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Ques: What amount has the RBI announced for the VRRR auction to absorb surplus liquidity on June 27, 2025?

- A. Rs.50,000 crore
- B. Rs.75,000 crore
- C. Rs.1 lakh crore
- D. Rs.1.5 lakh crore
- E. Rs.2 lakh crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has scheduled a 7-day Variable Rate Reverse Repo (VRRR) auction of Rs.1 lakh crore on June 27, 2025 to absorb surplus liquidity in the banking system.
- This decision follows a rise in surplus liquidity to Rs.2.43 lakh crore as of June 23, 2025.
- RBI aims to keep liquidity surplus around 1% of total deposits to maintain monetary stability and prevent economic overheating.
- This move is part of RBI's active liquidity management strategy, especially as experts anticipate the surplus could rise to Rs.4.5 lakh crore by month-end due to increased government spending.
- RBI had earlier skipped its 14-day VRRR auction on June 13, indicating a shift toward shorter-term tools for liquidity adjustment.

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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- 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)
- 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
- RBI will discontinue daily Variable Rate Repo (VRR) auctions from June 12, 2025, as the liquidity surplus in the banking system has significantly improved





Ques : Where was the Sarhad Shauryathon 2025 held?

- A. Leh
- B. Dras, Ladakh
- C. Kargil City
- D. Srinagar
- E. Nubra Valley

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Sarhad Shauryathon 2025 was held at the Kargil War Memorial in Dras, which is one of the coldest inhabited places in the world and a symbol of India's military valor.
- It was organized by the Indian Army, in collaboration with Sarhad Foundation, Pune, and the local civil administration of Kargil.
- Over 25,000 athletes participated in race categories of 3 km, 5 km, 10 km, and 21 km, making it a major event that combined patriotism, fitness, and national unity.

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Ques: What is the name of the day being commemorated on 25th June 2025 to mark 50 years since the Emergency in India?

- A. Constitution Day
- B. National Democracy Day
- C. Samvidhan Hatya Diwas
- D. Emergency Remembrance Day
- E. Bharat Swatantrata Diwas

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Union Ministry of Culture, in collaboration with the Government of Delhi, will observe Samvidhan Hatya Diwas on 25th June 2025 at Thyagaraj Stadium, New Delhi, to mark 50 years since the imposition of Emergency in 1975.
- In 2024, the Government of India officially designated June 25 as Samvidhan Hatya Diwas.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah will flag off the "Long Live Democracy Yatra" by MYBharat volunteers to promote democratic values and constitutional awareness.
- The Ministry is also organizing exhibitions at 50 key locations in each State and UT, titled "Long Live Democracy", to educate the public about lessons from the Emergency.

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Ques: Who has become the first female and first African president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)?

- A. Fatma Samoura
- B. Kirsty Coventry
- C. Tegla Loroupe
- D. Hassiba Boulmerka
- E. Nawal El Moutawakel

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Kirsty Coventry, a former Olympic swimmer from Zimbabwe, has been appointed as the first female and first African president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
- She was appointed at Olympic House in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- Her tenure is eight years, and she replaces Thomas Bach, a German lawyer and 1976 Olympic fencing champion, who completed his 12-year term.
- Kirsty won two Olympic gold medals in the 200m backstroke at the 2004 Athens and 2008 Beijing Games.
- Thomas Bach now becomes the Honorary President of the IOC and has offered to advise Coventry if needed.

About International Olympic Committee :

- Established : 23 June 1894
- HQ : Lausanne, Switzerland
- Members : 110 active members, 39 honorary members, 206 individual National Olympic Committees





Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Professor Suman Chakraborty : Director of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur (Replaced Professor Amit Patra)
- Prof M Satish Kumar : First Dean of its upcoming campus in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) of Queen's University Belfast (QUB)
- G. Sampath Kumar : Managing Director of Nippon Koei India (NKI)
- Anantha Chandrakasan : Provost of MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) (succeed Cynthia Barnhart)
- 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)





Ques : Which traditional Goan percussion instrument, declared the State Heritage Instrument in 2019, is crafted from clay and animal skin?

- A. Mridangam
- B. Ghumot
- C. Dholak
- D. Pakhawaj
- E. Maddalam

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Ghumot is a traditional mud-based membranophone percussion instrument of Goa, declared the State Heritage Instrument in 2019.
- It is crafted from clay and covered with animal skin – traditionally monitor lizard skin, but now replaced with goat, buffalo skin, or synthetic materials due to wildlife protection regulations.
- The instrument is linked to tribal and caste-based potter communities and is used across Hindu and Christian communities in Goa, symbolizing the region's syncretic culture.
- Ghumots come in different sizes and forms for children, women, amateurs, and professionals.
- The process includes shaping clay, firing, membrane preparation, and coir rope tuning to achieve the desired sound

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Ques: India is developing a conventional variant of which intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) with a 7.5-tonne warhead?

- A. Prithvi-II
- B. Agni-V
- C. Shaurya
- D. K-4
- E. Agni-IV

Answer: B

Explanation :

- India has initiated preliminary development of a conventional variant of its Agni-V ICBM, equipped with a 7.5-tonne warhead.
- While the nuclear version of Agni-V has a range of over 5,000 km, the new conventional variant will have a reduced range of 2,000–2,500 km due to the heavier payload.
- Developed by DRDO, Agni-V is a three-stage solid-fuel missile known for high precision.
- The missile will carry two types of warheads — Airburst (for destroying surface military infrastructure) and Bunker Buster (for hitting deep underground facilities up to 100 meters).

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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 Indian Navy will commission INS Tamal, a stealth multi-role frigate, on July 1, 2025, in Kaliningrad, Russia
- 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



Ques: As per the new government order, which pension benefits will central government employees under UPS be entitled to in case of death in service or invalidation?

- A. NPS Benefits
- B. CPF Benefits
- C. GRAT Benefits
- D. PFRDA Benefits
- E. OPS Benefits

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare under MoPPG&P has clarified that central government employees who opted for UPS (Unified Pension Scheme) will be entitled to OPS (Old Pension Scheme) benefits if they die in service or are discharged due to invalidation or disablement.
- These benefits are under the CCS (Payment of Gratuity under NPS) Pension Rules, 2021 or the CCS (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 2023.
- Employees with 25+ years of service are guaranteed a pension of 50% of the average basic salary of the last 12 months before retirement.
- A minimum pension of Rs.10,000/month is applicable for those with 10+ years of service, and 60% of last pension is provided to the family upon the pensioner's death.
- Employees contribute 10% of basic + DA, and the government contributes 18.5%, which is higher than the 14% under NPS.
- In case of in-service death, the last option exercised by the employee will be final and irrevocable.





Ques: Which institute has partnered with the Ministry of Panchayati Raj to train Panchayats on Own Source Revenue generation?

- A. IIM Bangalore
- B. IIM Ahmedabad
- C. NIRDPR Hyderabad
- D. IGNOU
- E. IRMA Anand

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) has partnered with IIM Ahmedabad to launch a Training of Trainers (ToT) program focused on the generation of Own Source Revenue (OSR) by Gram Panchayats.
- The program was inaugurated by Shri Vivek Bharadwaj, Secretary, MoPR, at IIPA, New Delhi.
- It is conducted under the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) to help Panchayats become financially self-reliant and development-ready.
- Faculty from IIM Ahmedabad and master trainers from 16 States/UTs are participating in the initiative.
- IIM Ahmedabad was praised for developing a research-based, field-aligned module that will be promoted at the state and district levels.
- The initiative aims to build a network of well-trained, financially aware Panchayat officials across India to promote local governance and fiscal autonomy.





News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has announced that the base year for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) will be updated to 2024
- 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
- Yoga Bandhan is a global initiative launched by the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) under the Ministry of Ayush
- The Union Education Ministry has set up a high-level committee to address the rising dependency on coaching centres and improve the fairness and effectiveness of competitive exams
- 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
- The Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan was launched by Union Tribal Affairs Minister Shri Jual Oram to promote tribal empowerment and public participation
- 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



Ques : What is the title of the second volume of speeches by President Droupadi Murmu, covering August 2023 – July 2024?

- A. Voice of the Nation – Volume 2
- B. Wings to Our Hopes – Volume 2
- C. Rashtrapati Speaks – Volume 2
- D. President's Vision – Volume 2
- E. Echoes of Rashtrapati Bhavan – Volume 2

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- "Wings to Our Hopes – Volume 2" is a collection of 51 speeches by President Droupadi Murmu during her second year in office (Aug 2023–Jul 2024).
- It reflects her vision, philosophy, and priorities.
- The book is compiled by Rashtrapati Bhavan and published by the Publications Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- It will be released in both Hindi and English, including an e-version, by Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh on 23rd June at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

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Ques: Where was India's first-ever commercial deployment of hydrogen-powered buses flagged off?

- A. Shimla
- B. Gangtok
- C. Leh
- D. Manali
- E. Srinagar

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- NTPC Limited flagged off five hydrogen fuel cell-based buses for India's first commercial hydrogen bus operations in Leh.
- These green hydrogen-powered buses were handed over to the State Industrial Development Corporation.
- Notably, the world's highest hydrogen fueling station (at 11,562 feet) was launched in Leh by NTPC in November 2024, supporting the green hydrogen initiative.

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Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and world :

- 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
- 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
- IFFCO (Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative) is establishing its first international nano-fertiliser manufacturing plant in Paraná province, Brazil
- 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
- 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



Ques: Who is the first Asian bowler to take 150 Test wickets in SENA countries (South Africa, England, New Zealand, and Australia)?

- A. Wasim Akram
- B. Lasith Malinga
- C. Anil Kumble
- D. Pat Cummins
- E. Jasprit Bumrah

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Jasprit Bumrah became the first Asian bowler to claim 150 Test wickets in SENA countries (South Africa, England, New Zealand, and Australia).
- He reached this milestone during a Test against England at Headingley, where he took a five-wicket haul (5/83).
- This was Bumrah's 11th five-wicket haul in WTC history, surpassing Pat Cummins (10).
- He is now the third Asian bowler after Wasim Akram and Lasith Malinga to register 10 five-wicket hauls in SENA countries.

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Recent records in Cricket :

- Jos Buttler : surpassed Ireland's Paul Stirling to become the fourth-highest run-scorer in T20 Internationals, with 3678 runs
- Virat Kohli : playing for Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), became the first cricketer to score 9000 T20 runs for a single franchise
- Joe Root : fastest cricketer to reach 13,000 Test runs in terms of matches played during a four-day Test against Zimbabwe at Trent Bridge, Nottingham
- Rohit Sharma : After Virat Kohli, he was the only other Indian hitter to reach the milestone of 12,000 T20 runs
- Virat Kohli : 100th T20 half-century while playing for Royal Challengers Bengaluru against Rajasthan Royals at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium
- M.S. Dhoni : first player in IPL history to record 200 fielding dismissals
- Virat Kohli : highest run-scorer in Indian Premier League (IPL) history and the only player to cross the 8000-run mark and also became the first player to hit 1000 boundaries in IPL
- Virat Kohli : first Indian and fifth cricketer overall to reach 13,000 runs in T20 cricket
- Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma : Break Yuvraj Singh's Record for Most ICC Final
- Virat Kohli : He played his 300th One Day International (ODI) match against New Zealand in Dubai
- Virat Kohli : fastest hitter to achieve 14,000 runs in one-day internationals
- Rohit Sharma : second fastest batter after compatriot Virat Kohli to complete 11,000 runs in One-day Internationals
- Babar Azam : joint-fastest hitter to reach 6000 ODI runs
- Dinesh Karthik : highest run-scorer in T20 cricket
- Smriti Mandhana : the first Indian woman to score 10 ODI century and Scored a century in just 70 balls



Ques: What is the aim of the NAVYA pilot initiative launched by MWCD and MSDE?

- A. Promote health care for girls
- B. Provide free education for girls
- C. Promote sports in rural areas
- D. Launch scholarship scheme
- E. Vocational skill training for adolescent girls

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- NAVYA (Nurturing Aspirations through Vocational Training for Young Adolescent Girls) is a pilot initiative jointly launched by Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) and Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) on 24th June 2025 in Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh.
- It targets girls aged 16–18 years (minimum qualification: Class 10) and provides vocational training in non-traditional job roles.
- The programme will be implemented in 27 districts across 19 states, focusing on aspirational districts and the North-East.
- It is supported by key schemes like PMKVY and PM Vishwakarma to create a robust ecosystem for skill development.
- The initiative aims to enhance confidence, skills, and self-reliance among adolescent girls, making them future-ready.

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Ques : What is the name of the high-performance computing facility recently introduced by ICMR at NIV Pune?

- A. NAKSHATRA
- B. SAHASRA
- C. ASTRA
- D. PRATYUSH
- E. VIGYAN

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has launched NAKSHATRA, a high-performance computing (HPC) cluster at its National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune.
- It comprises 12 compute nodes, 700 cores, and 1 petabyte of storage capacity.
- NAKSHATRA will enable faster and more efficient analysis of complex genomic data using NGS, transcriptomics, metagenomics, phylogenetics, and AI-based vaccine development.
- It was developed under the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PMABHIM).
- The facility also serves as a central sequencing data repository and supports five ICMR institutes and Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDLs) nationwide.

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Ques: Which Gulf country has become the first to impose a personal income tax, starting 2028?

- A. UAE
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. Bahrain
- D. Oman
- E. Qatar

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Oman has issued a royal decree to become the first Gulf country to impose personal income tax starting in 2028.
- The tax rate will be 5% and will apply only to individuals earning more than 42,000 Omani Rials annually (approx. \$109,000).
- This move will impact the top 1% of income earners and aims to diversify Oman's economy and increase non-oil revenue.
- The tax implementation aligns with the country's Vision 2040 reform strategy focused on long-term economic sustainability.

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Ques: Who chaired the 47th Annual General Meeting of the Prime Ministers Museum and Library (PMML) Society in New Delhi?

- A. Shri Rajnath Singh
- B. Shri Amit Shah
- C. Shri G. Kishan Reddy
- D. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan
- E. Shri Narendra Modi

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired the 47th Annual General Meeting of the Prime Ministers Museum and Library (PMML) Society at Teen Murti Bhawan, New Delhi.
- He proposed the idea of a “Museum Map of India” to offer a unified cultural perspective of museums nationwide.
- He also suggested the formation of five-member committees from each State under 35 years of age to generate innovative inputs on museum development.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- At the National Conference on Agri Stack in New Delhi, the Kisan Pehchan Patra was introduced as a Digitally Verifiable Credential
- 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 Bonn Climate Change Conference 2025 began on June 16 in Bonn, Germany, the headquarters of the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change)
- The Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN) hosted a hybrid global summit called “Yoga Connect 2025” at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- 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





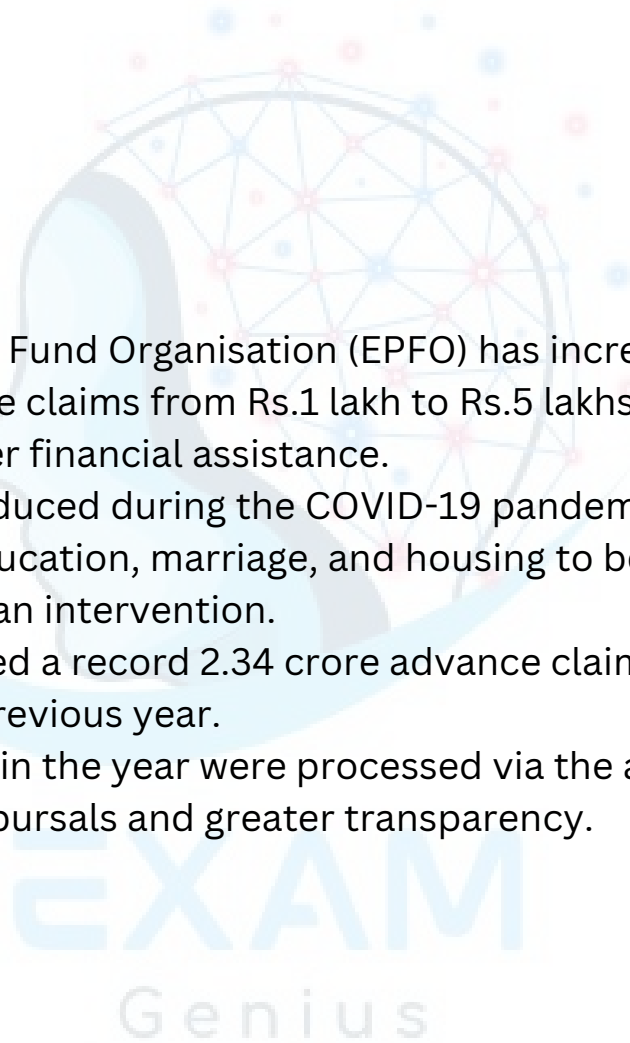
Ques: What is the revised auto-settlement limit for EPFO advance claims as of FY 2024-25?

- A. Rs.1 lakh
- B. Rs.2 lakhs
- C. Rs.3 lakhs
- D. Rs.5 lakhs
- E. Rs.10 lakhs

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has increased the auto-settlement limit for advance claims from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.5 lakhs to improve service delivery and provide quicker financial assistance.
- This system, initially introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic, allows for advance claims related to illness, education, marriage, and housing to be settled automatically without human intervention.
- In FY 2024-25, EPFO settled a record 2.34 crore advance claims through auto-mode, a 161% increase from the previous year.
- 59% of all advance claims in the year were processed via the auto-settlement system, ensuring faster disbursements and greater transparency.





Ques: What was the main objective of the ‘Beej Utsav’ held in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat?

- A. Promote hybrid seed usage
- B. Train farmers for export markets
- C. Promote indigenous seeds and seed sovereignty
- D. Introduce new GM crops
- E. Launch crop insurance scheme

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- A 4-day ‘Beej Utsav’ (Seed Festival) was held in the tribal regions at the tri-junction of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat, aimed at promoting indigenous seeds and seed sovereignty.
- Over 9,400 tribal participants, including women and children, engaged in learning about seed preservation, biodiversity, and environmental awareness.
- Activities included Beej Samvad (seed dialogues), biodiversity fairs, seed ball making, and plantation drives across more than 60 panchayats.
- Awards like ‘Beej Mitra’ and ‘Beej Mata’ were given to farmers who preserved traditional seeds.
- The festival aimed to reduce dependency on hybrid seeds and promote community-led sustainable agriculture and traditional farming systems.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Festivals & Fairs :

- Deva Snana Purnima ritual, also called Snana Yatra : Rath Yatra festivities in Puri
- Poson Poya festival : Sri Lanka is celebrating to mark the historic arrival of Buddhism over 2,000 years ago
- Lavender Festival 3rd Edition : Organized by CSIR – Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM) at Bhaderwah, J&K
- Strawberry Festival : Meghalaya
- Festival Garia and Borsho Boron Utsav 2025 : at Swami Vivekananda Maidan, Agartala, Tripura
- Defence Literature Festival 'Kalam & Kavach 2.0' : 2nd edition held at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
- Madhavpur Mela : in Madhavpur, Porbandar district, Gujarat to commemorates the divine union of Lord Krishna of Dwarka and Rukmani of Arunachal Pradesh
- Rongali Bihu, also called Bohag Bihu : celebrated in Assam in mid-April, marking the Assamese New Year
- Sarhul Festival : tribal festival celebrated by Adivasi communities in the Chhotanagpur region, especially in Jharkhand
- 37th edition of the Kathak Mahotsav 2025 : held in New Delhi, organized by Kathak Kendra
- Yaoshang Festival (the festival of Holi) : Manipur, begins on the full moon day of the Lamta month (February–March)
- Nyokum Yullo Celebration : at Boasimla, Kamle District, Arunachal Pradesh by the Nyishi people in Arunachal Pradesh
- Khajuraho Dance Festival : organized by Madhya Pradesh's Department of Culture and supported by Madhya Pradesh Tourism, has showcased India's classical dances
- Ali Ai Ligang festival : Assam by Mising tribe
- 'Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela' 2025 : in New Delhi, presenting the most recent seed types and agricultural innovations
- Aadi Mahotsav 2025 : India's rich tribal heritage at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi
- 24th Divya Kala Mela : at Gulshan Ground in Jammu





Ques : In which state is the Periyar Tiger Reserve, recently noted for new herpetofauna discoveries, located?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Karnataka
- C. Kerala
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. Maharashtra

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Periyar Tiger Reserve (PTR) is located in Idukki district of Kerala, nestled in the Cardamom and Pandalam Hills of the Western Ghats, near the Tamil Nadu border.
- A recent herpetofauna survey there discovered five new amphibian species and three new reptile species, highlighting its rich biodiversity.
- Established in 1982, the reserve covers an area of 777 sq. km and surrounds the Periyar Lake, created by the Mullaperiyar Dam in 1895.
- PTR includes Kerala's two major river watersheds: the Periyar and the Pamba.
- The highest peak in PTR is Kottamala at 2016 meters.

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Recent News Headlines related to Tiger reserves

- The Telangana state government has officially notified the tiger corridor connecting Kawal Tiger Reserve (KTR) with Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) in Maharashtra as the “Kumram Bheem Conservation Reserve”.
- The Uttar Pradesh government has introduced a first-of-its-kind Vistadome coach service connecting the Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary to the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve in Pilibhit
- The Madhya Pradesh government has approved a Rs.145 crore plan for the development of buffer zones around its 9 tiger reserves for the financial years 2025–26 to 2027–28
- Madhav National Park in Madhya Pradesh (MP) has been designated as India's 58th Tiger Reserve (TR) by Union Minister Bhupender Yadav of the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC). This is the ninth TR in MP
- Bhupender Yadav, the Union Minister for Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, notified the nation that the Ratapani Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh has been designated as the country's 57th Tiger Reserve.
- The 12th International Tourism Mart was held in Kaziranga National Park, Assam, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- The Chhattisgarh government has officially established Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary as tiger reserves, bringing the total number of tiger reserves in the state to four.
- The central government has given preliminary approval for Bihar's second tiger reserve in Kaimur district. The Bihar government proposed developing the Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary (KWLS) into a tiger reserve.
- According to ‘EnviStats India-2024’ report Nagarjunsagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR) has been ranked first for its leopard population.
- Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve in the Chandrapur district in Maharashtra is going to introduce a ropeway safari for the first time. It is the largest and oldest Tiger Reserve of Maharashtra.
- The forest department organised its first 'Cyclothon' recently to celebrate World Wildlife Week 2024 at the buffer zone of the Kawal Tiger Reserve in Telangana. Government of India declared Kawal Wildlife Sanctuary a Tiger Reserve in 2012.
- The Ratapani Sanctuary is stretching its arms to get the status of a tiger reserve. It is Situated in Raisen and Sehore districts of Madhya Pradesh, it spreads over 825.90 sq km.





Ques: What is the name of the scheme under which the Ministry of Heavy Industries launched a portal for promoting electric passenger car manufacturing in India?

- A. FAME India Scheme
- B. e-Mobility Incentive Programme
- C. EV Manufacturing India Scheme
- D. SPMEPCI Scheme
- E. National e-Vehicle Mission

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Heavy Industries launched a portal under the Scheme to Promote Manufacturing of Electric Passenger Cars in India (SPMEPCI).
- The scheme was notified on 15th March 2024, and the application portal is now live at spmepci.heavyindustries.gov.in.
- Under the scheme, approved applicants can import Completely Built Units (CBUs) of electric 4-wheelers with a minimum CIF value of USD 35,000 at a reduced customs duty of 15% for five years.
- Applicants must invest a minimum of Rs.4,150 crores to qualify under the scheme.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- 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 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
- 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)



Ques: Where has India's first off-grid 5 MW green hydrogen pilot plant been commissioned by the Adani Group?

- A. Jamnagar, Gujarat
- B. Bikaner, Rajasthan
- C. Kutch, Gujarat
- D. Rewa, Madhya Pradesh
- E. Leh, Ladakh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Adani New Industries Limited (ANIL) has commissioned India's first off-grid 5 MW green hydrogen pilot plant in Kutch, Gujarat, officially announced on 23rd June 2025.
- The plant is fully powered by solar energy and integrated with a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).
- It uses a fully automated, closed-loop electrolyzer system that works on real-time renewable inputs, ensuring high efficiency.
- This initiative supports India's national mission for green hydrogen and marks a significant step in the country's clean energy transition.

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Through its business unit Intellect Global Consumer Banking (iGCB), First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB), the biggest bank in the United Arab Emirates, successfully deployed the eMACH.ai Lending platform created by Chennai-based Intellect Design Arena Limited.

The Karnataka Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, approved an increase in the housing scheme quota for religious minorities from 10% to 15%

Tripura was declared fully literate today under the ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram (New India Literacy Programme), a centrally sponsored scheme implemented from 2022 to 2027

PM Modi was presented with two special gifts by Croatian PM Andrej Plenković. One was a reprint of Vezdin's Sanskrit Grammar, the first printed Sanskrit grammar in Latin and second gift was a book titled 'Croatia & India: Bilateral Navigator for Diplomats and Business,'

Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) welcomed a delegation from CODELCO (Corporación Nacional del Cobre), the State-owned Copper mining company of Chile, in New Delhi

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