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Ques : What is the name of the upgraded system that NPCI will launch in July 2025 to enhance recurring transactions like salaries, pensions, and EMIs?

- A. UPI 3.0
- B. RTGS 2.0
- C. IMPS Pro
- D. NACH 3.0
- E. BHIM Advanced

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- NACH 3.0 (National Automated Clearing House) is being launched by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) in the first week of July 2025.
- It will enhance processing of recurring payments like salaries, pensions, EMIs, and SIPs.
- NACH 3.0 will impact recurring payment ecosystems throughout India with improvements like encrypted data transfer, better file management, and real-time warnings.

About National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) :

- Established : 2008
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- CEO & MD : Dilip Asbe
- Non Executive Chairman : Ajay Kumar Choudhary





Ques: What is the name of the platform being developed by RBI and banks to combat digital payment frauds?

- A. UPI Secure Platform
- B. Bharat Fraud Shield
- C. DPIP (Digital Payment Intelligence Platform)
- D. DigiRaksha Portal
- E. PaySafe India

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- To address the rising issue of digital payment frauds, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is collaborating with major public and private sector banks to build a new platform named DPIP (Digital Payment Intelligence Platform).
- DPIP will function as a Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) under RBI's supervision and will enable real-time intelligence sharing and advanced data analytics to detect and prevent digital frauds.
- This initiative is a direct response to the growing fraud volumes, which reached Rs.36,014 crore in FY25, with a large chunk of these being digital in nature.
- The platform is expected to become operational within a few months and will significantly enhance fraud risk management across the Indian banking ecosystem.

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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- RBI has revised the priority sector lending (PSL) norms for Small Finance Banks (SFBs) effective from FY 2025–26
- RBI has eased project funding norms, especially for under-construction loans, to support infrastructure financing and reduce liquidity stress on banks
- RBI has amended the Master Direction – Import of Goods and Services, originally issued on January 1, 2016
- RBI has revised the agency commission structure for banks managing government-related transactions such as revenue receipts, pension disbursements, and other payments.
- RBI discontinued its daily Variable Rate Repo (VRR) auctions due to a liquidity surplus of Rs. 2.75 to Rs. 3 lakh crore in the banking system, exceeding 1% of Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL), effective from 11 June 2025.
- On June 16, 2025, RBI Deputy Governor T. Rabi Sankar inaugurated the new Regional Office of the Reserve Bank of India in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
- Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), in collaboration with RBI and banks, launched a pilot project to digitise legacy user consents
- RBI has issued draft guidelines for Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives (IRD) to keep the regulatory framework in line with evolving market dynamics
- 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





Ques: What is the revised base year for the new CPI series as per the latest government update?

- A. 2011-12
- B. 2022-23
- C. 2023-24
- D. 2024
- E. 2015

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has announced that the base year for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) will be updated to 2024.
- The current CPI base year is 2012, which was revised in 2015.
- The new base will reflect updated consumption patterns based on the Household Consumer Expenditure Survey (HCES) 2023-24.
- Over 407 items are expected to be included in the expanded CPI basket.
- This update aims to improve the accuracy of retail inflation measurement and serve as a more effective macroeconomic indicator.

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Ques : Under which scheme did Punjab National Bank (PNB) provide Rs.17.02 crore support to the families of deceased defence and paramilitary personnel?

- A. Rakshak Suraksha Yojana
- B. Rakshak Plus Scheme
- C. Veer Nari Scheme
- D. Sena Saathi Scheme
- E. Raksha Bandhan Scheme

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Punjab National Bank (PNB) extended Rs.17.02 crore under its Rakshak Plus Scheme to the families of 26 deceased defence and paramilitary personnel.
- The scheme offers Rs.1 crore personal accidental insurance for death or permanent total disability and Rs.1.5 crore air accidental coverage.
- This initiative reinforces PNB's commitment to supporting the armed forces and their families through strong financial protection.

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Ques : Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of Sa-Dhan during its 27th AGM?

- A. K. Paul Thomas
- B. P. Satish
- C. M.S. Sriram
- D. Harsh Kumar Bhanwala
- E. Ajay Kumar Srivastava

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- K. Paul Thomas, MD & CEO of ESAF Small Finance Bank (based in Thrissur, Kerala), has been appointed as the Chairperson of Sa-Dhan.
- The appointment took place during Sa-Dhan's 27th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) held in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Sa-Dhan, established in 1999 and headquartered in New Delhi, is a recognized self-regulatory organization (SRO) and a national-level association of community development finance institutions.

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Anuradha Thakur : Member of the Board of SEBI (replacing Ajay Seth)
- Pralay Mondal : MD & CEO of CSB Bank Limited for a term of 3 years
- Sandeep Batra : extension term as Executive Director (ED) of ICICI Bank
- 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)





Ques: Which state government has barred HDFC, ICICI, and Axis Bank from handling government business and deposits?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Odisha
- C. West Bengal
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. Karnataka

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Odisha Government has barred HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, and Axis Bank from managing its business and deposits due to poor performance in government schemes over the past two years.
- This directive includes transferring all current and savings accounts from these banks to others, while fixed deposits will be closed only upon maturity to avoid interest losses.
- The move is intended to safeguard government funds and ensure higher standards of banking service in the implementation of public welfare schemes.

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Ques: Under which section has the I-T Department granted 10-year TDS exemption for IFSC units?

- A. Section 10AA
- B. Section 80LA
- C. Section 54EC
- D. Section 115BAB
- E. Section 44AD

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Income Tax Department has granted a 10-year TDS exemption under Section 80LA for specified businesses operating in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).
- The exemption covers 17 types of payments including professional fees, interest income, rent, technical services, and brokerage commissions.
- It applies to entities like Recognised Stock Exchanges, Finance Companies, Fund Managers, and Depositories, among others.
- Effective from July 1, the exemption can be availed for any 10 consecutive assessment years as selected by the payee.
- To avail the exemption, beneficiaries must submit Form No. 1, and the payer shall not deduct TDS during those years.
- The move aims to promote export-oriented financial services in the IFSC by reducing the tax burden and boosting business.





Ques : What is the name of the new rules being notified to make Indian Standard Time (IST) mandatory across India?

- A. Indian Time Standardization Act, 2025
- B. National Time Synchronization Rules, 2025
- C. Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules, 2025
- D. National Time Uniformity Policy, 2025
- E. IST Enforcement Regulation, 2025

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Government of India is set to notify the Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules, 2025 to make the use of Indian Standard Time (IST) mandatory for legal, commercial, digital, and administrative purposes.
- IST (UTC+5:30) is calculated from the 82°30'E meridian which passes through Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh and is maintained by CSIR-NPL.
- Historically, regions like Assam use an informal time called 'Chaibagan Time', which is one hour ahead of IST, introduced by British tea companies for productivity.
- The move towards 'One Nation, One Time' seeks to eliminate multiple time practices and standardize official timing across the country.

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Ques: Which stealth frigate of the Indian Navy will be commissioned on July 1, 2025?

- A. INS Vikrant
- B. INS Tushil
- C. INS Kalvari
- D. INS Tamal
- E. INS Shivalik

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Indian Navy will commission INS Tamal, a stealth multi-role frigate, on July 1, 2025, in Kaliningrad, Russia.
- It is the last warship of the Indian Navy to be constructed outside India, marking a milestone in the Atmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives.
- Part of the Krivak-class (Tushil class), INS Tamal will be the eighth such frigate to be inducted from Russia.
- The vessel includes 26% indigenous components, including the BrahMos missile system, advanced sensors, and weapons.
- Weighing 3,900 tonnes, it features enhanced stealth and stability, and will join the Western Fleet post-commissioning.

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Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- INS Teg is a stealth Talwar-class guided missile frigate of the Indian Navy, deployed in the South West Indian Ocean Region
- The GBU-57A/B Massive Ordnance Penetrator (MOP), also known as a "bunker buster", is a 30,000-pound (13,600 kg) precision-guided bomb developed by the United States
- 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
- Rudrastra is an indigenously developed VTOL (Vertical Take-Off and Landing) drone tested by the Indian Army for precision strikes
- '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
- 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



Ques : Which Indian state set two Guinness World Records during the International Yoga Day 2025 celebrations under the Yogandhra initiative?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. Karnataka

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Under the Yogandhra initiative, Andhra Pradesh set two Guinness World Records and a total of 23 global records during International Yoga Day 2025 celebrations held in Visakhapatnam.
- Record 1: 22,122 tribal students performed 108 Surya Namaskars over 108 minutes in a single session.
- Record 2: On June 21, more than 3 lakh people participated in a synchronized yoga session along a 28-km stretch of RK Beach in Visakhapatnam, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu described IYD 2025 as a historic event for the state.

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Ques : What major change is the ICC considering for smaller nations in the 2027-29 World Test Championship cycle?

- A. Using pink balls in all matches
- B. Allowing two innings per day
- C. Replacing Tests with T20s
- D. Sanctioning four-day Test matches
- E. Introducing day-night Tests only

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) is considering allowing four-day Test matches for smaller nations during the 2027-29 World Test Championship cycle.
- However, traditional cricketing powerhouses like India, Australia, and England will still be allowed to play five-day Tests.
- The aim is to enable smaller nations to play more Test matches and longer series.
- The 2025–27 cycle will continue with the five-day format, starting with Sri Lanka vs Bangladesh.
- In four-day Tests, a minimum of 98 overs per day will be mandated instead of 90 to compensate for lost time.

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Neeraj Chopra, India's star javelin thrower, won the Paris Diamond League 2025 with a top throw of 88.16 metres in his very first attempt
- The 12th edition of the World Para Athletics Championships will be held in New Delhi from September 27 to October 5, 2025 – for the first time in India
- The 10th ICC Women's T20 World Cup will be held in 2026 and will be hosted by England
- The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) organized the Munich leg of the Rifle/Pistol and Shotgun World Cup 2025 in Munich, Germany
- 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 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)



Ques: Where is IFFCO setting up its first overseas nano-fertiliser manufacturing plant?

- A. USA
- B. Argentina
- C. Brazil
- D. Sri Lanka
- E. Nepal

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- IFFCO (Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative) is establishing its first international nano-fertiliser manufacturing plant in Paraná province, Brazil.
- The facility is part of a 7:3 joint venture between IFFCO's subsidiary IFFCO Nanoventions and Brazilian company NANO FERT.
- The plant will have a production capacity of 4.5 million litres per year, with trial production expected to begin by the end of 2025.
- The move aims to meet rising global demand for nano-fertilisers, which have shown effectiveness in increasing crop yields and reducing traditional fertiliser use by over 20% in crops like corn, soybean, sugarcane, and coffee.

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Ques : Which Indian state has launched the country's first Yoga Policy to become a global wellness capital?

- A. Kerala
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Sikkim
- D. Uttarakhand
- E. Goa

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Uttarakhand has become the first state in India to launch a Yoga Policy, announced by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on the 11th International Yoga Day.
- The policy includes up to Rs.20 lakh subsidy for establishing yoga and wellness centres and up to Rs.10 lakh in grants for research in yoga, meditation, and naturopathy.
- The state aims to establish five new yoga hubs by 2030 and ensure yoga services in all AYUSH Health and Wellness Centers by March 2026.
- A booklet on the Yoga Policy was released and a sapling was planted under the initiative "Ek Vriksha, Yoga Ke Naam".
- Uttarakhand will also set up one Spiritual Economic Zone each in Garhwal and Kumaon, and two new cities focused on yoga, ayurveda, and spirituality in mountainous areas.

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Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and world :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the first 'Make in India' diesel locomotive meant for export from the Marhowrah Diesel Locomotive Factory in Bihar
- The Delhi government is set to implement its first-ever artificial rain pilot project to tackle pollution
- The first Indian epigraphical reference to Halley's Comet was found in a 1456 CE copper plate inscription at the Mallikarjunaswamy Temple in Srisailem, Andhra Pradesh
- 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 First Assembly of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) was hosted by India in New Delhi, under the conservation vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- The Cherrapunji Eastern Craft Gin has become the first alcohol label from the northeastern region of India to be exported
- AviList is the world's first unified global checklist of bird species, officially launched to standardize bird taxonomy globally
- TM2Space Technologies Private Limited announced its plan to launch India's first thinking 'data compute' satellite, an Artificial Intelligence powered orbiter, aboard the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle of the Indian Space Research Organisation by September 2025.
- India's first underwater museum and artificial coral reef is being developed around the decommissioned warship INS Guldar, near Nivati Rocks at Vengurla in Sindhudurg district, Maharashtra
- Ola's AI company Krutrim launched Kruti, claimed to be India's first agentic AI assistant, which goes beyond traditional chatbot functions
- DFCC Bank PLC, based in Colombo, Sri Lanka, became the first foreign corporate entity to list Green Bonds worth LKR 2.5 billion on the National Stock Exchange – International Exchange (NSE IX) at GIFT IFSC, Gujarat
- S&P Global Ratings Singapore Ltd became the first foreign credit rating agency to receive approval from the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) to operate in GIFT City, Gujarat
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Anji Khad Bridge, India's 1st cable-stayed rail bridge





Ques : Which organization has launched India's first national rare blood donor registry?

- A. AIIMS
- B. ICMR-NIIH
- C. CDSCO
- D. NACO
- E. DGHS

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The National Institute of Immunohaematology (NIIH), under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), launched India's first national rare blood donor registry in Mumbai.
- This registry will help patients with rare blood groups (such as those with thalassemia or sickle cell disease) who require frequent blood transfusions.
- Rare blood groups are defined by absence of high-frequency antigens, negative for common antigen combinations, or null phenotypes.
- The registry will be integrated with the e-Raktkosh portal – a centralized blood bank management system launched on 7th April 2016.
- Most Indian blood banks currently test only for ABO and RhD, while the International Society of Blood Transfusion (ISBT) recognizes 360+ antigens in 47 blood group systems, many of which are not routinely tested.

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Ques : What is the name of the UPSC's new platform launched to help top non-recommended candidates connect with employers?

- A. UPSC Gateway
- B. Talent Connect
- C. Pratibha Setu
- D. Career Link
- E. UPSC Merit Pool

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has launched 'Pratibha Setu', a strategic platform to connect non-recommended but meritorious candidates with verified employers like ministries, PSUs, autonomous bodies, and private firms.
- PRATIBHA stands for Professional Resource And Talent Integration – Bridge for Hiring Aspirants.
- It replaces the older Public Disclosure Scheme (PDS).
- It includes candidates from major UPSC exams such as Civil Services, Engineering Services, Indian Forest Service, etc., who cleared all stages but did not make the final merit list.
- Exams like NDA & NA, CBI LDCE, CISF AC(EXE) LDCE, etc., are not included in this scheme.

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Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals

- Swiggy has launched a new app called Crew to enter the premium lifestyle and travel concierge services segment
- The Directorate General of Taxpayer Services, Mumbai Zonal Unit (DGTS MZU) showcased “ATITHI”, a mobile application developed for international travellers to pre-file customs declarations
- The Urban Development and Housing Department of the Government of Madhya Pradesh has launched ‘E-Nagarpalika 2.0’, a web-based single platform for all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the state
- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has launched CROPIC – Collection of Real Time Observations & Photo of Crops. It is a mobile app-based initiative that uses AI-powered image recognition to analyse photographs of standing crops
- The UMEED (Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development) portal was launched by Union Minister Kiren Rijiju under the Ministry of Minority Affairs
- Rapido has launched Ownly, a zero-commission food delivery platform designed to challenge the dominance of Swiggy and Zomato
- Sitha App, launched by Swathi Nelabhatla, CEO of SheJobs, is India’s first gig platform exclusively for women
- The DRUM (Dynamic Route Planning for Urban Green Mobility) app, developed by IIT-Kharagpur researchers, is set to begin real-world trials after successful simulations in Delhi
- The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has issued an advisory to all e-commerce platforms to identify and eliminate Dark Patterns, which are deceptive or manipulative design techniques that mislead or coerce users into making unintended decisions
- Union Minister of Coal and Mines Shri G Kishan Reddy launched the C CARES Version 2.0, a web portal of CMPFO (Coal Mines Provident Fund Organization), developed and designed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)
- The Ayush Nivesh Saarthi Portal is an investor-centric digital platform launched on 29 May 2025 by the Ministry of Ayush and Invest India



Ques: Under which scheme did Bihar CM Nitish Kumar increase the welfare pension from Rs.400 to Rs.1,100?

- A. Jeevika Scheme
- B. Mukhyamantri Vridhjan Pension Yojna
- C. Social Security Pension Scheme
- D. Mai-Baap Samman Yojna
- E. Garib Kalyan Pension Yojna

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Ahead of Assembly elections, Bihar CM Nitish Kumar increased the monthly pension under the Social Security Pension Scheme from Rs.400 to Rs.1,100.
- The hike will benefit over 1.09 crore people, including senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and widowed women.
- The revised amount will be credited to beneficiaries' accounts by the 10th of every month, starting from July 2025.
- This move counters RJD's earlier promise under the Mai-Baap Samman Yojna to raise pensions to Rs.1,500.
- The CM also highlighted the Jeevika Project, which has empowered 1.4 crore women through self-help groups.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- 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 '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





Ques : What is the name of the global initiative launched by the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) ahead of International Day of Yoga 2025?

- A. Yoga Maitri
- B. Yoga Bandhan
- C. Yoga Samvad
- D. Yog Setu
- E. Global Yoga Connect

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Yoga Bandhan is a global initiative launched by the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) under the Ministry of Ayush.
- It brought together yoga ambassadors from 17 countries, including academicians and wellness experts.
- Held in New Delhi, it aims to promote institution-to-institution partnerships and strengthen India's leadership in yoga diplomacy globally.
- It is one of the 10 Signature Events in the run-up to International Day of Yoga 2025.

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Ques : What is the name of the new prize announced by the Indian government to promote drug research for Sickle Cell Disease?

- A. Rani Durgavati Award
- B. Tribal Innovation Prize
- C. Bhagwan Birsa Munda Prize
- D. Sickle Cure Excellence Award
- E. AIIMS Research Fellowship

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Government of India has announced the Bhagwan Birsa Munda Prize to promote research and development of drugs for Sickle Cell Disease.
- The announcement was made by Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Durgadas Uikey at AIIMS, New Delhi, on World Sickle Cell Day – 19 June 2025.
- The prize will offer funding up to Rs.10 crore for approved drug research proposals.
- The government aims to eliminate genetic transmission of sickle cell disease by 2047.
- The National Mission to Eliminate Sickle Cell Anaemia was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 1st July 2023 in Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- ‘Special Mention Award’ at the Digital Payments Award 2024–25 : India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)
- Knighthood by King Charles III : David Robert Joseph Beckham
- Skytrax’s World Airline Awards 2025 : Qatar Airways
- Jury Award for Best Commissioned Film at the Annecy International Animation Festival 2025 : "Desi Oon", created by renowned Indian animation filmmaker Shri Suresh Eriyat
- ‘The Champion of Digital Media Awards South Asia 2025’ : The Hindu
- 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





Ques : Where was the Gharial Species Conservation Programme launched by the Union Environment Minister in June 2025?

- A. National Chambal Sanctuary
- B. Gir Forest National Park
- C. Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary
- D. Dudhwa National Park
- E. Bhitarkanika Wildlife Sanctuary

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav launched the Gharial Species Conservation Programme on 20 June 2025 at Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, Uttar Pradesh, by releasing seven one-year-old gharial hatchlings into the Gerua River.
- The Indian Gharial (*Gavialis gangeticus*) is critically endangered, as per the IUCN Red List.
- The species is found in three tributaries of the Ganga: Chambal, Gerua (also called Girwa) in India, and Rapti-Narayani in Nepal.
- The National Chambal Sanctuary, spanning MP, Rajasthan, and UP, hosts about 77% of the global gharial population.
- The Project Crocodile was launched in 1975 with UNDP and FAO support to protect species like the gharial.

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Nellai Su. Muthu, a renowned Tamil science writer and former scientist of Indian Space Research Organisation passed away. He served as a Senior Scientist at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

Professor Suman Chakraborty Appointed as Director of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur for Five years. He Replaced Professor Amit Patra

BSNL has soft-launched Quantum 5G Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) in Hyderabad, India's first fully indigenous, SIM-less 5G FWA service, delivering fibre-like speeds via 5G radio

In order to introduce co-branded credit cards, Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) partnered strategically with SBI Cards and Payment Services Limited (SBI Card), a State Bank of India (SBI) subsidiary and one of India's top credit card issuers.

UGRO Capital Limited announced the acquisition of Profectus Capital Private Limited from Actis' companies Actis PC (Mauritius) and Actis Investment (Mauritius) in an all-cash deal worth Rs 1,400 crore.

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