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Ques : Myntra's M-Now delivery service, recently launched in Delhi-NCR and Mumbai, delivers products in how much time?

- A. 2 hours
- B. 1 hour
- C. 45 minutes
- D. 30 minutes
- E. Same day

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Myntra has rolled out its M-Now service in Delhi-NCR and Mumbai, offering ultra-fast delivery of fashion and beauty products within 30 minutes.
- This is made possible through a network of over 40 dark stores, each capable of storing 25,000 items.
- The service caters to the rising demand for speed-led fashion commerce, which is expected to grow significantly in the coming years.

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Ques: What is the objective of the nationwide survey launched jointly by ICMR and WHO in India?

- A. To monitor vaccine distribution
- B. To develop India-specific Child Growth Standards
- C. To update the maternal mortality index
- D. To study regional malnutrition levels
- E. To assess pediatric vaccination impact

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) has initiated a nationwide survey.
- Its aim is to develop India-specific Child Growth Standards by replacing the outdated 2006 WHO benchmarks.
- The survey spans six climatically diverse zones : Shillong (North East), Delhi (North), Pune (West), Bengaluru (South), Purulia (East), and one more location to account for regional growth differences.
- Focus Group are Children up to 2 years of age; their height, weight, and BMI will be recorded to create a standardized national growth index.

About ICMR:

- Established: 1911
- HQ: New Delhi
- CEO: Rajiv Bahl

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) & BHASHa Interface for India (BHASHINI) signed MOU to harness AI-powered language translation technologies for greater inclusivity and enhanced accessibility in Panchayati Raj governance
- A MOU was signed between the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM), a non-governmental trade association and Zurich (Switzerland) based Swissmem for three years to promote technical transfer, training, trade missions, regulatory cooperation, and investment for MSMEs and large firms
- The Ministry of Defense's Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) and Google-backed space technology startup Pixxel have inked a second deal to create cutting-edge hyperspectral and midwave infrared payloads for the Indian Air Force
- The Directorate General of Training, in collaboration with Shell India, launched a training program focused on Green Skills and Electric Vehicles (EVs)
- Reliance Defence Limited has entered into a strategic cooperation agreement with Diehl Defence GmbH & Co. KG valued at Rs.10,000 crore
- In 2022, Patanjali Group signed a 5-year agreement with Malaysia-based Sawit Kinabalu to source oil palm seeds under the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) scheme
- Government of Madhya Pradesh and the Embassy of France in India sign MOU to strengthen long-term cooperation in the field of culture and tourism at Samatva (Chief Minister's residence) in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- 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)
- 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.



Ques: Which Indian animated film won the Jury Award for Best Commissioned Film at the Annecy International Animation Festival 2025?

- A. Bombay Rose
- B. Gully Boy Animation
- C. The Mango Tree
- D. India Ink
- E. Desi Oon

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- "Desi Oon", created by renowned Indian animation filmmaker Shri Suresh Eriyat, won the Jury Award for Best Commissioned Film at the Annecy International Animation Festival 2025 held in France.
- It was part of the Create in India Challenge under WAVES 2025, an initiative by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting to spotlight Indian creative talent globally.
- The film also won Best Film at the WAVES Awards of Excellence 2025 and has been shortlisted at Cannes Lions 2025 in the Film Craft Lions category.
- The WAVES Awards of Excellence, in collaboration with ASIFA India, celebrates the best in Animation, VFX, Design, and Emerging Media.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- James Beard Awards : Vijay Kumar
- Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) honour : Leena Nair
- Srimanta Sankardeva Award by Government of Assam : Dr. Sonal Mansingh
- Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III is the highest civilian honour of Republic of Cyprus : Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Leopard award at this year's Locarno Film Festival : American filmmaker Alexander Payne
- India's shooter Sift Kaur Samra secure a bronze medal in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions event at the ISSF World Cup 2025 in Munich, Germany.
- Dostoevsky Star Award conferred by the Russian House : Javed Akhtar became the first Indian writer
- United Nations Sasakawa Award 2025 : Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General of the India Meteorological Department (IMD)
- Global Leadership Award from the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) : Kumar Mangalam Birla
- Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi Classical Tamil Award : Tamil scholar Thayammal Aravanan
- 72nd Miss World 2025 : Miss Thailand, Opal Suchata Chuangsri
- Global Indian of the Year 2025 : Jagadish "Jaggi" Vasudev, widely known as Sadhguru by the Canada India Foundation (CIF)
- Companion of the Order of Fiji, the highest civilian honour in Fiji : Sumeet Tappoo
- Asian Athletics Leadership Gold Pin : Adille J. Sumariwalla
- International Booker Prize 2025 : Banu Mushtaq for her short story collection 'Heart Lamp'
- 2024 Crawford Fund Medal : Kadambot Siddique
- Sansad Ratna Awards 2025 : Maharashtra
- 58th Jnanpith Award : Jagadguru Rambhadracharya
- 52nd Karnataka State Lalitkala Academy Award : Rehman Patel, an artist from Kalaburagi





Ques: Which European country did the Indian Prime Minister visit in 2025, marking the first-ever visit by an Indian PM to that nation?

- A. Hungary
- B. Serbia
- C. Croatia
- D. Slovenia
- E. Montenegro

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- In 2025, the Prime Minister of India visited Croatia, becoming the first Indian PM to officially visit the country.
- The visit occurred after attending the G7 Summit in Canada as part of a 3-nation tour.
- Former President Ram Nath Kovind had earlier visited Croatia in March 2019 and was conferred the country's highest civilian honor, "Grand Order of the King of Tomislav."
- Croatia lies along the Adriatic Sea in Southeast Europe and shares borders with Slovenia, Hungary, Serbia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Italy.
- Diplomatic relations between India and Croatia were established in 1992, and ties have expanded to include trade in pharmaceuticals, engineering goods, and cooperation in IT, shipbuilding, and renewable energy.





Ques: Which Indian publication was named ‘The Champion of Digital Media Awards South Asia 2025’ at the WAN-IFRA Digital Media Awards?

- A. Times of India
- B. The Indian Express
- C. Hindustan Times
- D. The Hindu
- E. Deccan Chronicle

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Hindu was honored as ‘The Champion of Digital Media Awards South Asia 2025’ at the WAN-IFRA Digital Media Awards South Asia, conducted by the World Association of News Publishers.
- It won 10 awards across various categories, including 4 Gold, 3 Silver, and 3 Bronze.

Gold Awards:

- Best Use of Video and Best Native Advertising Campaign (both for the ‘Made of Chennai’ initiative)
- Best Use of AI in Revenue Strategy
- Best Podcast (Topic: In Focus – Why does the Election Commission need seven phases to conduct the General Election?)

Silver Awards:

- Best Data Visualisation (How India voted: A retrospective from 1952 - 2024)
- Best Use of AI in Revenue Strategy
- Best Digital Subscription

Bronze Awards:

- Best in Audience Engagement
- Best Data Visualisation (on Kallakurichi hooch tragedy)
- Best Digital Subscription





Ques: Where was the “Yoga Connect 2025” global summit organized ahead of the 11th International Day of Yoga?

- A. Visakhapatnam
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Rishikesh
- D. Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- E. Ahmedabad

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN) hosted a hybrid global summit called “Yoga Connect 2025” at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- This event was held ahead of the 11th International Day of Yoga (IDY), celebrated annually on 21 June.
- The summit was themed “Yoga for One Earth, One Health”, emphasizing the global and holistic benefits of yoga.
- While the summit took place in New Delhi, the main celebration of IDY 2025 will be held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- 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
- The 6th Governing Council meeting of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) was held in New Delhi
- 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,"
- 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 51st G7 Summit was held at Kananaskis, Alberta, Canada.
- The 4th edition of the India-Central Asia Dialogue was held in New Delhi, India



Ques: Where did Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman lay the foundation stone for a Mini Planetarium and Astro Globe in June 2025?

- A. Leh
- B. Kargil
- C. Hanle
- D. Srinagar
- E. Tawang

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman laid the foundation stone for a Mini Planetarium and Astro Globe at the Hanle Dark Sky Reserve in Hanle, Ladakh.
- The project, costing approximately ₹276.65 lakh, was sanctioned under the Special Development Package (SDP).
- Its goals include promoting scientific education, astro-tourism, stargazing, and creating local employment opportunities.
- Hanle Dark Sky Reserve is one of the first such reserves in India recognized for minimal light pollution, making it ideal for astronomical observations.
- Dark Sky Reserves are designated by the International Dark Sky Association (IDA) to ensure the preservation of night skies with minimal artificial light.

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Recent Headlines Related to Inauguration :

- Maruti Suzuki inaugurated India's largest in-plant railway siding at its Manesar facility, located in Haryana, with an investment of Rs.452 crore
- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the new corporate office of SPMCIL at the World Trade Centre, New Delhi
- The Ambassador of Finland to India, Kimmo Lähdevirta, inaugurated the Honorary Consulate of Finland in Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag (BBA), also known as the Indian Languages Section, in New Delhi
- Dr. L. Murugan, Union Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs, inaugurated the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) for the Puducherry Legislative Assembly
- Tamil Nadu government officially notified the creation of the Greater Flamingo Sanctuary at Dhanushkodi in Ramanathapuram district
- Delhi Power Minister Ashish Sood inaugurated India's first utility-scale 20 MW / 40 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in Delhi
- 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)





Ques: Who is the author of the debut novel "The Stars Light the Way" released in 2025?

- A. Jacinda Ardern
- B. Sucheta Raj Khanna
- C. Parvati Tirkey
- D. Advait Kottary
- E. Sushil Shukla

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- "The Stars Light the Way" is the debut novel of Sucheta Raj Khanna, a Singapore-based life coach.
- The book was published by Penguin Random House India.
- The novel delves into themes of faith, identity, family legacy, and inner guidance, making it a compelling story about self-discovery and destiny.

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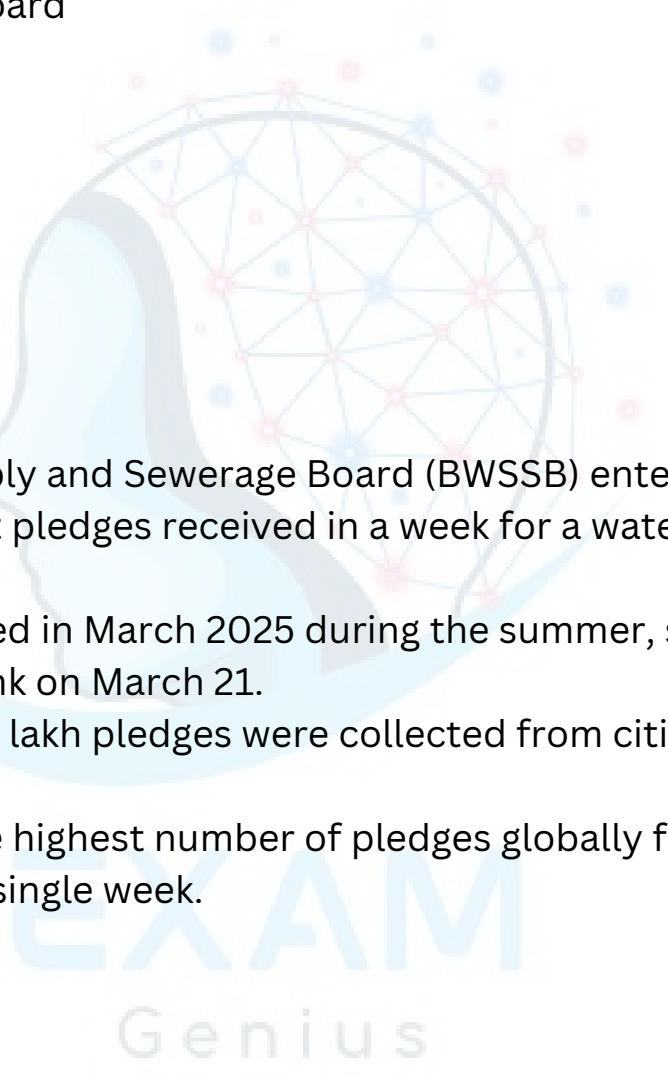
Ques: Which organization entered the Guinness Book of World Records for receiving the most water conservation pledges in a week?

- A. Delhi Jal Board
- B. Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB)
- C. Chennai Metro Water
- D. Central Ground Water Board
- E. National Water Mission

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) entered the Guinness World Records for the most pledges received in a week for a water conservation campaign.
- The campaign was launched in March 2025 during the summer, starting with a Cauvery Aarti at Sankey Tank on March 21.
- In just one week, over 5.33 lakh pledges were collected from citizens across Bengaluru.
- This was recognized as the highest number of pledges globally for a water conservation initiative in a single week.





Ques: Which airline was named the World's Best Airline for 2025 by Skytrax at the World Airline Awards?

- A. Singapore Airlines
- B. Cathay Pacific
- C. Emirates
- D. Qatar Airways
- E. IndiGo

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Skytrax's World Airline Awards 2025, often regarded as the "Oscars of the Aviation Industry," were held at the Paris Air Show.
- Qatar Airways was named the World's Best Airline for 2025, marking its 9th win of the prestigious title.
- Singapore Airlines secured the 2nd position, while Cathay Pacific Airways (Hong Kong SAR, China) ranked 3rd.
- Air India improved its ranking from 90th in 2024 to 84th in 2025 in the Top 100 list.

Ranking of World's Top 5 Airlines in 2025 :

- 1 Qatar Airways (9th Time) - Doha, Qatar
- 2 Singapore Airlines - Singapore City, Singapore
- 3 Cathay Pacific Airways - Hong Kong, Special Administrative Region (SAR) of China
- 4 Emirates - Dubai, the United Arab Emirates
- 5 ANA All Nippon Airways - Tokyo, Japan
- 39 Indigo Airline - Gurugram, India

Ranking of Top 5 Best Airlines in India/South Asia 2025 :

- 1 IndiGo - Gurugram, Haryana (India)
- 2 Air India - Gurugram, Haryana (India)
- 3 SriLankan Airlines - Katunayake (Sri Lanka)





4 Akasa Air - Mumbai, Maharashtra (India)

5 SpiceJet - Gurugram, Haryana (India)

List top airlines in other categories :

- The World's Best Cabin Crew 2025 : Singapore Airlines
- The World's Best Low-Cost Airlines 2025 : AirAsia
- The World's Best Regional Airlines 2025 : Bangkok Airways
- The World's Most Family Friendly Airlines 2025 : Lufthansa (Germany)
- The World's Cleanest Airlines 2025 : EVA Air (Taiwan)
- The World's Best Leisure Airlines 2025 : Air Transat (Canada)
- The World's Best Airport Services 2025 : ANA All Nippon Airways (Japan)



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Ques: Who won the 2025 Canadian Grand Prix held at Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, Montreal?

- A. Max Verstappen
- B. Lewis Hamilton
- C. Oscar Piastri
- D. George Russell
- E. Lando Norris

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- George Russell, representing Germany-based Mercedes, clinched his first Formula One (F1) Grand Prix victory of the 2025 season by winning the 63rd edition of the Canadian Grand Prix.
- The event took place at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal, Canada.
- This win marks Russell's 4th career F1 win and his 20th podium finish.

Recent Grand Prix Winner :

- 2025 Australian Grand Prix : Lando Norris
- 2025 Chinese Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri
- 2025 Japanese Grand Prix : Max Verstappen Red Bull
- 2025 Bahrain Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri
- 2025 Saudi Arabian Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri
- 2025 Miami Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri
- 2025 Emilia Romagna Grand Prix : Max Verstappen
- 2025 F1 Monaco Grand Prix : Lando Norris
- 2025 Spanish Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri





Ques: Who won the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2025 for English and Hindi respectively?

- A. Arundhati Roy and Kumar Vishwas
- B. Advait Kottary and Parvati Tirkey
- C. Jhumpa Lahiri and Uday Prakash
- D. Salman Rushdie and Dinesh Kushwaha
- E. None of the above

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Sahitya Akademi announced the Yuva Puraskar 2025 for 23 young writers across various Indian languages.
- Advait Kottary was awarded for his English novel “Siddhartha: The Boy Who Became the Buddha”.
- Parvati Tirkey received the Hindi Yuva Puraskar for her poetry collection “Phir Uzna”.
- The Yuva Puraskar honors Indian authors under the age of 35.
- No Yuva Puraskar was awarded in the Dogri language this year.
- The award includes a copper-plaque and a cash prize of ₹50,000, presented at a special ceremony.
- Sahitya Akademi, established in 1954, operates under the Ministry of Culture and is India’s second-highest literary honor after the Jnanpith Award.





Ques: What is the name of the scheme launched by Delhi University to support tribal students from remote areas with CUET preparation?

- A. JAGRITI
- B. JAIHIND
- C. VANBANDHU
- D. SHRESHTA
- E. EKLAVYA

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The scheme is named Janajati Immersive Holistic Intervention for Novel Development (JAIHIND).
- It was launched by Delhi University to provide tribal students of classes 9 to 12 from remote areas with practical skills and CUET orientation.
- The first batch includes 25 meritorious students (13 boys, 12 girls) from the Tangkhul Naga tribe in Ukhrul district, Manipur.
- The inaugural programme runs from June 17 to June 29, 2025.
- The launch event was attended by Vineet Joshi, Secretary, Ministry of Education, as the chief guest.

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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
- Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy launched the 'Indira Soura Giri Jala Vikasam' scheme at Macharam village in Amrabad mandal, Nagar Kurnool district to empower 2.1 lakh tribal farmers by providing free solar pumps for irrigation, especially for those holding land under the Forest Rights Act (RoFR)
- The Pilot Apprenticeship Scheme under the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) was launched by Union MoS Jayant Chaudhary and Mizoram CM Lalduhoma
- The SPICED scheme, launched by the Spices Board for FY 2025–26, stands for "Sustainability in Spice Sector through Progressive, Innovative and Collaborative Interventions for Export Development"
- The Government of Uttar Pradesh launched the Mukhyamantri Suposhan Abhiyan across 8 aspirational districts to combat child malnutrition among children aged 3 to 6 years





Ques: Which Indian state has become the first to introduce an Android-based mobile e-voting system?

- A. Bihar
- B. Kerala
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Gujarat
- E. Telangana

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Bihar State Election Commission has announced the launch of an Android-based mobile e-voting system, making Bihar the first state in India to adopt such a technology-driven approach to voting.
- The system will use two mobile apps – “e-Voting SECBHR” developed by C-DAC and another by the State Election Commission of Bihar.
- The initiative targets migrant labourers, divyang voters, pregnant women, senior citizens, and the seriously ill, aiming to increase voter turnout and ensure inclusivity.
- The system is equipped with advanced security features such as blockchain technology, liveness detection, face recognition, and live face scans, ensuring tamper-proof voting.
- An audit trail feature similar to VVPAT has also been integrated.
- So far, only Estonia in Europe has implemented a full-fledged e-voting system like this.





Ques: Which institution recently demonstrated free-space quantum secure communication using entanglement, marking India's entry into a new quantum era?

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO-IIT Delhi
- C. IISc Bengaluru
- D. BARC Mumbai
- E. CSIR

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India achieved a major milestone in quantum technology by demonstrating free-space quantum secure communication using quantum entanglement.
- This experimental success was carried out by the DRDO-Industry-Academia Centre of Excellence (DIA-CoE) at IIT Delhi.
- The demonstration involved a free-space optical link over a distance of more than 1 km on the IIT Delhi campus.
- The experiment achieved a secure key rate of nearly 240 bits per second with a quantum bit error rate below 7%.
- This builds upon earlier achievements like India's first intercity quantum communication link between Vindhyachal and Prayagraj (2022) and Quantum key distribution over 100 km of telecom-grade optical fiber in 2024.
- These advancements are part of DRDO's DIA-CoE initiative, which supports 15 Centres of Excellence at premier institutions including IITs, IISc, and other top universities to advance cutting-edge defence technologies.





Ques: Who is the author of the book "A Different Kind of Power"?

- A. Angela Merkel
- B. Jacinda Ardern
- C. Sanna Marin
- D. Kamala Harris
- E. Helen Clark

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- A Different Kind of Power is authored by Jacinda Kate Laurell Ardern, the former Prime Minister of New Zealand.
- She served as the 40th Prime Minister from 2017 to 2023.
- At age 37, Ardern became the youngest Prime Minister of New Zealand in over 150 years, known globally for her empathetic leadership style.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- India's Finance Ministers III: Different Strokes (1998–2014) : A.K. Bhattacharya's
- Guardians of Heritage : Senthilkumar Chandrasekaran
- "Karnad Kaleidoscope" : Muralidhara Khajane
- '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





Ques: Who has become the first Indian-American to be appointed as Provost of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)?

- A. Anantha Chandrakasan
- B. Parag Agrawal
- C. Satya Nadella
- D. Arvind Krishna
- E. Sundar Pichai

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Anantha Chandrakasan has been appointed as the Provost of MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), making him the first Indian-American to hold this prestigious academic position.
- He will succeed Cynthia Barnhart, who stepped down from the post in February.
- Chandrakasan is a celebrated academic and engineer, known for his contributions to semiconductor and solid-state circuit research.
- He has received prestigious honors such as 2009 SIA University Researcher Award, 013 IEEE Donald O. Pederson Award and 2017 UC Berkeley EE Distinguished Alumni Award

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Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Panos Mytaros : Global Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Lausanne (Switzerland) based Bata Group
- Blaise Metreweli : 18th Chief of the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) (Succeeds Sir Richard Moore)
- 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





Ques: Who won the gold medal for India in the Women's 10-meter Air Pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2025 in Munich?

- A. Manu Bhaker
- B. Esha Singh
- C. Suruchi Inder Singh
- D. Rahi Sarnobat
- E. Divya Thadigol

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) organized the Munich leg of the Rifle/Pistol and Shotgun World Cup 2025 in Munich, Germany.
- Suruchi Inder Singh won gold for India in the Women's 10m Air Pistol event.
- Another gold was won by Arya Borse and Arjun Babuta in the Mixed 10m Air Rifle event.
- India ranked 3rd overall with 2 Gold and 2 Bronze (Total: 4 medals), behind China (7 medals) and Norway (4 medals).
- Earlier, India finished 2nd in Buenos Aires, Argentina and 3rd in Lima, Peru.
- The next leg will be held in Ningbo, China, from 7–15 September 2025.

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- The Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu (HUTN), officially announced that it will host the inaugural edition of the Hockey India Masters Cup for men (40+ age group) and women (35+ age group) from June 18 to 27 at the Mayor Radhakrishnan hockey stadium
- For the first time in six years, India's opener Smriti Mandhana has reclaimed the top spot in the ICC ODI rankings, overtaking South Africa's Laura Wolvaardt, who dropped 19 rating points.
- Ankita Raina, partnering with France's Alice Robbe, won the doubles title at the ITF \$40,000 tournament in Guimaraes, Portugal
- 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





Ques: Where is the Bonn Climate Change Conference 2025 being held?

- A. Geneva, Switzerland
- B. Berlin, Germany
- C. Bonn, Germany
- D. Paris, France
- E. Dubai, UAE

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Bonn Climate Change Conference 2025 began on June 16 in Bonn, Germany, the headquarters of the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change).
- This mid-year technical conference hosts over 5,000 delegates and focuses on scientific, implementation, and negotiation elements ahead of the main COP29 summit.
- The theme for 2025 is "Operationalising the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA)," which seeks to define measurable, equitable adaptation targets, especially for climate-vulnerable countries.
- Though GGA was established in the Paris Agreement (2015), it gained real traction at COP28 (Dubai) and is now a major focus.





Ques: Which Indian state is the only one to host wild populations of all three native crocodilian species?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Assam
- C. Odisha
- D. West Bengal
- E. Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- On World Crocodile Day (17th June 2025), India marked 50 years of its Crocodile Conservation Project (1975–2025).
- Odisha is the only state in India that hosts wild populations of all three native crocodilian species:
 1. Gharial (*Gavialis gangeticus*)
 2. Mugger crocodile (*Crocodylus palustris*)
 3. Saltwater crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*)
- The Crocodile Conservation Project was first launched in Bhitarkanika National Park, Odisha, with support from the UNDP and FAO.
- Odisha's successful conservation efforts have made it a critical hub for crocodile biodiversity in India.

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Ques: What is the theme of World Refugee Day 2025 observed on 20 June?

- A. Solidarity with Refugees
- B. Standing with the Displaced
- C. Together for Peace
- D. Hope Away from Home
- E. Protecting the Vulnerable

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- World Refugee Day is observed every year on 20 June, designated by the United Nations to honor refugees worldwide.
- The 2025 theme is "Solidarity with Refugees", emphasizing global unity and support for displaced populations.
- The day was first observed globally on 20 June 2001, marking the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention.
- Initially called Africa Refugee Day, it was formally recognized as World Refugee Day by the UN General Assembly in December 2000.

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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 (Theme 2025 Day of Community Action)





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At the 113th International Labor Conference, which took place in Geneva from June 2–13, 2025, ILO Convention C 192—Convention addressing prevention and protection against biological hazards in the working environment—was adopted.

The Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisition of at least 99.44% of the equity and preference shareholding (on a fully diluted basis) of Ecom Express Limited by Delhivery Limited.

ISRO and the Department of Space's Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) collaborated with the Astronautical Society of India to successfully test a model rocket launcher system with a payload in Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India, hosted a one-day national workshop at the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education – Arid Forest Research Institute (ICFRE-AFRI), Jodhpur. The workshop's theme was "Strategies for Combating Desertification and Drought,"

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) & Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) signed MOU to transform the bank's transaction reconciliation processes. TCS will deploy its AI-powered solution TCS BaNCS™ for Reconciliations

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