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Ques: Which insurance company has launched state-specific health insurance plans tailored to local medical and infrastructure needs across India?

- A. ICICI Lombard
- B. HDFC ERGO
- C. Star Health Insurance
- D. SBI General Insurance
- E. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance has launched a State-wise Health Insurance Policy, which is customized based on regional treatment costs, local medical infrastructure, and common diseases.
- The plan is available in 25 states and 5 Union Territories, with region-specific branding like 'AapKe Liye' in Hindi-speaking states and 'Mee Kosam' in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- It covers hospitalization, daycare procedures, organ donor expenses, robotic surgery, and stem cell therapy, with no age limit and lifetime renewability.
- These policies are offered in individual and floater formats, with sum insured ranging from ₹5 lakh to Rs.20 lakh.

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Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- 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
- 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
- South Indian Bank has launched E-Kiosk and E-Kanika facilities at Uttara Guruvayurappan Temple in New Delhi
- 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
- Poonawalla Fincorp Limited, promoted by the Cyrus Poonawalla Group, has launched 'Business Loan 24/7', a first-of-its-kind fully digital loan product for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)
- Scapia Federal Credit Card Launched by Scapia (a Bengaluru-based travel fintech startup) & Federal Bank
- SBM ZET Credit Card Launched by ZET (Bengaluru) & State Bank of Mauritius (SBM) Bank (India). The card can be secured by opening an FD with SBM Bank, starting from Rs.5,000
- Indian Bank has launched new NRE Savings Account variants specifically for NRIs, bundled with premium debit cards – INDD'Elite, IND Premium, and IND Plus
- Axis Bank super.money Credit Card Launched by Axis Bank Limited & super.money (a fintech platform backed by Bengaluru based Flipkart)
- HDFC Bank has launched Biz+ Current Accounts, a reimagined suite of current account products tailored for Indian businesses
- Indian Bank launched two new fixed deposit (FD) schemes – IND SECURE (444 days) and IND GREEN (555 days) – with effect from May 8, 2025
- Union Bank of India (UBI) launched the 'Union Wellness Deposit', an innovative retail term deposit scheme
- Canara Bank has launched 'CANARA TruEdge', a specialized and feature-rich suite of Current and Savings Accounts
- In 2025, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) introduced a WhatsApp-based premium payment facility





Ques: Which bank has partnered with Edelweiss Life Insurance for a bancassurance agreement?

- A. AU Small Finance Bank
- B. Ujjivan SFB
- C. Equitas SFB
- D. Jana SFB
- E. Fincare SFB

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Equitas Small Finance Bank has entered into a bancassurance partnership with Edelweiss Life Insurance.
- This collaboration allows Equitas SFB customers to access a wide range of life insurance products.
- The partnership will expand insurance coverage through the bank's network and help promote financial protection.
- Bancassurance enables banks to sell insurance policies directly through their branches, offering convenience to customers.

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Recently signed banking agreements

- 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
- 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
- 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: Which organization has partnered with FPSB India to integrate the Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification into its employee training framework?

- A. Punjab National Bank
- B. ICICI Bank
- C. Reserve Bank of India
- D. State Bank of India
- E. HDFC Bank

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- State Bank of India (SBI) has signed a strategic partnership with Financial Planning Standards Board (FPSB) India to include the globally recognized Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification in its employee development programs.
- This initiative will cover approximately 2.36 lakh SBI employees, aiming to enhance the quality of financial planning services.
- It is especially focused on improving service delivery for High Net-Worth Individuals (HNIs), Ultra HNIs (UHNIs), and Non-Resident Indians (NRIs).

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Ques: As per Brand Finance 2025 report, which is India's most valuable brand?

- A. Infosys
- B. Reliance Group
- C. LIC Group
- D. HDFC Group
- E. Tata Group

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- According to the Brand Finance 2025 report, Tata Group has retained its title as India's most valuable brand, with a brand value of \$31.6 billion.
- It also became the first Indian brand to cross the \$30 billion mark in brand valuation.
- The Tata brand's growth is driven by strategic investments in sectors like electronics, electric vehicles (EVs), semiconductors, AI, and renewable energy.
- Despite global economic challenges, India's top 10 brands have shown strong double-digit growth.
- The concept of brand value refers to the net economic benefit a company derives from licensing its brand in the open market.
- Tata Group is followed by Infosys, HDFC Group, LIC Group, and Reliance in the top 5 rankings for brand value.

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India's Rankings in Different Indices

- QS World University Rankings 2026 : Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (1st), IIT Delhi (123rd)
- Global Liveability Index 2025 is published by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) : Copenhagen (Denmark) (1st)
- Global Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2025 published by the World Economic Forum (WEF) : India (71st)
- “Women in Politics: 2025” report : India (174th)
- Global Gender Gap Report Edition 19th Published by World Economic Forum (WEF) : India (131st), Iceland (1st)
- 2025 Global Data Center Market Comparison report : Mumbai (6th), Virginia, United States of America (USA) (1st)
- Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2025 : India (10th), Denmark (4th)
- World’s Wealthiest Cities Report 2025 4th Edition Published by Henley & Partners : New York City, USA (1st), Mumbai, India (27th)
- Forbes' 2025 list of the world’s highest-paid athletes : Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal) : Soccer
- 2025 Kantar BrandZ report : Apple (1st), TCS (45th)
- World Press Freedom Index 2025 was published by Reporters Without Borders (RSF) : India (151st), Norway (1st)
- Human Development Index (HDI) 2023 : India (130th)
- 2nd edition of the 2025 CareEdge State Rankings was published by CareEdge Ratings : Maharashtra (top) Gujarat (2nd)
- Asia University Rankings 2025 published by Times Higher Education (THE) : Indian Institute of Science (IISc) (38th), Tsinghua University (China) (1st)
- According to Newsweek and Statista's "World's Best Hospitals 2025" : All India Institute of Medical Sciences (Aiims) in New Delhi (97th)
- World’s busiest airports in 2024 Published by Airports Council International (ACI) : Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in Delhi (9th), Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (United States) (1st)
- Report Automotive Industry: Powering India’s Participation in Global Value Chains 2nd Edition Published by National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) : India (4th), China (1st)



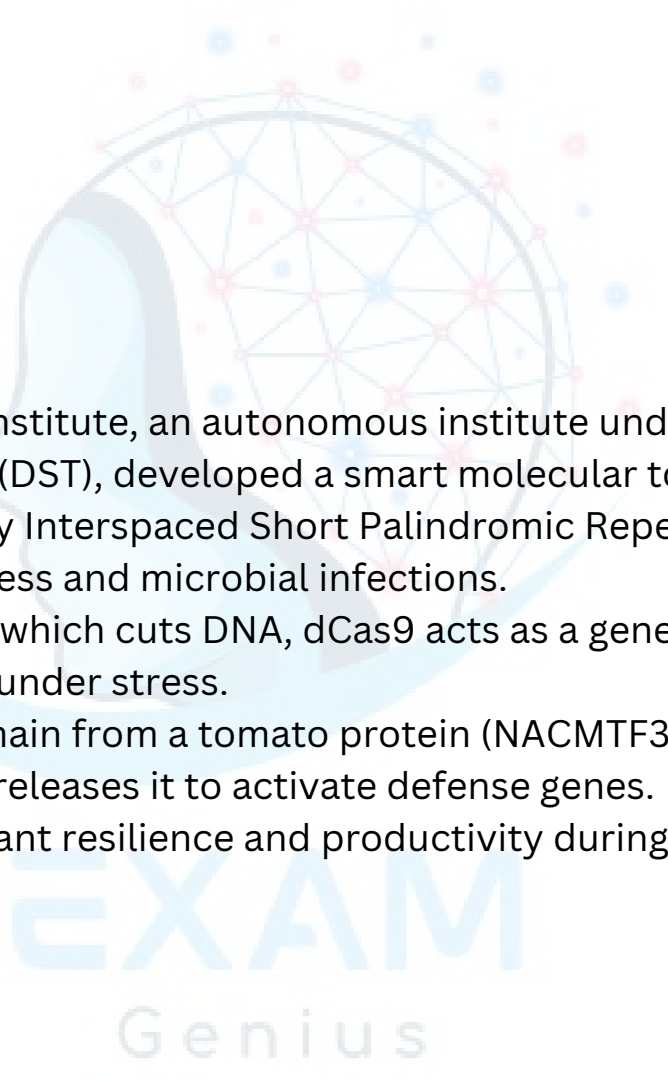
Ques: Which institute developed a smart molecular CRISPR-based tool to help plants respond to heat and infections?

- A. Indian Institute of Science (IISc)
- B. CSIR-NBRI
- C. Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI)
- D. Bose Institute
- E. NCBS, Bengaluru

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Scientists from the Bose Institute, an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), developed a smart molecular tool using a modified CRISPR (Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats) system (dCas9) to help plants fight heat stress and microbial infections.
- Unlike traditional CRISPR, which cuts DNA, dCas9 acts as a gene switch that only activates when the plant is under stress.
- The system uses a TM domain from a tomato protein (NACMTF3), which keeps the switch inactive until stress releases it to activate defense genes.
- This tool helps improve plant resilience and productivity during adverse environmental conditions.





Ques: What is the name of the newly launched weight-loss drug by Novo Nordisk in India?

- A. Wegovy
- B. Mounjaro
- C. Ozempic
- D. Saxenda
- E. Rybelsus

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Novo Nordisk has launched its weight-loss drug Wegovy in India.
- The drug is based on semaglutide, a GLP-1 receptor agonist, and is delivered via pen devices in five doses: 0.25 mg to 2.4 mg.
- It is proven to reduce body weight by 15–20%, comparable to bariatric surgery, and also lowers cardiac risks and improves metabolic health.
- Priced between Rs.17,345 and Rs.26,015 per month, it targets India's growing obesity crisis.
- The launch follows the introduction of Mounjaro by Eli Lilly in India and adds to Novo's lineup that includes Ozempic, also based on semaglutide.

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Ques: Who inaugurated the National Conference of Estimates Committees of Parliament and State/UT Legislative Bodies in Mumbai?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Jagdeep Dhankhar
- C. Om Birla
- D. Rajnath Singh
- E. Piyush Goyal

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla inaugurated the National Conference of Estimates Committees of Parliament and State/UT Legislative Bodies in Mumbai.
- He also released the 75th Anniversary Souvenir of the Estimates Committee of Parliament.
- Theme of the conference: "Role of Estimates Committee in effective Monitoring and Review of Budget Estimates for ensuring Efficiency and Economy in Administration."

About the Estimates Committee:

- It is a key financial oversight committee of the Indian Parliament, ensuring efficiency, economy, and accountability in public spending.
- Established: In 1950, post-Constitution, under the Rules of Procedure of Lok Sabha.
- Members: Comprises 30 Lok Sabha MPs (excluding Ministers).
- Selection: Elected annually by Lok Sabha through proportional representation by single transferable vote.
- Chairperson: Appointed by the Speaker of Lok Sabha.
- Term: One year, renewable.





Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- 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
- 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





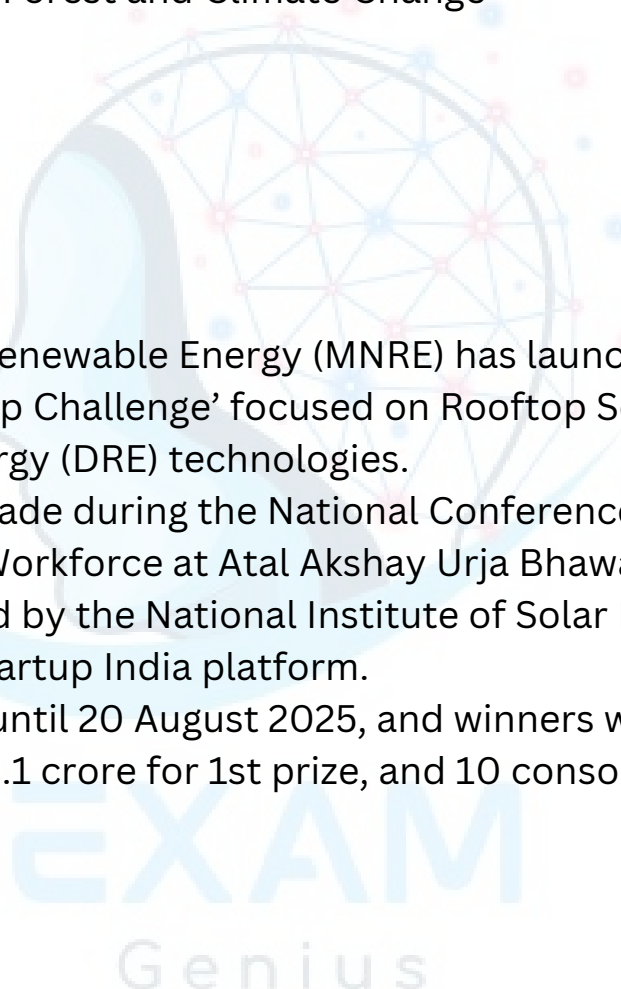
Ques: Which ministry has launched the Rs.2.3 crore 'Innovative Projects Start-up Challenge' on Rooftop Solar and Distributed Renewable Energy technologies?

- A. Ministry of Science and Technology
- B. Ministry of Power
- C. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- D. Ministry of Skill Development
- E. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has launched the Rs.2.3 crore 'Innovative Projects Start-up Challenge' focused on Rooftop Solar (RTS) and Distributed Renewable Energy (DRE) technologies.
- The announcement was made during the National Conference on Skill Development for the Renewable Energy Workforce at Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The challenge is supported by the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) and coordinated through the Startup India platform.
- Entries can be submitted until 20 August 2025, and winners will share a total prize pool of Rs.2.3 crore, with Rs.1 crore for 1st prize, and 10 consolation prizes of Rs.5 lakh each.





News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- 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
- 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 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



Ques: What is India's rank on the 2025 SDG Index according to the UN Sustainable Development Report?

- A. 112th
- B. 109th
- C. 99th
- D. 74th
- E. 121st

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- India has ranked 99th out of 167 countries in the 2025 SDG Index with a score of 67, marking its first entry into the top 100 in the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) rankings.
- The index is published by the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UNSDSN).
- India's past rankings: 121st (2022), 112th (2023), 109th (2024), and now 99th (2025).
- Neighbouring countries' ranks: Bhutan (74th), Nepal (85th), Sri Lanka (93rd), Bangladesh (114th), Pakistan (140th).
- The top 3 countries are Finland, Sweden, and Denmark.
- The report assesses progress towards 17 SDGs adopted in 2015, with a score of 100 representing full achievement.
- Only 17% of SDG targets are currently on track globally due to challenges such as conflicts, climate issues, and financial constraints.





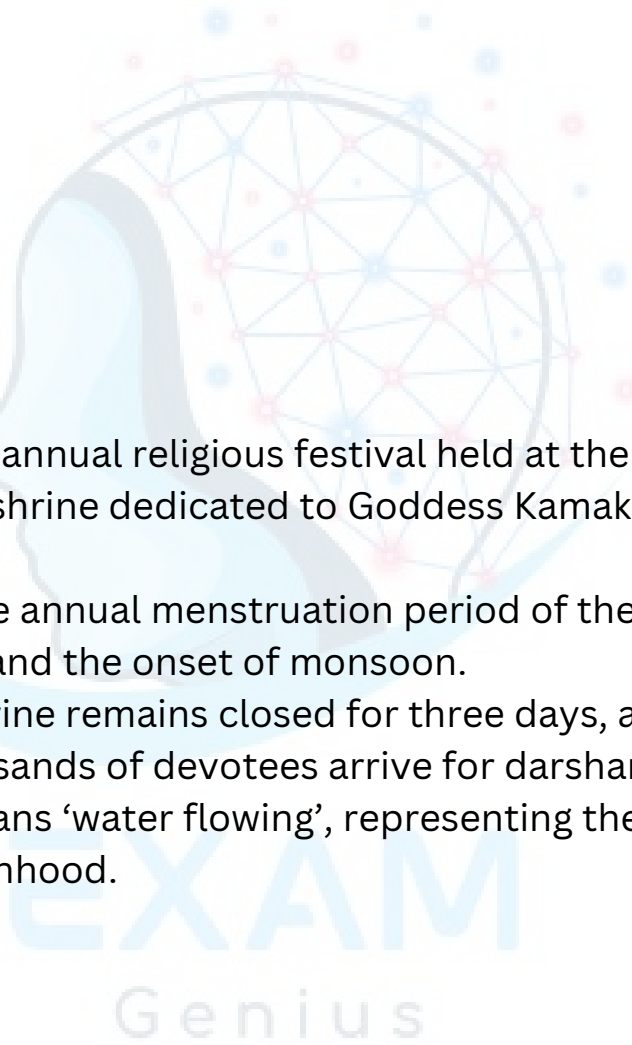
Ques: Which temple hosts the annual Ambubachi Mela, symbolizing the menstruation period of the Goddess and associated with fertility?

- A. Vaishno Devi Temple
- B. Kamakhya Temple
- C. Meenakshi Temple
- D. Jwalamukhi Temple
- E. Kashi Vishwanath Temple

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Ambubachi Mela is an annual religious festival held at the Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati, Assam, a sacred shrine dedicated to Goddess Kamakhya, an important deity in Tantrik Shaktism.
- The festival symbolizes the annual menstruation period of the goddess and is closely linked with fertility and the onset of monsoon.
- During the festival, the shrine remains closed for three days, and is ceremonially reopened, after which thousands of devotees arrive for darshan.
- The word 'Ambubachi' means 'water flowing', representing the life-giving and fertile aspect of nature and womanhood.





Recent News Headlines Related to Festivals & Fairs :

- 'Beej Utsav' (Seed Festival) : held in the tribal regions at the tri-junction of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat for 4 Days
- 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





Ques: How many metres did Neeraj Chopra throw to win the Ostrava Golden Spike meet?

- A. 88.10 m
- B. 86.52 m
- C. 85.29 m
- D. 84.75 m
- E. 87.50 m

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Neeraj Chopra won the Ostrava Golden Spike meet with a throw of 85.29 metres.
- This was his first appearance at this prestigious event, which is part of the World Athletics Continental Tour Gold series.
- Neeraj defeated 8 other competitors in a 9-man field and continued his winning streak in international events ahead of the Olympics.

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- The Poznań Open 2025 tennis tournament in Poland will see India's Vijay Sundar Prashanth and his Spanish partner Sergio Martos Gornes win the doubles championship. The clay courts at the Park Tenisowy Olimpia served as the venue for the Poznań Open, an ATP Challenger 100 tennis competition.
- The Oklahoma City Thunder have won the 2025 NBA title, beating the Indiana Pacers 103-91 in Game 7.
- Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz defeated Czech Jiri Lehecka in the final at Queen's Club.
- Hockey India signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Tamil Nadu to host the FIH Men's Junior World Cup 2025. The 14th edition of the international hockey tournament will be held in Chennai and Madurai from November 28 to December 10, 2025
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) is considering allowing four-day Test matches for smaller nations during the 2027-29 World Test Championship cycle
- 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.



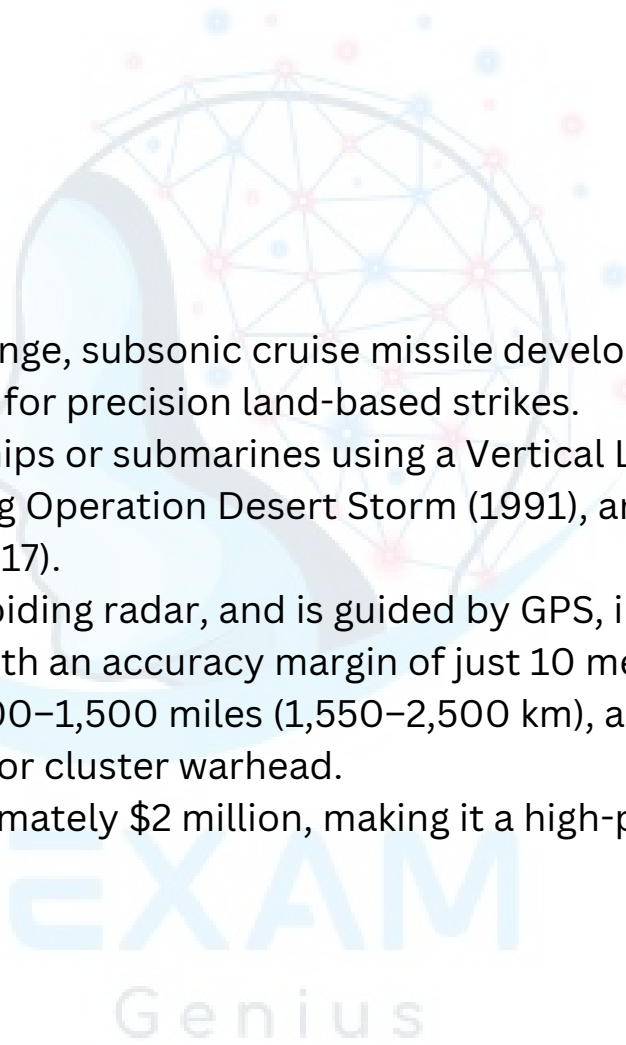
Ques: What is the Tomahawk missile primarily used for?

- A. Air-to-air combat
- B. Precision land strikes
- C. Naval ship defense
- D. Anti-submarine warfare
- E. Satellite destruction

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Tomahawk is a long-range, subsonic cruise missile developed by the United States Navy, used primarily for precision land-based strikes.
- It can be launched from ships or submarines using a Vertical Launch System.
- First used in combat during Operation Desert Storm (1991), and later in major conflicts including Syria (2017).
- It flies at low altitudes, avoiding radar, and is guided by GPS, inertial navigation, and terrain contour mapping, with an accuracy margin of just 10 meters.
- Its range lies between 1,000–1,500 miles (1,550–2,500 km), and it can carry a 1,000-pound conventional or cluster warhead.
- Each missile costs approximately \$2 million, making it a high-precision and strategic weapon in modern warfare.





Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- India has initiated preliminary development of a conventional variant of its Agni-V ICBM, equipped with a 7.5-tonne warhead
- 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)





Ques: Where will the SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting 2025 be held?

- A. Qingdao
- B. Samarkand
- C. Beijing
- D. Dushanbe
- E. Astana

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meeting 2025 will be held in Qingdao, China, from June 25 to 26, under the chairmanship of China.
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh will lead the Indian delegation and push for joint anti-terrorism efforts, especially after Operation Sindoor, where India targeted 9 terror camps in Pakistan following the Pahalgam massacre.
- The focus will be on peace, security, and defence cooperation among SCO member states, which include India, China, Russia, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Iran.
- The theme for China's SCO Chairmanship in 2025 is "Upholding the Shanghai Spirit: SCO on the Move."

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Ques: What level of travel advisory has the US issued for India due to rising violent crime and terrorism threats?

- A. Level 1 – Exercise Normal Precautions
- B. Level 2 – Exercise Increased Caution
- C. Level 3 – Reconsider Travel
- D. Level 4 – Do Not Travel
- E. No advisory issued

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The US Department of State has issued a Level 2 Travel Advisory for India, urging travelers to exercise increased caution due to threats of violent crime and terrorism.
- The Level 2 advisory is part of the US's 4-level travel alert system issued by the Bureau of Consular Affairs.
- This system helps inform US citizens about potential risks while traveling abroad and guides their safety decisions.

The advisory levels are:

- Level 1: Exercise Normal Precautions
- Level 2: Exercise Increased Caution
- Level 3: Reconsider Travel
- Level 4: Do Not Travel

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Ques: During which meeting did India and South Africa sign submarine cooperation agreements?

- A. 10th Defence Technology Meet
- B. Indo-SA Naval Dialogue
- C. 7th Defence Export Summit
- D. 9th Joint Defence Committee Meet
- E. South-South Maritime Dialogue

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- India and South Africa signed two submarine cooperation agreements during the 9th Joint Defence Committee (JDC) meeting, held in Johannesburg, South Africa.
- The Indian delegation was led by Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh, who emphasized India's capabilities in defence manufacturing and exports.
- Key discussions included mutual defence interests, a future roadmap for cooperation, and presentations from two sub-committees on defence policy and defence acquisition & R&D.
- The meeting further strengthened the historic bilateral defence ties between the two nations.

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- Reliance Aerostructure Limited (RAL) has entered into a strategic partnership with Dassault Aviation of France to manufacture Falcon 2000 business jets in Nagpur, Maharashtra
- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in collaboration with the WHO has initiated a nationwide survey is to develop India-specific Child Growth Standards by replacing the outdated 2006 WHO benchmarks
- 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.





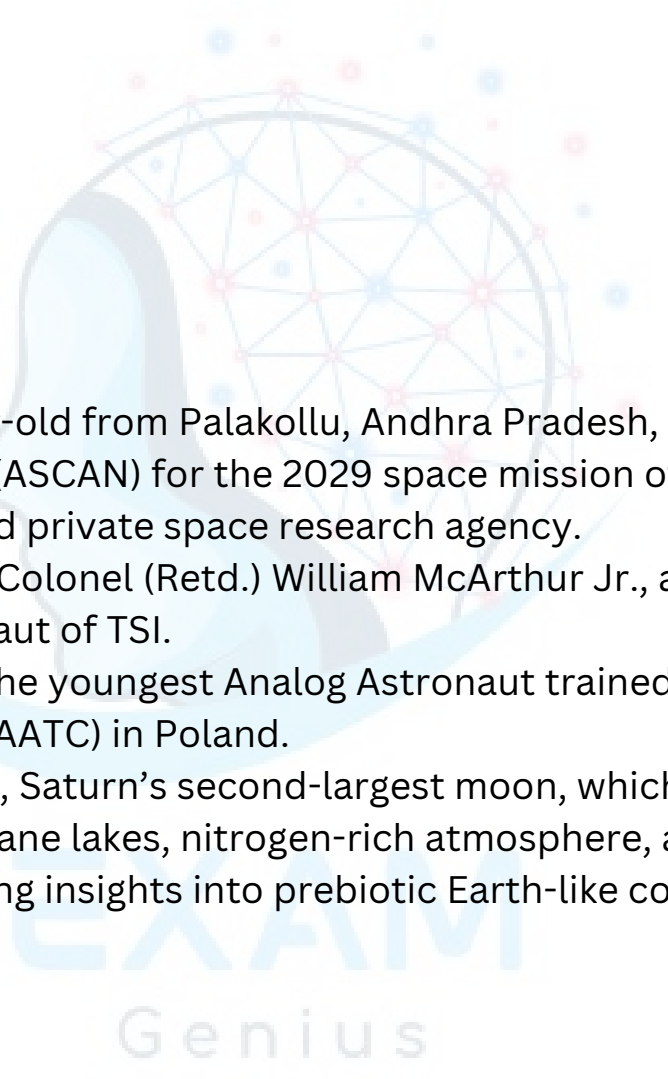
Ques: Who is the 23-year-old Analog Astronaut from Andhra Pradesh selected as an Astronaut Candidate (ASCAN) for the Titan Space Industries mission?

- A. Ritu Karidhal
- B. Sunita Williams
- C. Sirisha Bandla
- D. Jahnvi Dangeti
- E. Kalpana Chawla

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Jahnvi Dangeti, a 23-year-old from Palakollu, Andhra Pradesh, has been selected as an Astronaut Candidate (ASCAN) for the 2029 space mission of Titan Space Industries (TSI), a U.S.-based private space research agency.
- The mission will be led by Colonel (Retd.) William McArthur Jr., a former NASA astronaut and Chief Astronaut of TSI.
- In 2022, Jahnvi became the youngest Analog Astronaut trained at the Analog Astronaut Training Centre (AATC) in Poland.
- The mission involves Titan, Saturn's second-largest moon, which is larger than Mercury and features methane lakes, nitrogen-rich atmosphere, and organic compound potential, offering insights into prebiotic Earth-like conditions.





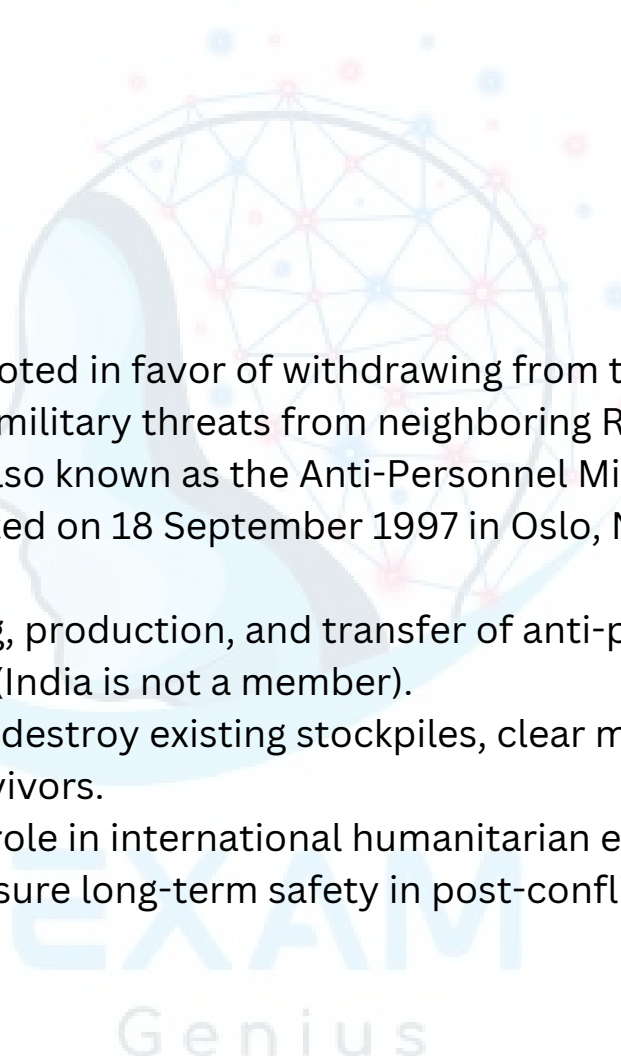
Ques: Which country recently voted to withdraw from the Ottawa Convention that bans anti-personnel landmines?

- A. Sweden
- B. Finland
- C. Germany
- D. Canada
- E. Norway

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Finland's parliament has voted in favor of withdrawing from the Ottawa Convention, citing growing military threats from neighboring Russia.
- The Ottawa Convention, also known as the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention or Mine Ban Treaty, was adopted on 18 September 1997 in Oslo, Norway, and came into force in 1999.
- It bans the use, stockpiling, production, and transfer of anti-personnel mines and has 165 member countries (India is not a member).
- Member states commit to destroy existing stockpiles, clear mined areas, educate populations, and assist survivors.
- The treaty plays a crucial role in international humanitarian efforts to prevent landmine casualties and ensure long-term safety in post-conflict zones.





Ques: Which Indian hockey player, a two-time Olympic bronze medallist, recently announced his retirement from international hockey?

- A. Manpreet Singh
- B. Lalit Kumar Upadhyay
- C. PR Sreejesh
- D. Harmanpreet Singh
- E. Birendra Lakra

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Lalit Kumar Upadhyay, a seasoned Indian hockey player from Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, announced his retirement from international hockey after playing 183 matches and scoring 67 goals for India.
- He made his senior debut in 2014 at the Hockey World Cup and went on to represent India in major tournaments.
- He was part of the historic Tokyo 2020 Olympics bronze-winning team, which ended a 41-year Olympic medal drought for Indian hockey.
- Lalit was also part of the Paris 2024 bronze medal team, making him a two-time Olympic medallist.
- He received the Arjuna Award in 2021 for his outstanding contributions to Indian hockey.

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Recently Retired Players :

- Piyush Pramod Chawla : All formats of professional cricket
- Glenn Maxwell : Retirement from ODIs
- Power-hitter Heinrich Klaasen (South African) : international cricket
- Virat Kohli : retired from Test cricket
- Rohit Sharma (Indian) : retired from Test cricket
- Vandana Katariya (Indian) : Hockey
- B Sumeeth Reddy (Indian) : badminton player
- Mushfiqur Rahim (Bangladesh) : Retirement from One-Day International cricket
- Sharath Kamal (Indian) : Retired from table tennis
- Steve Smith (Australia) : Retirement from the ODI format
- Dimuth Karunaratne (Sri Lankan) : Retired from international cricket
- Marcelo (Brazil) : retirement from football
- Marcus Stoinis : End his ODI career
- Simona Halep (Romanian) : retired from tennis
- Tamim Iqbal (Bangladesh) : Retirement from international cricket
- Varun Aaron (India) : Retirement from all kinds of cricket
- Martin Gupthill (New Zealand) : Retirement from international cricket
- Rishi Dhawan : Retirement from Indian limited overs cricket
- Ravichandran Ashwin (Indian) : International cricket
- Imad Wasim (Pakistan) : International cricket
- Siddarth Kaul (Indian) : cricket

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Ques: What is the total financial outlay approved under the Revised Jharia Master Plan (JMP) for addressing fire, land subsidence, and rehabilitation?

- A. Rs.4,800 crore
- B. Rs.5,940.47 crore
- C. Rs.6,500 crore
- D. Rs.7,200 crore
- E. Rs.8,000 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the Revised Jharia Master Plan (JMP) with a financial outlay of Rs.5,940.47 crore.
- The plan aims to address critical issues like mine fires, land subsidence, and rehabilitation of families affected in the Jharia Coalfield region.
- Both Legal Title Holder (LTH) and Non-Legal Title Holder (Non-LTH) families will receive a livelihood grant of Rs.1 lakh and access to credit support up to Rs.3 lakh.
- A Jharia Alternative Livelihoods Rehabilitation Fund will be set up, along with skill development programmes in collaboration with Multi Skill Development Institutes in the region.

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Ques: Which indigenously built stealth frigate has joined the Eastern Naval Command in Visakhapatnam under Project 17A?

- A. INS Shivalik
- B. INS Udaygiri
- C. INS Taragiri
- D. INS Nilgiri
- E. INS Vindhyagiri

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- INS Nilgiri, the first stealth frigate under Project 17A, has officially joined the Eastern Naval Command at Visakhapatnam and is now part of the Eastern Sword – Sunrise Fleet.
- Built indigenously by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai, it is the lead ship of a series of seven advanced stealth frigates designed to enhance India's maritime strength.
- INS Nilgiri follows the Shivalik-class (Project 17) and features modern technologies like MRSAM, supersonic missiles, 76mm gun, and close-in weapon systems.
- Its motto is "Adrish Yabalam, Ajeya Shauryam", reflecting its stealth and unmatched bravery.

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The establishment of a Rs.417 crore Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC 2.0) in Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, was authorized by the Indian government. The Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) will develop the authorized EMC 2.0 project.

Indian shuttlers won 27 medals at the Asian ParaBadminton Championship 2025 in Thailand. India's haul included four gold medals, 10 silver medals, and 13 bronze medals.

Anuj Pandey Appointed as Chief Executive Officer of UGRO Capital Limited

Indian Railways has launched a policy that provides ₹1 crore in compensation to the families of its employees in the event of an accident, with no premium payment needed. This is a significant welfare measure.

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved a proposal from the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare to establish International Potato Centre (CIP)'s South Asia Regional Centre (CSARC) at Agra, Uttar Pradesh.

Former India spinner Dilip Doshi, who played 33 Tests for India in a four-year span between 1979- 1983 passed away , aged 77

