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Ques: What was the amount of penalty imposed by SEBI on BSE for lapses in information access and regulatory supervision?

- A. Rs.10 lakh
- B. Rs.15 lakh
- C. Rs.20 lakh
- D. Rs.25 lakh
- E. Rs.50 lakh

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) imposed a Rs.25 lakh fine on BSE Ltd for regulatory violations between February 2021 and September 2022.
- BSE allowed paid subscribers and listing teams to access price-sensitive information before it was made public, violating norms of equal access.
- SEBI also cited lapses in supervising broker activities, such as unaudited client code modifications and lack of annual error-account audits.
- A time-gap mechanism to fix the access issue was introduced only after SEBI's intervention.
- SEBI has asked BSE to pay the penalty within 45 days.

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Ques: What is the name of the innovation challenge launched by HDFC Life in collaboration with IIT Bombay and SINE to promote tech-driven solutions in the insurance sector?

- A. LifeTech Vision
- B. HDFC Life InsUReka
- C. Innovate Insurance
- D. Smart Insure Challenge
- E. FutureSecure Hackathon

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited, in collaboration with the Society for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (SINE) and IIT Bombay, has launched HDFC Life InsUReka, an innovation challenge.
- The challenge aims to promote sustainable and industry-wide innovation by inviting startups from across India.
- It seeks to co-create transformative, technology-driven solutions addressing real-world challenges in the life insurance industry.

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Ques: Which insurance company has been fined Rs.1 crore by IRDAI for corporate governance violations in 2025?

- A. HDFC Life Insurance
- B. LIC
- C. Edelweiss Life Insurance
- D. SBI Life Insurance
- E. Max Life Insurance

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) imposed a fine of Rs.1 crore on Edelweiss Life Insurance for violating corporate governance norms.
- The violations include failure to collect mandatory bank details from policyholders where premiums exceeded Rs.10,000, and non-compliance with outsourcing due diligence.
- IRDAI rejected the insurer's claim that bank account information was optional and emphasized full regulatory responsibility lies with the insurer.
- Moving forward, the insurer must mandatorily capture complete bank account details in proposal forms.

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Ques: Which international institution has approved a USD 426 million loan for the Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Program?

- A. Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- B. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- C. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
- D. New Development Bank (NDB)
- E. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), part of the World Bank Group, approved a loan of USD 426 million for the Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Program.
- The loan aims to enhance water security and resilience for over four million residents of Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The loan has a maturity period of 20 years with a 5-year grace period.
- Additionally, the World Bank also approved a USD 150 million loan for the Tamil Nadu Women Employment and Safety (TNWES) programme, with a 25-year maturity and a 5-year grace period.

About World Bank :

- Established : 1944
- HQ : Washington DC
- Members : 189
- World Bank Group : 5 (IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID)
- President : Ajay banga

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Ques: Which bank recently enabled UPI payment facility for its NRI customers using international mobile numbers?

- A. SBI
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. ICICI Bank
- D. Axis Bank
- E. IDFC FIRST Bank

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- IDFC FIRST Bank has launched UPI payment services for NRIs using international mobile numbers linked to their NRE or NRO accounts via the bank's mobile app.
- This facility is currently available in 12 countries: Australia, Canada, France, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, UAE, UK, and USA.
- NRIs can now use QR codes, UPI IDs, or mobile numbers for instant rupee-based transactions within India.
- This move aims to provide equal ease, speed, and security to NRI customers as enjoyed by domestic users.

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Ques: From which date will the call money market operate till 7 p.m. as per RBI's new announcement?

- A. 1 April 2025
- B. 1 July 2025
- C. 1 August 2025
- D. 1 January 2026
- E. 31 March 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended call money market hours by 2 hours, now operating from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
- The change will come into effect from 1 July 2025.
- The call money market is accessible only to banks and standalone primary dealers (SPDs) participating in the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF).
- Market repo and TREP timings will also be extended to 4:00 PM from 1 August 2025, but timings for G-Secs, forex, and derivatives will remain unchanged.
- This is based on recommendations of the Radha Shyam Ratho Committee.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) during its 10th Annual Meeting in Beijing?

- A. Zou Jiayi
- B. Jin Liqun
- C. Yi Gang
- D. Liu Kun
- E. Wang Qishan

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Zou Jiayi, former Vice Finance Minister of China, was appointed as the new President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) during the bank's 10th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors held in Beijing.
- She succeeds Jin Liqun and will serve a five-year term.
- China is the largest shareholder in the AIIB with 26.54% voting shares, followed by India (7.58%), Russia (5.9%), and Germany (4.1%).
- The AIIB is a multilateral development bank focused on supporting infrastructure development in Asia and beyond.

About Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank :

- Established : 16 January 2016
- HQ : Beijing, China
- Members : 110 member states





Ques: Which company raised USD 1 billion through India's first investment-grade private bond issuance in the airport sector?

- A. GMR Airports Limited
- B. Adani Airports Holdings Limited
- C. Delhi International Airport Limited
- D. Tata Group Airports
- E. Larsen & Toubro Airports

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Adani Airports Holdings Limited (AAHL) raised USD 1 billion through a project finance structure for its subsidiary, Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL).
- The deal included the issuance of USD 750 million investment-grade notes maturing in July 2029, and a provision to raise an additional USD 250 million.
- This marks India's first investment-grade rated private bond issuance in the airport sector.
- The project aligns with MIAL's sustainability targets, including its goal to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2029.

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Ques: What is the estimated cost of Phase-II of the Pune Metro Rail Project approved by the Union Cabinet?

- A. Rs.2,950 crore
- B. Rs.3,120 crore
- C. Rs.3,626.24 crore
- D. Rs.4,010 crore
- E. Rs.3,850 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved Phase-II of the Pune Metro Rail Project.
- The project will consist of two elevated corridors : Corridor 2A: Vanaz to Chandani Chowk and Corridor 2B: Ramwadi to Wagholi/Vitthalwadi
- Total length: 12.75 km, with 13 stations, to be completed in 4 years.
- The estimated cost is Rs.3,626.24 crore, to be equally shared by the Centre, Maharashtra Government, and external agencies.
- This project will serve IT hubs, educational zones, and reduce traffic on roads like Paud Road and Nagar Road.
- Expected ridership is projected to grow from 0.96 lakh in 2027 to 3.49 lakh by 2057.
- It will be implemented by Maha-Metro (Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation Ltd).

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Ques: Who is the author of the book “History That India Ignored”, recently unveiled by Union Minister Jitendra Singh?

- A. Rajat Sharma
- B. Prem Prakash
- C. Arun Shourie
- D. Shekhar Gupta
- E. M.J. Akbar

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Union Minister of State for Science and Technology (Independent Charge), Jitendra Singh, unveiled the book “History That India Ignored”.
- The book is authored by Prem Prakash, Chairman of Asian News International (ANI) and a veteran journalist.
- It explores the lesser-known aspects of India’s freedom struggle, using archival documents, eyewitness accounts, and chronological analysis to shed light on overlooked events in history.

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Ques: Where will the South Asia regional centre of the International Potato Center (CIP) be established?

- A. Patna, Bihar
- B. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
- C. Singna, Agra, Uttar Pradesh
- D. Ranchi, Jharkhand
- E. Kolkata, West Bengal

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Union Cabinet approved the setting up of the CIP South Asia Regional Centre (CSARC) at Singna village, Agra district, Uttar Pradesh.
- The total project cost is Rs.171 crore, with India contributing Rs.111 crore and the remaining Rs.60 crore by the Peru-based International Potato Center (CIP).
- The centre aims to benefit farmers in India and South Asia through enhanced productivity, food security, farmer income, innovation, and job creation in the potato and sweet potato sectors.
- India is currently the second-largest producer and consumer of potatoes globally.

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Ques: Which category award did India receive at the 2025 Bloomberg Philanthropies Awards for Global Tobacco Control?

- A. M Category – Monitor tobacco use
- B. P Category – Protect from tobacco smoke
- C. W Category – Warn about the dangers
- D. O Category – Offer help to quit tobacco use
- E. E Category – Enforce bans on advertising

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India received the 2025 Bloomberg Philanthropies Global Tobacco Control Award under the 'O' category, which stands for "Offer help to quit tobacco use"—part of the WHO MPOWER policy package.
- The award was presented to the National Tobacco Control Cell, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, at the World Conference on Tobacco Control held in Dublin, Ireland.
- India was one of six countries honored, along with Mauritius, Mexico, Montenegro, Philippines, and Ukraine.
- The event also saw the release of the WHO Global Tobacco Epidemic 2025 Report, supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies.

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Ques: Who became the second wicketkeeper in Test history to score centuries in both innings of a Test match?

- A. MS Dhoni
- B. Rishabh Pant
- C. Andy Flower
- D. Jonny Bairstow
- E. BJ Watling

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Rishabh Pant created history at Headingley in the first Test against England by becoming only the second wicketkeeper in Test cricket history to score centuries in both innings of a match.
- He joined Andy Flower of Zimbabwe, the only other wicketkeeper to achieve this rare feat.
- Pant reached his second century off 129 balls, showcasing resilience and strokeplay.
- He also became the first Indian batter to score two centuries in a single Test match on English soil.

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Ques: Axiom Space has recently signed an agreement with which Indian company to explore space cooperation?

- A. Skyroot Aerospace
- B. DRDO
- C. ISRO
- D. Agnikul Cosmos
- E. IN-SPACe

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Axiom Space, the U.S.-based private company behind Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4) featuring Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, has signed an agreement with Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace.
- The partnership aims to enhance access to Low Earth Orbit (LEO) and boost India-US space cooperation.
- Skyroot Aerospace, known for launching Vikram-S in 2022, is preparing to launch its first orbital-class rocket Vikram-1.
- Skyroot is among the first Indian private space firms to sign an MoU with ISRO, contributing to India's growing private space sector.

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Ques: Who won the gold medal in the Women's Individual Compound event at the Archery Asia Cup 2025 Stage 2 held in Singapore?

- A. Jyothi Surekha Vennam
- B. Aditi Swami
- C. Tejal Rajendra Salve
- D. Avneet Kaur
- E. Sushma Barla

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Archery Asia Cup 2025 Stage 2 was held in Singapore and is part of a three-leg continental series organized by World Archery Asia.
- Tejal Rajendra Salve clinched the gold medal in the Women's Individual Compound event.
- Kushal Dalal also secured gold in the Men's Individual Compound event, contributing to India's overall medal tally.
- India topped the medal table with a total of 9 medals (2 Gold, 6 Silver, 1 Bronze).

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Ques: Who became the first Indian to reach the International Space Station (ISS) in 2025?

- A. Rakesh Sharma
- B. Gaganyaan Commander
- C. Shubhanshu Shukla
- D. Kalpana Chawla
- E. Sunita Williams

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, a 39-year-old Indian Air Force fighter pilot, became the first Indian to reach the ISS on 26 June 2025 as part of the Axiom-4 mission.
- The mission launched aboard SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket from NASA's Kennedy Space Center, Florida.
- He is part of a 4-member international crew including Peggy Whitson (USA), Slawosz Uznanski (Poland), and Tibor Kapu (Hungary).
- Shukla is conducting 25 experiments related to human physiology, agriculture, and material science.
- This marks India's return to human spaceflight after 41 years, since Rakesh Sharma's mission in 1984.
- The mission supports India's future goals under the Gaganyaan program and enhances private sector participation in global space research.





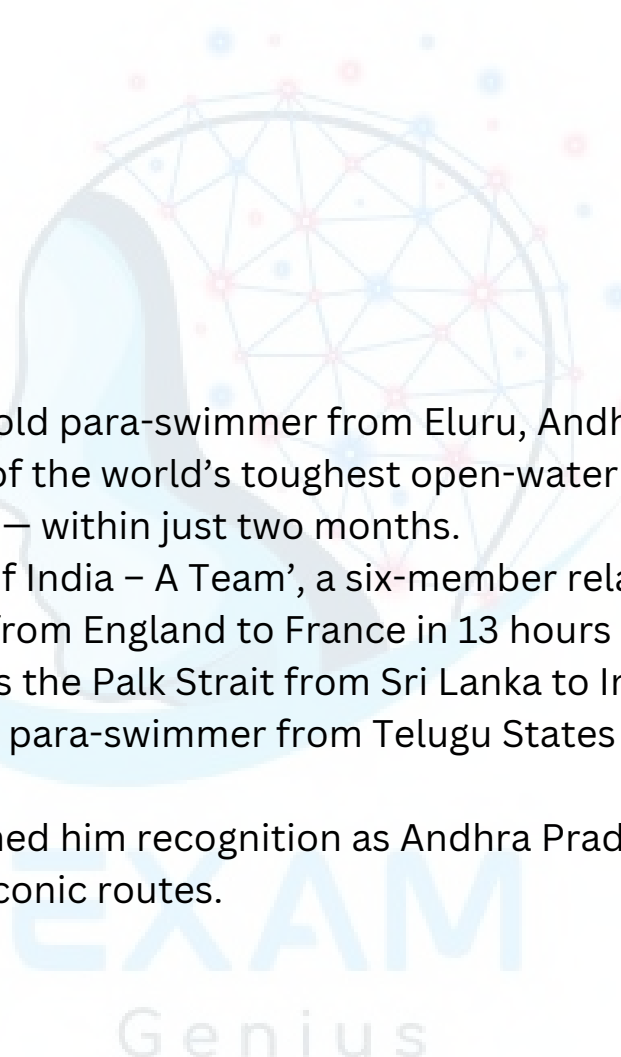
Ques: Who has become the first para-swimmer from Andhra Pradesh to conquer both the English Channel and the Palk Strait?

- A. Anand Raj
- B. Arjun Rao
- C. Karthik Reddy
- D. Veerendra Nath
- E. Balaga Ganesh

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Balaga Ganesh, a 38-year-old para-swimmer from Eluru, Andhra Pradesh, made history by completing two of the world's toughest open-water swims – the English Channel and the Palk Strait – within just two months.
- He was part of the 'Pride of India – A Team', a six-member relay group that crossed the 34 km English Channel from England to France in 13 hours and 37 minutes.
- He also swam 28 km across the Palk Strait from Sri Lanka to India in 10 hours and 30 minutes, becoming the first para-swimmer from Telugu States to accomplish this feat.
- This achievement has earned him recognition as Andhra Pradesh's first para-swimmer to conquer both iconic routes.





Ques: What is India's rank in the Global Peace Index (GPI) 2025 released by the Institute for Economics and Peace?

- A. 99th
- B. 108th
- C. 115th
- D. 124th
- E. 139th

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 10th edition of the Global Peace Index 2025 was released by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) and covered 163 countries, representing 99.7% of the world population.
- India ranked 115th with a GPI score of 2.229, showing a 0.58% improvement in peacefulness compared to the previous year.
- Iceland retained its top spot as the most peaceful country, followed by Austria, New Zealand, and Switzerland.
- The report measures peace across three domains : Societal Safety and Security, Ongoing Domestic and International Conflict and Degree of Militarisation
- South Asia saw the largest deterioration in peace, especially in Bangladesh and Pakistan, while Afghanistan remains the least peaceful in the region.
- This year marks the 13th decline in global peace over the last 17 years.

Global Peace Index rankings :

- 1 Iceland
- 2 Ireland
- 3 New Zealand
- 4 Austria
- 115 India
- 162 Ukraine
- 163 Russia





According to the Global Terrorism Index 2025, terrorism remains a persistent global threat. Pakistan is among the countries where terrorist activities have increased since 2007.

Global Terrorism Index 2025 rankings :

1. Burkina Faso
2. Pakistan
3. Syria
4. Mali
14. India
49. China



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Ques: As per the Coffee Board of India, what was the percentage growth in India's coffee exports in FY 2025–26 so far?

- A. 18%
- B. 40%
- C. 25%
- D. 10%
- E. 32%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Coffee Board of India reported a 25% growth in coffee exports for FY 2025–26 so far.
- This follows a strong 40.2% growth during FY 2023–24, when exports reached USD 1803 million (Rs.15,292 crore), up from USD 1286 million (Rs.10,645 crore) in FY23.
- Europe remains the top destination for Indian coffee, with key importers including Italy, Germany, Belgium, Middle East countries, South Korea, and Japan.
- India is the world's 7th largest coffee producer, contributing 3.5% of global output and ranks 5th in global exports with a 5% share.
- Major coffee-producing states in India are Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu, with annual production around 3.6 lakh tonnes.

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Ques: Which state will host the 5th Khelo India University Games in November 2025?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Gujarat
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Rajasthan
- E. Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The 5th edition of the Khelo India University Games will be hosted for the first time in Rajasthan in November 2025.
- Poornima University, Jaipur will serve as the host, and Rajasthan University, Jaipur will be the co-host.
- Over 4,000 athletes from 200 universities across the country are expected to participate.
- The games will be for the Under-25 age category and will be broadcast live on national TV and OTT platforms.
- Chandigarh University had won the team championships at KIUG 2024, co-hosted by Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, Nagaland and Tripura.

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Ques: Which company will supply the world's first malaria vaccine RTS,S along with GSK during 2026–2030?

- A. Serum Institute of India
- B. Zydus Cadila
- C. Bharat Biotech
- D. Panacea Biotec
- E. Biocon

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Bharat Biotech International Ltd (BBIL) and GSK will jointly supply the world's first malaria vaccine (RTS,S) to the global alliance Gavi between 2026–2030.
- Although developed by GSK, the vaccine's technology was transferred to Bharat Biotech.
- Bharat Biotech has invested \$200 million and plans to reduce the price to under \$5 per dose by 2028.
- The vaccine will be distributed in 12 endemic African nations under Gavi's initiative.
- Gavi supports malaria control in 20 African countries, which bear over 70% of the global malaria burden.

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Ques: NATO members recently agreed to increase their defence spending goal to what percentage of GDP by 2035?

- A. 2%
- B. 3.5%
- C. 4%
- D. 5%
- E. 6%

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- NATO countries have agreed to raise their defence spending to 5% of GDP by 2035, a significant increase from the previous 2% goal set in 2014.
- The revised target includes 3.5% on core defence (troops, arms, weapons) and 1.5% on broader security (cybersecurity, infrastructure, pipeline protection)
- The decision was driven by heightened security concerns, including : Ongoing Russia–Ukraine war and Fear of US troop withdrawal from Europe in a future Trump presidency
- The EU has allowed a yearly 1.5% GDP rise in defence spending, even if deficits exceed 3%, and set up a €150 billion arms fund for joint defence projects.

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Ques: What centenary event is PM Modi inaugurating at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi?

- A. Vaikom Satyagraha Centenary
- B. Gandhi–Ambedkar Dialogue Centenary
- C. Gandhi–Narayana Guru Dialogue Centenary
- D. Kerala Renaissance Centenary
- E. Advaita Philosophy Conference

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the centenary celebration of the historic dialogue between Mahatma Gandhi and Sree Narayana Guru at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The event commemorates 100 years since their historic meeting on March 12, 1925, at Sivagiri Madhom, Kerala, during Gandhi's visit in the backdrop of the Vaikom Satyagraha.
- Sree Narayana Guru (1856–1928), a saint and social reformer from Kerala, strongly opposed untouchability and caste discrimination, and his work greatly influenced Kerala's socio-political movements.
- His teachings promoted equality, non-violence, and inspired leaders like Mahatma Gandhi.
- He also authored key works like Advaita Deepika, Atmavilasam, Daiva Dasakam, and Brahma Vidya Panchakam.





Ques: Bihar's first nuclear power plant will be based on which advanced technology as per the New Nuclear Energy Mission?

- A. Pressurized Heavy Water Reactor
- B. Small Modular Reactor
- C. Boiling Water Reactor
- D. Fast Breeder Reactor
- E. Gas Cooled Reactor

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Under the New Nuclear Energy Mission, Bihar will establish its first nuclear power plant based on Small Modular Reactor (SMR) technology.
- SMRs are advanced, safer, and flexible alternatives to traditional large-scale nuclear reactors and are especially suitable for smaller power grids.
- The Union Power Minister Manohar Lal Khattar confirmed the approval of Bihar's proposal for setting up this facility.
- This move aims to enhance power reliability, support industrial growth, and provide a long-term sustainable energy solution.
- In addition, the Centre approved a 1,000 MW battery storage project in Bihar with Rs.18 lakh per MW viability gap funding.

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Ques: Who was the visionary founder of FedEx Corporation who recently passed away?

- A. James E. Casey
- B. Frederick W. Smith
- C. Fred Smith Sr.
- D. Thomas J. Watson
- E. Jeff Bezos

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Frederick W. Smith, the founder of FedEx Corporation, passed away recently.
- He launched Federal Express in 1973 with just 14 Dassault Falcon jets.
- Under his leadership, FedEx became a global logistics giant, handling nearly USD 2 trillion worth of goods annually across 220+ countries and territories, with 17 million shipments per business day.
- Smith stepped down as CEO in March 2022 but remained Executive Chairman of FedEx Corporation.

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The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is an intergovernmental organization representing the collective voice of the Muslim world. It was established on 25 September 1969 in Rabat, Morocco, following the Al-Aqsa incident. India recently rejected references made by the OIC during its meeting in Istanbul

RazorpayX Corporate Cards Launched by Razorpay, Mastercard, RBL Bank, and YES Bank. Startups can avail credit limits of up to Rs 2 crore without collateral, easing financial constraints

The Ministry of Civil Aviation, in collaboration with the State Government of Maharashtra, Pawan Hans and FICCI, organized the 7th Helicopter & Small Aircraft Summit in Pune.

The International Society of Blood Transfusion (ISBT) has formally recognized a brand-new blood group system known as "Gwada negative," which was discovered by France's national blood organization, the French Blood Establishment (EFS).

A well-known Indian businessman recently passed away from a bee sting, which sparked concerns about abrupt heart attacks in healthy adults and uncommon allergic reactions known as Kounis Syndrome. It is categorized as an acute coronary syndrome (ACS) variant.





Ques: Which company has listed India's first Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) bonds on the National Stock Exchange?

- A. Reliance Industries
- B. Tata Power
- C. Adani Green Energy
- D. Larsen & Toubro
- E. JSW Energy

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Larsen & Toubro has become the first company in India to list Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) bonds on the National Stock Exchange (NSE).
- The company raised Rs 500 crore through Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) issued at a coupon rate of 6.35%.
- These NCDs will mature over a period of 3 years.
- The transaction was executed in partnership with HSBC (Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited).

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Ques: What is the Unified Lending Interface (ULI) recently discussed by the Department of Financial Services and developed by the Reserve Bank of India?

- A. A credit card approval portal
- B. A digital currency exchange
- C. A loan comparison website
- D. An API-based digital lending platform
- E. A government payment gateway

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Unified Lending Interface (ULI) is an API-based, consent-driven digital platform developed by the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) in collaboration with the RBI to enhance India's digital credit infrastructure.
- It enables secure access to borrower data like Aadhaar, land records, tax filings, and KYC from various sources by banks and financial institutions.
- ULI is a form of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) that aggregates data from key sources such as GSTN, milk pouring data, satellite data, and verification services like Aadhaar e-KYC and PAN.
- It also integrates with Account Aggregators and Digilocker, and provides property data analytics to support faster and more accurate loan underwriting.
- The platform was first announced by former RBI Governor Shri Shaktikanta Das at the RBI 90@ Global Conference on August 26, 2024.

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Ques: According to the June 2025 RBI bulletin, which country in the Global South emerged as the top destination for Greenfield investments in the digital economy?

- A. Brazil
- B. South Africa
- C. Indonesia
- D. India
- E. Vietnam

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- As per the June 2025 bulletin of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), India has emerged as the top destination in the Global South for Greenfield investments in the digital economy.
- Between 2020 and 2024, India received USD 114 billion in Greenfield investments across digital economy sectors.
- This substantial inflow of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has elevated India's position to the 16th largest recipient of FDI globally.

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Ques: Where was India's first AI-powered traffic system launched?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Lucknow
- D. Pune
- E. Dwarka Expressway, Delhi

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- India's first AI-based Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) has been launched on the Dwarka Expressway in Delhi, making it a landmark initiative in smart traffic control.
- It also covers a 28-kilometre stretch of National Highway-48 (NH-48), enhancing real-time traffic monitoring and enforcement.
- The system utilizes technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), smart cameras, Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR), weather detection, and incident alerting.
- The aim is to reduce accidents, minimize congestion, and enforce better road discipline, while aiding authorities in real-time decision-making and automated rule enforcement

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Ques: What is the purpose of the Shaktipeeth Expressway recently approved by the Maharashtra Cabinet?

- A. To build a coastal shipping route
- B. To connect Mumbai with Delhi
- C. To link key Shakti Peethas and reduce travel time from Nagpur to Goa
- D. To promote urban housing projects
- E. To create a new railway corridor

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Shaktipeeth Expressway is a major infrastructure project approved by the Maharashtra Cabinet on June 24, 2025.
- It will span 802 km, connecting 12 districts from Pawnar in Wardha to Patradevi on the Maharashtra-Goa border.
- The expressway is designed to reduce travel time between Nagpur and Goa from 18 hours to 8 hours.
- It will link 18 religious shrines, enhancing religious tourism by connecting key Shakti Peethas across Maharashtra and Goa.
- The project is being implemented by the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC).
- A major loan of Rs.12,000 crore will be sourced from HUDCO for land acquisition, while the total project cost is estimated at over Rs.84,000 crore.
- The expressway is modeled after the Nagpur-Mumbai Samruddhi Mahamarg, an access-controlled highway.
- Despite its benefits, the project is facing strong opposition from farmers along the proposed corridor.





Ques: What is the main objective of the MoU signed between the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)?

- A. To launch a rural digital literacy programme
- B. To promote rural tourism
- C. To strengthen Self-Help Groups (SHGs) through DAY-NRLM
- D. To develop rural roads
- E. To provide free housing to SHG members

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- A MoU was signed between the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) for a term of 3 years.
- The objective is to strengthen Self-Help Groups (SHGs) under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).
- DAY-NRLM, launched in June 2011, aims to reduce rural poverty by promoting livelihood opportunities, enhancing skill development, and improving access to financial services for rural households.
- With an annual budget of over Rs.13,000 crore, the scheme covers 7.15 lakh villages across 723 districts, and reaches over 8.6 crore rural households.

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Ques: Which Indian state will host the country's first Quantum Computing Valley by January 2026?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Andhra Pradesh will host India's first Quantum Computing Valley in Amaravati by January 2026.
- The announcement was made by Katamneni Bhaskar, Secretary of Information Technology, Electronics & Communications (ITE&C), during a workshop in Vijayawada.
- The Amaravati Quantum Valley Tech Park will serve as a national innovation hub and is aligned with the objectives of the National Quantum Mission (NQM).
- IBM will deploy logical qubit quantum computers in the park.
- Key collaborators in the project include IBM, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), and Larsen & Toubro (L&T).

EXAM
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Ques: What is the name of the first entirely Australian-made orbital rocket to be launched?

- A. Aurora
- B. Kangaroo-I
- C. Emu
- D. Eris
- E. Vega

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Eris is a 25-metre tall, three-stage orbital rocket developed by Gilmour Space Technologies, a private aerospace firm based in Gold Coast, Australia.
- The rocket is scheduled for launch between July 1–3, 2025, from the Bowen Orbital Spaceport in Queensland, approximately 150 km southeast of Townsville.
- This will be Australia's first homegrown orbital rocket, fully designed, built, and launched within the country – a historic achievement for the Australian space program.
- Despite earlier delays, the mission marks a major breakthrough for Australia's commercial space sector.

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Ques: What is the name of the bill passed by the UK Parliament that allows terminally ill patients to opt for assisted dying?

- A. Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Bill
- B. Euthanasia Regulation Bill
- C. Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill
- D. Compassionate Exit Act
- E. Right to Die Law

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The UK Parliament passed the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill in the House of Commons, allowing patients in England and Wales with less than six months to live to opt for assisted dying.
- The legislation includes strict medical and legal oversight, involving two doctors, a psychiatrist, a senior lawyer, and a social worker.
- The bill addresses the issue of euthanasia, which refers to intentionally ending a person's life to relieve suffering.
- The bill only applies to voluntary euthanasia, where the patient consents and meets the required conditions.

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Ques: What is the focus of the Global Tobacco Epidemic 2025 report released by the WHO?

- A. Increasing tobacco farming subsidies
- B. Promoting tobacco in media
- C. Reducing taxes on tobacco
- D. Development of e-cigarettes
- E. MPOWER measures for tobacco control

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Global Tobacco Epidemic 2025 report is published by the World Health Organization (WHO) with support from Bloomberg Philanthropies.
- It focuses on the MPOWER measures, which are proven strategies under the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) to reduce tobacco use.

MPOWER stands for:

- M – Monitor tobacco use and prevention policies
- P – Protect people from tobacco smoke
- O – Offer help to quit tobacco
- W – Warn about dangers of tobacco
- E – Enforce bans on tobacco advertising
- R – Raise taxes on tobacco products

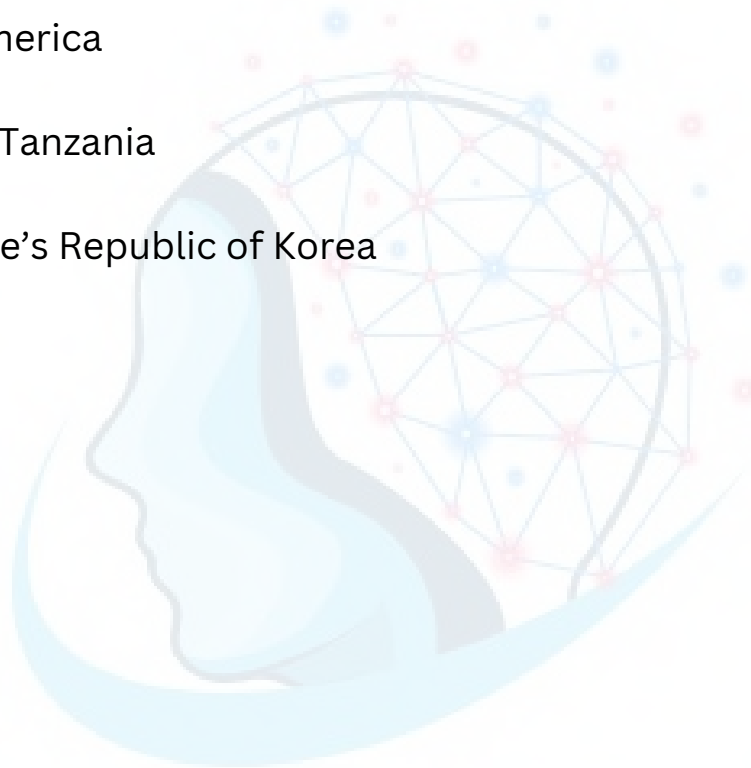
- The 2025 report especially emphasizes the ‘W’ measure (warn about dangers) and shows that 6.1 billion people are now protected by at least one MPOWER measure.
- India is recognized for best-practice-level graphic health warnings and has been in the top group for the ‘W’ measure since 2016
- However, tobacco taxation (‘R’ measure) is the least adopted MPOWER strategy in India.
- India leads globally by applying tobacco control regulations to digital streaming content, in addition to traditional media.





The world's top 10 largest Tobacco producing countries, as of 2023 are:

- 1 China (mainland)
- 2 India
- 3 Brazil
- 4 Indonesia
- 5 Zimbabwe
- 6 United States of America
- 7 Pakistan
- 8 United Republic of Tanzania
- 9 Argentina
- 10 Democratic People's Republic of Korea



EXAM
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Ques: 'Adamya' is the first Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) inducted into which force?

- A. Indian Coast Guard
- B. Indian Navy
- C. Indian Army
- D. Border Security Force
- E. Indo-Tibetan Border Police

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- 'Adamya' is the first Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) under the eight FPV Project at Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL).
- It was inducted into the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) on June 26, 2025, in Goa.
- The vessel is the first of its class in the ICG to feature Controllable Pitch Propellers (CPPs) and indigenously developed gearboxes, enabling better maneuverability and performance at sea.
- It is equipped with advanced technologies including a 30mm CRN-91 gun, remote-control guns, IBS, IPMS, and APMS.
- This enhances the ICG's capability in law enforcement, coastal surveillance, rescue operations, and EEZ protection.
- 'Adamya' has been completely designed and built by GSL, showcasing India's progress in shipbuilding and promoting the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

Genius





Ques: Which prestigious Indian literary award, known for its Rs.25 lakh prize, was discontinued after its 7th edition in 2024?

- A. Sahitya Akademi Award
- B. JCB Prize for Literature
- C. Booker Prize India Edition
- D. DSC Prize for South Asian Literature
- E. Tagore Literary Prize

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The JCB Prize for Literature, India's most lucrative literary award (Rs.25 lakh for the winner and Rs.10 lakh for the translator), has been discontinued after seven successful editions.
- The final award was given in 2024 to Upamanyu Chatterjee for his novel 'Lorenzo Searches for the Meaning of Life'.
- The news was confirmed by Mita Kapur, the Literary Director of the JCB Prize.
- Launched in 2018, the prize played a crucial role in promoting Indian fiction and especially celebrating literary translations into English.

EXAM
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Ques: What was the target of Iran's Operation Bashayer Al-Fath launched in response to the US's Operation Midnight Hammer?

- A. US Embassy in Iraq
- B. Israeli Air Base
- C. Al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar
- D. Strait of Hormuz Naval Base
- E. Camp Arifjan in Kuwait

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Iran targeted the Al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar with Operation Bashayer Al-Fath.
- The United States' Operation Midnight Hammer, which comprised airstrikes on Iranian nuclear facilities, prompted this operation.
- The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), a division of the Iranian Armed Forces, carried out Operation Bashayer Al-Fath, which translates to "Annunciation of Victory."
- The US Al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar, a vital strategic asset for the US military in the area, was the target of a missile attack during the operation.

EXAM
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Ques: As per Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil, by which year will the remaining 4 crore households get tap water connections under Jal Jeevan Mission?

- A. 2025
- B. 2026
- C. 2027
- D. 2028
- E. 2029

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Over 15 crore households in India have already been provided with tap water connections under the Jal Jeevan Mission, as announced by Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil.
- The remaining 4 crore households are expected to be connected by the year 2028, ensuring universal access to safe drinking water across the country.
- According to WHO estimates, safe water supply has helped prevent nearly 4 lakh deaths annually from diarrheal diseases.
- The mission reinforces the government's vision of 'Har Ghar Jal' and was discussed during a press conference in New Delhi.

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Ques: What is ConvEx-3 (2025), recently hosted by Romania in collaboration with the IAEA?

- A. A nuclear disarmament summit
- B. A global nuclear emergency preparedness exercise
- C. A military nuclear weapons demonstration
- D. A treaty signing event for radiation protection
- E. A workshop on nuclear energy investment

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- ConvEx-3 (2025) is a full-scale international emergency preparedness exercise focused on nuclear or radiological emergencies with potential cross-border impacts.
- The exercise is hosted by Romania in collaboration with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).
- Over 75 countries and 10 international organizations are participating in this major simulation.
- ConvEx exercises are organized every 3 to 5 years and are based on simulated nuclear events hosted by IAEA Member States.
- The goal is to test and enhance the operational arrangements of the Early Notification Convention and the Assistance Convention, which guide international coordination during nuclear emergencies.

There are three types of ConvEx exercises:

ConvEx-1: Tests 24/7 emergency communication links and response times.

ConvEx-2: Tests specific parts of emergency response procedures.

ConvEx-3: A comprehensive, real-time simulation involving multiple countries and organizations



Ques: How many weapon systems has DRDO offered for emergency procurement to enhance the capabilities of the Indian Armed Forces?

- A. 14
- B. 28
- C. 22
- D. 18
- E. 34

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India's Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has taken action to improve the military's capabilities.
- It has provided 28 current weapon systems for purchase in an emergency.
- The Army, Navy, and Air Force can purchase new weapon systems or resupply existing ones as needed thanks to emergency procurement.
- There are 14 systems available for the Army to choose from, eight for the Navy, and six for the Air Force.

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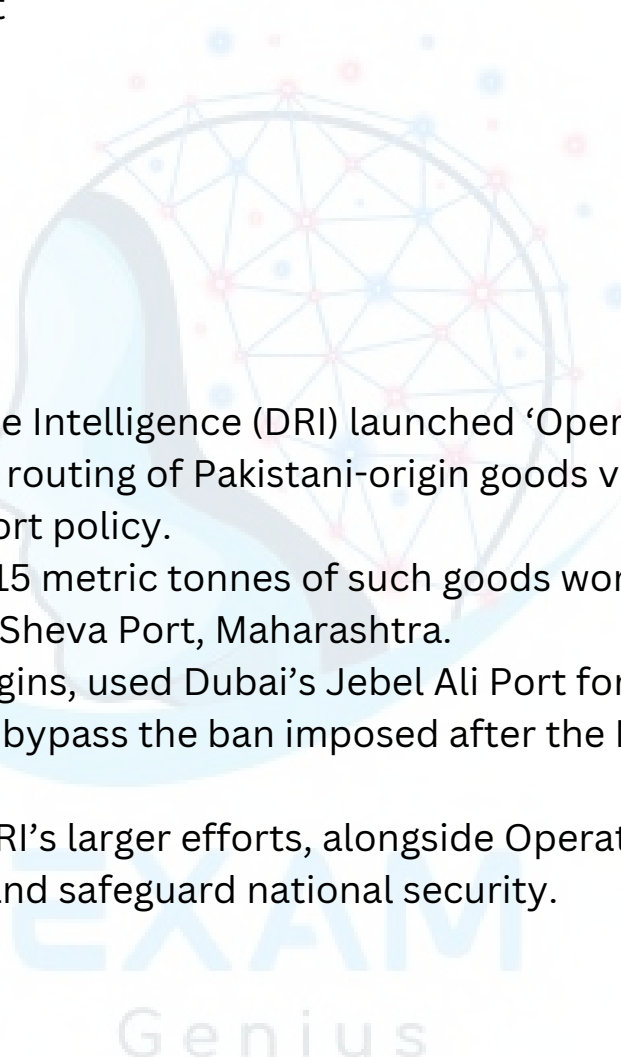
Ques: Under which operation did the DRI seize ₹9 crore worth of Pakistani-origin goods illegally routed via Dubai?

- A. Operation Black Border
- B. Operation Sindoor
- C. Operation Silent Route
- D. Operation Deep Manifest
- E. Operation Vigil Trade

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) launched 'Operation Deep Manifest' to crack down on the illegal routing of Pakistani-origin goods via third countries like Dubai, violating India's import policy.
- 39 containers carrying 1,115 metric tonnes of such goods worth approximately Rs.9 crore were seized at Nhava Sheva Port, Maharashtra.
- Importers misdeclared origins, used Dubai's Jebel Ali Port for transshipment, and manipulated documents to bypass the ban imposed after the May 2, 2025 Pahalgam terror attacks.
- This operation is part of DRI's larger efforts, alongside Operation Sindoor, to counter economic threats and safeguard national security.





Ques: When will India conduct its first comprehensive Household Income Survey to assess income distribution across the country?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has announced that India will conduct its first comprehensive Household Income Survey in 2026.
- This will be the first nationwide survey focused solely on household income distribution.
- The survey will be conducted by the National Sample Survey (NSS) and overseen by a Technical Expert Group (TEG) led by Dr. Surjit S. Bhalla.
- It aims to incorporate global best practices, overcome past issues of underreporting, and use digital tools for improved accuracy.
- This builds on MoSPI's broader efforts to modernize statistical data collection and methodology.

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Ques: What is the estimated cost of the ‘Mukhya Mantri Kanya Vivah Mandap Yojana’ recently approved by the Bihar Cabinet?

- A. Rs.1,000 crore
- B. Rs.2,526 crore
- C. Rs.3,000 crore
- D. Rs.4,026 crore
- E. Rs.5,100 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Bihar Cabinet has approved the ‘Mukhya Mantri Kanya Vivah Mandap Yojana’ to construct marriage halls in all 8,053 gram panchayats of the state.
- The estimated total cost of the scheme is Rs.4,026 crore, with each marriage hall to be built at a cost of Rs.50 lakh.
- The scheme will be implemented in a phased manner over five years starting from the current financial year.
- In another decision, the cabinet approved the launch of ‘Jeevika Didi Ki Rasoi’ at block, sub-divisional, and district-level offices, and at government medical colleges and hospitals.
- Meals under this scheme will be provided at a subsidised rate of Rs.20 per plate, and the initiative will begin on July 1, with an estimated budget of Rs.5 crore.
- The state also announced a significant increase in social security pensions – from Rs.400 to Rs.1,100 per month, benefiting around 1.11 crore people, including the elderly, persons with disabilities, and widows.





Ques: Who is the author of the book ‘Mujib’s Blunders: The Powers and the Plot Behind His Killing’?

- A. Salil Tripathi
- B. Sagarika Ghose
- C. Manash Ghosh
- D. Humayun Ahmed
- E. Yasmin Saikia

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The book ‘Mujib’s Blunders: The Powers and the Plot Behind His Killing’ is written by Manash Ghosh, a seasoned journalist who reported from Dhaka during the 1970s.
- It provides deep insights into the assassination of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founding father of Bangladesh, and explores the political rivalries, policy failures, and international intelligence operations behind the incident.
- Drawing from first-hand accounts, archival research, and an Indian perspective, the book is a valuable addition to South Asian political literature.
- It is published by Paper Missile.

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Ques: From which year will CBSE conduct Class 10 board exams twice a year?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Starting from 2026, Class 10 students under the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) will have the opportunity to appear for board exams twice in one academic year.
- As per the new format, appearing in the first phase (February) will be mandatory for all students.
- The second phase (May) will be optional, allowing students a chance to improve their scores if desired.
- These changes are part of the National Education Policy (NEP) recommendations to reduce exam pressure on students.
- The results of the first exam will be declared in April, and those of the second attempt in June.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Union Minister of State (MoS) Pankaj Chaudhary, Ministry of Finance (MoF) launched the ICETAB device for export examination on the first day of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) Conclave.

The government has cancelled the appointment of Pankaj Dwivedi as Executive Director (ED) of the state-owned Union Bank of India.

The transgender community in Assam will now be accorded OBC (Other Backward Class) status, according to a statement made by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. Additionally, he announced a 50% reservation for Anganwadi workers in supervisor-level roles within the Women and Child Development Department (WCD).

Union Minister Amit Shah released a book titled “The Emergency Diaries – Years that Forged a Leader” to mark ‘Samvidhan Hatya Diwas’, commemorating the antiEmergency movement in India

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Ques: What was the net profit of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in FY25 as per the Finance Ministry?

- A. Rs.1.40 lakh crore
- B. Rs.1.04 lakh crore
- C. Rs.2.53 lakh crore
- D. Rs.1.78 lakh crore
- E. Rs.0.52 lakh crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Public Sector Banks (PSBs) recorded a net profit of Rs.1.78 lakh crore in FY25, up from Rs.1.40 lakh crore in FY24 and Rs.1.04 lakh crore in FY23.
- Gross NPAs declined sharply to 0.52% of advances, reflecting improved asset quality.
- PSBs' total business (credit + deposits) rose to Rs.253 lakh crore in FY25.
- The Finance Minister emphasized enhancing financial inclusion, rural outreach, and MSME support, with Rs.60,000 crore worth of loans sanctioned under the new Credit Assessment Framework

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Ques: What is the name of the new Recurring Deposit scheme launched by Bank of Baroda that allows flexible monthly contributions?

- A. bob Growth Deposit Plan
- B. bob Smart Monthly Plan
- C. bob Flexi Systematic Deposit Plan
- D. bob Variable Installment Scheme
- E. bob Saver Plus Account

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Bank of Baroda launched the bob Flexi Systematic Deposit Plan (bob Flexi SDP) to provide customers with a flexible recurring deposit option.
- Customers can start with a minimum of Rs.500, and make additional deposits in multiples of Rs.100, up to Rs.1 lakh per month.
- The scheme allows a customer to increase monthly contributions up to 10 times the base instalment.
- It offers a higher fixed interest rate for the entire deposit tenure, which can range from 6 months to 5 years.

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Ques: ICICI Bank is set to raise its stake by up to 2% in which of its subsidiaries to maintain majority control?

- A. ICICI Lombard General Insurance
- B. ICICI Securities
- C. ICICI Prudential AMC
- D. ICICI Home Finance
- E. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- ICICI Bank has received board approval to acquire an additional 2% stake in its joint venture, ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company (AMC).
- This strategic decision is aimed at maintaining the bank's shareholding above 51%, thereby retaining majority control of the asset management business.
- The move compensates for any potential dilution in stake due to stock-based compensation granted to AMC employees.
- ICICI Prudential AMC is a leading asset management firm in India, jointly owned by ICICI Bank and Prudential Plc.
- This ensures the bank remains the dominant shareholder in one of India's top mutual fund houses.

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Ques: What was India's Current Account Surplus in Q4 FY25, as per official data?

- A. \$7 billion
- B. \$11.5 billion
- C. \$9.7 billion
- D. \$13.5 billion
- E. \$23.3 billion

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- India posted a Current Account Surplus (CAS) of \$13.5 billion in Q4 FY25, equal to 1.3% of GDP, primarily due to:
 - Strong net services receipts rising to \$53.3 billion
 - Higher inflows from external commercial borrowings (ECBs)
- The surplus exceeded Ind-Ra's projection of \$7 billion (0.7% of GDP).
- However, the merchandise trade deficit widened to \$59.5 billion from \$52 billion a year ago.
- FY25 overall closed with a current account deficit of \$23.3 billion, lower than FY24's \$26 billion.

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Ques: Which digital payment system in India was recently praised by the IMF as a transformative force?

- A. Bharat BillPay
- B. Immediate Payment Service (IMPS)
- C. RuPay
- D. Unified Payments Interface (UPI)
- E. BHIM App

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) praised Unified Payments Interface (UPI) as a transformative force in India's digital payments ecosystem.
- This was mentioned in a paper titled "Growing Retail Digital Payments: The Value of Interoperability", authored by Alexander Copestake, Divya Kirti, and Maria Soledad Martinez Peria.
- UPI, launched in 2016 by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), had crossed 13 billion transactions monthly by 2025, marking a major milestone in digital financial inclusion.

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Ques: From which month and year will post offices across India start accepting digital payments at counters?

- A. January 2025
- B. April 2025
- C. August 2025
- D. December 2025
- E. March 2026

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Post offices across India will begin accepting digital payments at their service counters starting from August 2025.
- This initiative follows the integration of a new application into the Department of Posts' (DoP) IT system.
- The infrastructure will be upgraded to facilitate transactions using Dynamic QR Codes, ensuring smooth and secure digital payments.
- The implementation will be phased, but by August 2025, all post offices in the country are expected to be covered under the system.

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Ques: Who recently resigned as MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank citing personal reasons?

- A. Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma
- B. Ramesh Kumar
- C. Sekhar Rao
- D. Rajesh Sharma
- E. Arvind Joshi

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma, the Managing Director (MD) and CEO of Karnataka Bank, resigned citing personal reasons, including a decision to relocate to Mumbai. His resignation will be effective from July 15, 2025.
- Executive Director (ED) Sekhar Rao also submitted his resignation due to difficulties in relocating to Mangaluru from Bengaluru, which will be effective from July 31, 2025.
- While the official statements mention personal reasons, the resignations come amid internal disputes within the Board of Directors.

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Ques: What is the name of India's first NBFC in the maritime sector, recently inaugurated by the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways?

- A. Maritime Development Finance Corporation
- B. Port Infrastructure Finance Limited
- C. Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited
- D. Coastal Finance and Shipping Corporation
- E. Blue Economy Credit Corporation

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL), formerly known as Sagarmala Development Company Limited, has been inaugurated as India's first NBFC in the maritime sector.
- It has been registered with the Reserve Bank of India and granted Mini Ratna (Category-I) status.
- Inaugurated by Union Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, SMFCL aims to bridge financing gaps and offer tailored financial solutions to ports, MSMEs, startups, and maritime institutions.

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Ques: What is the name of the mobile app launched by East Coast Railway for pilgrims attending the Rath Yatra in Puri, Odisha?

- A. Rath Yatra Tracker
- B. ECoR Rath Sewa
- C. ECoR Yatra
- D. Puri Darshan App
- E. Jagannath Rail Connect

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The ECoR Yatra app, launched by the East Coast Railway, is an Android-based mobile application designed to serve as a digital guide for devotees attending the Rath Yatra in Puri, Odisha.
- The app offers real-time train schedule updates, passenger amenities information, and other essential travel services.
- Additionally, Indian Railways has introduced a new compensation scheme of ₹1 crore for the families of employees who suffer accidental death, with no insurance premium required, applicable to those with Salary Package Accounts in designated partner banks.

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Ques: Who won the 2025 Shakti Bhatt Prize for her debut memoir 'The Lucky Ones'?

- A. Arundhati Roy
- B. Meena Kandasamy
- C. Zara Chowdhary
- D. Mridula Koshy
- E. Arshia Sattar

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Zara Chowdhary, a writer, producer, and educator from Chennai, has won the 2025 Shakti Bhatt Prize for her debut memoir 'The Lucky Ones'.
- The book reflects on generational trauma and covers three months of sectarian violence in Ahmedabad during the 2002 Gujarat riots.
- The award, launched in 2008, is being discontinued in 2025, making this the final edition of the prize.
- Over the years, the prize has recognized South Asian writers for powerful literary contributions.

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Ques: Which team won the overall title at the U-17 Asian Wrestling Championships 2025 held in Vung Tau, Vietnam?

- A. Japan
- B. Kazakhstan
- C. China
- D. India
- E. Iran

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Indian Under-17 Women's Wrestling Team clinched the overall championship title at the U-17 Asian Wrestling Championships 2025, held in Vung Tau, Vietnam.
- The team won a total of 10 medals: 5 gold, 3 silver, and 2 bronze, scoring 215 points.
- China and Japan followed in second and third positions with 151 and 149 points, respectively.
- This dominant performance established India as the top nation in the women's category at the event.

EXAM
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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new head of India's external intelligence agency, RAW (Research and Analysis Wing), in 2025?

- A. Ravi Sinha
- B. Ajit Doval
- C. Tapan Deka
- D. Arvind Kumar
- E. Parag Jain

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Senior IPS officer Parag Jain, who previously headed the Aviation Research Centre, has been appointed as the new Chief of RAW (Research and Analysis Wing) – India's external intelligence agency.
- He replaces Ravi Sinha and will serve a 2-year term.
- RAW, established in 1968, is headquartered in New Delhi and is responsible for foreign intelligence gathering to safeguard national interests.

EXAM
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Ques: Torrent Pharmaceuticals is acquiring JB Chemicals at what approximate valuation in 2025?

- A. Rs.11,000 crore
- B. Rs.25,000 crore
- C. Rs.25,689 crore
- D. Rs.32,000 crore
- E. Rs.20,500 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Torrent Pharmaceuticals will acquire a controlling stake in JB Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals at an equity valuation of Rs.25,689 crore, making it one of the largest pharma acquisitions in India in recent years.
- Torrent will acquire 46.39% stake through a Share Purchase Agreement (SPA), with the option to acquire another 2.80%, followed by a mandatory 26% open offer to public shareholders.
- The acquisition price is set at Rs.1,600 per share for KKR's stake and Rs.1,639.18 per share for the open offer.
- KKR, the current majority stakeholder, has earned over 5x returns with a 36% gross IRR on its investment.

EXAM
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Ques: According to the ICC's new playing conditions for the 2025–27 WTC cycle, what is the penalty if a fielding side delays starting a new over three times?

- A. 5 penalty runs to batting side
- B. 10 penalty runs to batting side
- C. Bowler suspension
- D. One over deducted
- E. Free hit next ball

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- As per the new ICC rules effective from the 2025–27 World Test Championship (WTC) cycle, the Stop Clock Rule requires the fielding side to be ready within 60 seconds after an over ends.
- A visible electronic clock will be used, and teams will receive two warnings for delays.
- On the third delay, the batting side will be awarded 5 penalty runs.
- These warnings reset after every 80 overs, and the ban on saliva usage remains in place.
- If both umpire and player make referrals, the first in chronological order will be processed.
- Fielding side now allowed to choose which batter remains on strike after a deliberate short run incident.

EXAM
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Ques: Scientists from which institute discovered the potential of teak leaf extract to protect eyes and sensors from laser radiation?

- A. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- B. Raman Research Institute (RRI), Bengaluru
- C. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai
- D. Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata
- E. Centre for Advanced Optical Technologies, Pune

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Scientists at Raman Research Institute (RRI), an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), have discovered that teak leaf extract can protect delicate optical sensors and human eyes from high-power laser radiation.
- The extract contains anthocyanins, pigments with nonlinear optical (NLO) properties that respond to intense light, making them ideal for optical power limiting—a critical feature for safety in medical, military, and industrial laser environments.
- This finding highlights a sustainable and innovative use of agricultural waste, contributing to both optical technology and human safety.

EXAM
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Ques: India recently exported 1.5 tonnes of litchi to Doha and Dubai from which state for the first time?

- A. Bihar
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. West Bengal
- D. Punjab
- E. Himachal Pradesh

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- For the first time, India exported 1.5 tonnes of high-quality litchis from Punjab's Pathankot and Gurdaspur districts to Doha and Dubai.
- This initiative was facilitated by APEDA under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to boost India's horticulture exports.
- It reflects a milestone achievement in expanding the global footprint of India's agri-products, especially GI-tagged and niche exports.

EXAM
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Ques: Which mobile application, developed by the Government of India, allows citizens to report accessibility issues for divyangjan and elderly individuals?

- A. Divyang Mitra App
- B. Sugamya Bharat App
- C. Accessible India Portal
- D. Barrier-Free India App
- E. Samarth App

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Sugamya Bharat App (SBA) is a flagship initiative of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, launched in 2021.
- It allows users to report accessibility-related barriers in public infrastructure, transportation, and ICT systems by uploading geo-tagged photos.
- As of 25 June 2025, the app had 14,358 registered users and over 83,000 downloads across Android and iOS platforms.
- The recent revamp focuses on making the app more user-friendly and impactful for divyangjan and elderly citizens.

EXAM
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Ques: What is the name of the initiative launched to strengthen startup collaboration under the UAE-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)?

- A. India-UAE Startup Mission
- B. CEPA Startup Bridge
- C. UAE-India Innovation Corridor
- D. UAE-India CEPA Start-up Series
- E. Gulf-India Entrepreneur Initiative

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The UAE-India CEPA Start-up Series was launched during a high-level event in New Delhi, organized by the UAE-India CEPA Council in collaboration with the Embassy of the UAE in India.
- MoUs were signed with PRIME Meghalaya, IDEATE Lab at O.P. Jindal Global University, and Jamia Hamdard.
- The initiative will conclude with a pitch event, where five start-ups will receive a UAE soft-landing package to help expand globally.
- In FY 2023-24, bilateral trade reached USD 83.64 billion, and the UAE became India's 4th-largest investor, with FDI rising to USD 3.35 billion.

EXAM
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Ques: How many Indian start-ups were selected in the 2025 cohort of the World Economic Forum's Technology Pioneers programme?

- A. 5
- B. 8
- C. 10
- D. 12
- E. 15

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The World Economic Forum (WEF), headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, announced the 25th edition (2025 cohort) of its Technology Pioneers programme, recognizing 100 early-stage companies from 28 countries.
- India had 10 start-ups featured in the list, highlighting advancements in space tech, clean energy, robotics, healthtech, and FinTech.
- The USA led the list with 29 start-ups, while China and India had 10 each.
- The selected companies will contribute to WEF's global innovation agenda over a two-year programme.

List of 10 Indian Start-ups in WEF Technology Pioneers 2025 Cohort :

- Agnikul Cosmos Private Limited (IITM) - Space Technology
- Dezy - HealthTech
- CynLr: Cybernetics Laboratory - Robotics & Automation
- Digantara - Space Technology
- Equal - Fin Tech
- Exponent Energy Private Limited - Clean Energy/Electric Vehicles (EV)
- Freight Tiger - Logistics
- GalaxEye Space (IIT-M) - Space Technology
- SolarSquare - Renewable Energy
- The ePlane Company (IIT-M) - Electric Aviation





About World Economic Forum :

- Established : 1971
- HQ : Geneva, Switzerland
- President and CEO : Borge Brende (Norway)



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Ques: Where is Safran Aircraft Engine Services India setting up the first MRO facility outside France for Rafale's M88 engines?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Pune
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Chennai
- E. Nagpur

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Safran Group has announced the creation of Safran Aircraft Engine Services India in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- The facility will handle Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) for M88 engines used in Dassault Rafale fighter jets of the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- This will be the first M88 engine MRO facility outside France, supporting both existing Rafales and the Rafale Marine aircraft, of which India is acquiring 26 units under a 2025 agreement with France.
- The MRO center is expected to begin operations by end of 2026, boosting local defence capability and aerospace self-reliance.

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Ques: Which district in Kerala has been declared as the first to eradicate extreme poverty?

- A. Kottayam
- B. Ernakulam
- C. Thiruvananthapuram
- D. Alappuzha
- E. Kozhikde

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Kottayam has been officially declared the first district in Kerala to eliminate extreme poverty, a milestone in the state's social welfare initiatives.
- The announcement was made by Minister M.B. Rajesh at a ceremony in the district.
- Authorities relied on data-driven surveys, coordination with local bodies, and direct intervention to identify and uplift the most vulnerable families.
- Kottayam's success is now seen as a replicable model for other districts in Kerala.

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Ques: Under which section of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 are political parties registered with the Election Commission of India?

- A. Section 14A
- B. Section 29A
- C. Section 33B
- D. Section 9C
- E. Section 25B

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Political parties in India – whether National, State, or Registered Unrecognized Political Parties (RUPPs) – are registered with the Election Commission of India (ECI) under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.
- As per recent action by the ECI, 345 RUPPs are being considered for delisting for not contesting any election since 2019 and for being non-traceable.
- Registration under Section 29A offers parties various privileges such as tax exemptions and access to electoral benefits, which are subject to regular compliance.

National Party – Criteria :

1. State Party in 4+ States : The party is recognized as a State Party in at least 4 different states
2. Lok Sabha Seats : Wins at least 2% of total Lok Sabha seats (i.e., 11 seats out of 543) and the candidates are elected from at least 3 different states
3. Vote Share + Seats in LS : Gets 6% of votes in 4 or more states in Lok Sabha or Assembly elections and wins 4 Lok Sabha seats

State Party – Criteria :

1. Vote Share + Seat : Gets at least 6% of valid votes in that state's Legislative Assembly election and wins 2 seats

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2. Lok Sabha Vote + Seat : Gets 6% votes in Lok Sabha election from that state and wins 1 seat in Lok Sabha
3. Seat Count in Assembly : Wins at least 3% of the total seats in the Legislative Assembly OR 3 seats (whichever is more)
4. Lok Sabha Seat Count : Wins 1 out of every 25 Lok Sabha seats from that state



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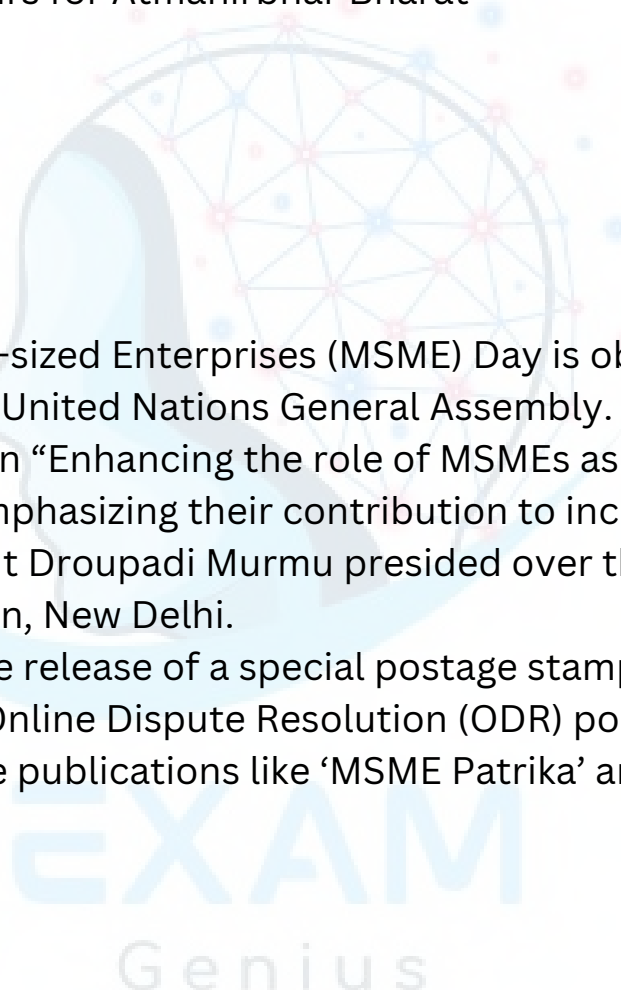
Ques: What was the theme of Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSME) Day 2025?

- A. MSMEs for a Better Tomorrow
- B. Building Local to Go Global
- C. Sustainable MSMEs for Resilient Economies
- D. Enhancing the Role of MSMEs as Drivers of Sustainable Growth and Innovation
- E. Empowering Entrepreneurs for Atmanirbhar Bharat

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSME) Day is observed every year on 27 June, as declared by the United Nations General Assembly.
- The 2025 theme focuses on “Enhancing the role of MSMEs as drivers of Sustainable Growth and Innovation”, emphasizing their contribution to inclusive development.
- On this occasion, President Droupadi Murmu presided over the Udyami Bharat event held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Key highlights included the release of a special postage stamp marking 25 years of CGTMSE, the launch of an Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) portal, MSME Hackathon 5.0, and several informative publications like ‘MSME Patrika’ and ‘Know Your Lender’ booklet.





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Farmers' Producers Organisations and farmers themselves would receive post-harvest management and technology training for chilli and turmeric from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development and the National Institute for Research on Commercial Agriculture (ICAR-NIRCA), Rajamundry.

Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Working Group Meeting on Maritime Security (IWG-MARSEC) hosted by Indian Navy at New Delhi. Representatives from 13 IONS member nations: Australia, Bangladesh, France, India, Kenya, Mozambique, Oman, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and Thailand

Teak leaf extract could offer possible protection to our eyes and sensitize sensors that can be critically affected by accidental exposure to rays from cutting-edge lasers—used everywhere from medical equipment to military devices.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has enabled WhatsApp integration with the MY Bharat platform. The WhatsApp chatbot is now live on the MY Bharat Portal and can be reached directly via WhatsApp (7289001515).

To deliver Gemini AI's capabilities straight to developer terminals, Google has released a new agentic AI tool called Gemini CLI.

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Ques: Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS) is operated by which organization to enable transactions using Aadhaar-based authentication?

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. UIDAI
- C. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
- D. Ministry of Finance
- E. NITI Aayog

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS) is a payment system operated by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) that allows interoperable banking transactions using Aadhaar number and biometric or OTP authentication.
- It enables financial services like cash withdrawal, deposit, fund transfer, and non-financial services such as balance enquiry and mini statements.
- AePS Touchpoints are managed by AePS Touchpoint Operators (ATOs), who are onboarded by acquiring banks after proper KYC due diligence.
- Banks must periodically update ATOs' KYC, especially if an ATO has been inactive for 3 months.
- The acquiring bank is responsible for monitoring ATO activities and setting operational parameters based on risk factors like transaction volume, location, and fraud risk profiles.

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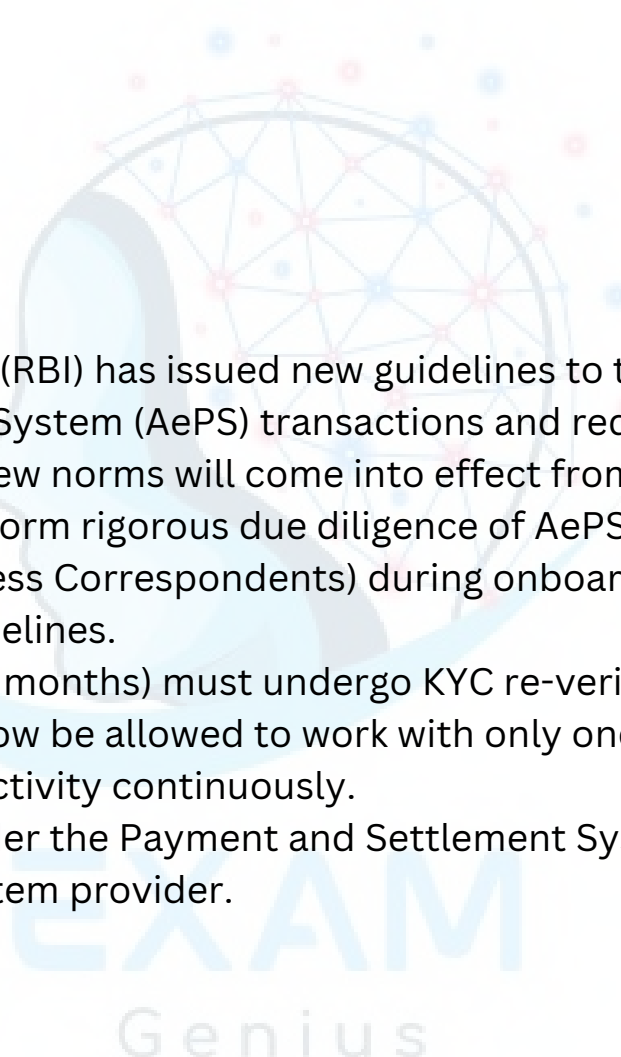
Ques: From which date will RBI's new guidelines for AePS touchpoint operators come into effect?

- A. October 1, 2025
- B. December 1, 2025
- C. January 1, 2026
- D. April 1, 2026
- E. March 31, 2026

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued new guidelines to tighten the security of Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS) transactions and reduce fraud risks.
- As per the directive, the new norms will come into effect from January 1, 2026.
- Acquiring banks must perform rigorous due diligence of AePS touchpoint operators (like Bank Mitras and Business Correspondents) during onboarding, following KYC norms from RBI's 2016 guidelines.
- Inactive operators (over 6 months) must undergo KYC re-verification.
- Each AePS operator will now be allowed to work with only one acquiring bank, and banks must monitor their activity continuously.
- These rules are issued under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, with NPCI as the designated system provider.





Ques: Which project earned the Inland Waterways Authority of India the ‘Sankalp se Siddhi Infrastructure Honour’ at the ET Edge Supply Chain Management Fest-2025?

- A. Sagarmala Project
- B. Jal Shakti Abhiyan
- C. Bharatmala Pariyojana
- D. Jal Marg Vikas Project
- E. Ganga Action Plan

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, was honored with the ‘Sankalp se Siddhi Infrastructure Honour’ at the ET Edge Supply Chain Management Fest-2025.
- The award was given for the implementation of the Jal Marg Vikas Project, which focuses on capacity augmentation of National Waterway-1 (NW-1) on the River Ganga.
- This 1390 km stretch runs from Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) to Haldia (West Bengal), passing through Jharkhand and Bihar.
- As a result of the project, cargo movement on NW-1 has tripled, rising from 5 MMT to over 16 MMT annually.

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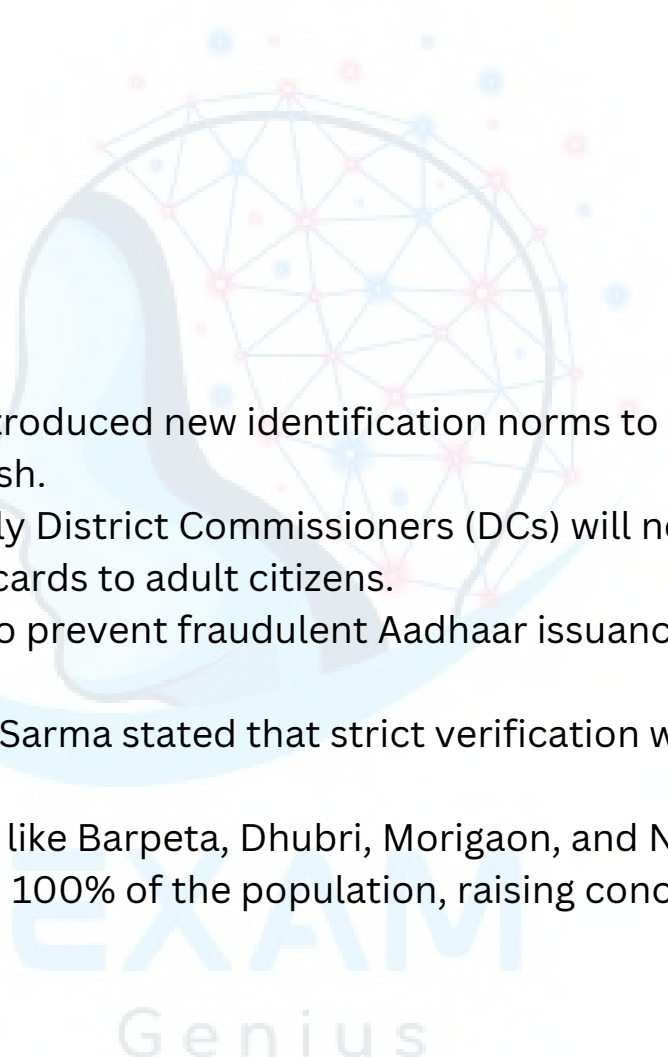
Ques: As per the new rules, who will have the exclusive authority to issue Aadhaar cards in Assam?

- A. Panchayat Officer
- B. Chief Minister Office
- C. District Commissioner
- D. Aadhaar Seva Kendra
- E. Local Police Station

Answers: Option C

Explanation :

- Assam government has introduced new identification norms to curb illegal immigration from Bangladesh.
- As per the draft policy, only District Commissioners (DCs) will now have the authority to issue Aadhaar cards to adult citizens.
- This step has been taken to prevent fraudulent Aadhaar issuance to illegal immigrants.
- Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma stated that strict verification will be done for new Aadhaar applicants.
- The move targets districts like Barpeta, Dhubri, Morigaon, and Nagaon, where Aadhaar issuance exceeded 100% of the population, raising concerns.





Ques : How many gold medals won by India at the 2nd Asian Squash Doubles Championships 2025 ?

- A. 3
- B. 2
- C. 5
- D. 4
- E. 6

Answer : Option A

,Explanation :

India won three gold medals at the 2nd Asian Squash Doubles Championships 2025, held at Arena Emas, Kuching, Malaysia. The victories came in the following categories:

- Men's Doubles: Abhay Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar
- Women's Doubles: Joshna Chinappa and Anahat Singh
- Mixed Doubles: Abhay Singh and Anahat Singh

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Ques: What is the name of the monthly financial support scheme launched by the All India Chess Federation (AICF) for young chess talents?

- A. Chess Star Support Plan
- B. Young Grandmasters Fund
- C. National Chess Growth Scheme
- D. Top National Players Stipend Scheme
- E. Rising Talent Scholarship

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The All India Chess Federation (AICF) launched the Top National Players Stipend Scheme (TNPSS) to provide financial support and foster the development of young chess talent across India.
- Under this scheme, AICF is transferring stipends ranging from Rs.60,000 to Rs.1.5 lakh per quarter directly into the bank accounts of selected players.
- For the months of April to June, a total of Rs.42.30 lakh has already been disbursed.
- The scheme benefits players in age categories from Under-7 to Under-19, ensuring broad coverage of emerging talent.

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Ques: What is the name of the campaign launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs under Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban 2.0?

- A. Swachh Nagar Abhiyan
- B. Har Ghar Swachhta
- C. Swachh Bharat Kranti
- D. Safai Apnao, Bimaari Bhagao
- E. Clean India Drive

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the "Safai Apnao, Bimaari Bhagao (SABB)" campaign under Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban 2.0.
- The campaign is in collaboration with several central ministries, including the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Women and Child Development, and the Ministry of Education.
- It promotes 6 key cleanliness mantras : Clean Hands, Clean Homes, Clean Neighbourhood, Clean Toilets, Clean Drains and Waterbodies, and Clean Public Space.
- Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) in 100 Smart Cities will ensure cleanliness in public spaces using Integrated Command and Control Centres (ICCCs).

About Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban :

- Launched : 2nd October 2014
- Ministry : Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)
- Aim : To achieve universal sanitation coverage and maintain cleanliness across urban areas
- SBM–Urban 1.0 (2014–2019) : Focused on making all urban areas ODF
- SBM–Urban 2.0 (2021) : Targeting bioremediation of 2,400 legacy landfill sites by 2025–26



Ques: As per the latest U.S. draft bill, what is the new proposed tax rate on cash-based remittances?

- A. 5%
- B. 3.5%
- C. 2%
- D. 1%
- E. 0%

Answer: D

Explanation :

- The 'One Big Beautiful Bill Act' in the U.S. has proposed to reduce the remittance tax on cash-based transfers to 1%, down from earlier proposals of 5% and 3.5%.
- The 1% tax will apply only to remittances made via cash, money orders, or cashier's cheques.
- Bank account transfers and credit/debit card remittances are exempted from this tax.
- The move aims to ease the financial burden on the NRI community in the U.S., especially those sending money to India.
- According to the bill, the sender will be responsible for paying this 1% tax on applicable remittances.

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Ques: On which national expressway has India's first dedicated wildlife corridor been developed?

- A. Bengaluru–Mumbai Expressway
- B. Delhi–Mumbai Expressway
- C. Agra–Lucknow Expressway
- D. Eastern Peripheral Expressway
- E. Hyderabad–Nagpur Expressway

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has developed India's first dedicated wildlife corridor on a 12-km stretch of the Delhi–Mumbai Expressway in Bundi district, Rajasthan, passing through the buffer zone of the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve.
- The initiative was developed in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- This corridor lies between the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve and the Chambal Valley, both rich in biodiversity.
- It includes five 500-metre-long wildlife overpasses and India's longest wildlife underpass, which spans 1.2 km, ensuring safe passage for large mammals.

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Ques: Which company is acquiring a 75% stake in Akzo India for Rs.9,000 crore?

- A. Berger Paints
- B. JSW Paints
- C. Kansai Nerolac
- D. Indigo Paints
- E. Shalimar Paints

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- JSW Paints, led by Sajjan Jindal, is acquiring a 75% stake in Akzo Nobel India, the Indian arm of Dutch paint-maker Akzo Nobel NV, for Rs.9,000 crore.
- The total deal, valued at €1.4 billion (~Rs.12,000 crore), includes Akzo's liquid paints and coatings business in India, especially under the Dulux brand.
- The deal will trigger a 25.24% open offer to minority shareholders, and if fully subscribed, will cost JSW around Rs.3,929 crore more.
- Post-acquisition, JSW Paints will become the 4th largest paint company in India, after Asian Paints, Berger Paints, and Kansai Nerolac.
- The acquisition is expected to close by Q4 2025, subject to CCI and regulatory approvals.

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Ques: How many major infrastructure projects worth Rs.10,637 crore were sanctioned by the Central Government for Jammu and Kashmir in 2025?

- A. 12 projects
- B. 19 projects
- C. 22 projects
- D. 15 projects
- E. 10 projects

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Central Government approved 19 major infrastructure projects in Jammu and Kashmir with a total outlay of Rs.10,637 crore to improve connectivity, development, and security in remote and border regions.
- Key strategic projects include the Pir Ki Gali Tunnel (9 km) on Mughal Road, Sadhna Tunnel (7 km) in Kupwara, Zaznar–Shopian Road (28 km), and Trehgam–Chamkote Road (68 km) near the LoC.
- These projects are primarily being implemented by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) after NHIDCL was relieved of key tunnel works.
- The initiative is vital for year-round access, troop movement, and civilian connectivity in sensitive areas of Jammu and Kashmir

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Ques: What is the name of the white swan plush toy carried by Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla on the Axiom-4 ISS mission?

- A. Hope
- B. Joy
- C. Grace
- D. Truth
- E. Swanlight

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, the second Indian after Rakesh Sharma to go on a space mission, carried a white baby swan soft toy named “Joy” on the Axiom-4 ISS mission.
- Joy served as a zero-gravity indicator, a common practice where a lightweight object is used to visually confirm the onset of microgravity shortly after the spacecraft enters orbit.
- According to Axiom Space, the swan symbolizes grace and elegance, while in Indian culture, swans represent wisdom and purity, and in European cultures like Poland and Hungary, they symbolize loyalty and beauty.
- Joy floated first before Shukla himself, marking its symbolic journey into space ahead of India’s participation in the Gaganyaan mission to the ISS.

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Ques: Who is the compiler of the book ‘Ambedkar ke Sandesh’?

- A. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
- B. Dr. T.G. Prabhakar Premi
- C. Dr. R. Srinivasayya
- D. D.S. Veeraiah
- E. None of the above

Answer: D

Explanation :

- The book ‘Ambedkar ke Sandesh’ has been compiled by D.S. Veeraiah, focusing on the ideas and vision of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, especially on social justice, equality, education, and democracy.
- The Hindi translation of the book has been done by Dr. T.G. Prabhakar 'Premi' and Dr. R. Srinivasayya, making Ambedkar’s message more accessible to Hindi-speaking readers.
- The book seeks to inspire unity, self-respect, and reform among marginalized communities through a thoughtful and impactful presentation of Ambedkar’s messages.

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Ques: From which date will Indian Railways allow only authenticated users to book Tatkal tickets on IRCTC platforms?

- A. 1st August 2025
- B. 1st July 2025
- C. 15th July 2025
- D. 31st July 2025
- E. 1st September 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Indian Railways is enhancing the Passenger Reservation System (PRS) to make ticketing more passenger-centric.
- As part of this modernization, authenticated user access will be mandatory for booking Tatkal tickets on the IRCTC website and mobile app starting from 1st July 2025.
- Additionally, OTP-based authentication will be introduced by end of July 2025.
- Authentication will be broadened using Aadhaar or other government IDs linked via DigiLocker.
- The new PRS system will support 1.5 lakh bookings per minute, a significant jump from the current 32,000, and ticket enquiry capacity will increase from 4 lakh to 40 lakh per minute.
- It will also offer multilingual support, fare calendars, seat preferences, and facilities for Divyangjan, students, and patients.

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Ques: Which country hosted the NATO Summit 2025 for the first time since NATO's formation in 1949?

- A. Belgium
- B. Germany
- C. France
- D. Netherlands
- E. Türkiye

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Netherlands hosted the NATO Summit 2025 in its capital city The Hague, marking the first time since NATO's formation in 1949 that the country hosted the summit.
- NATO members agreed to increase defence spending to 5% of GDP by 2035, including 3.5% for core defence and 1.5% for broader security infrastructure and cyber defense.
- Non-NATO invitees included Australia, the EU, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, and Ukraine.
- Türkiye will host the next NATO summit in 2026, followed by Albania in 2027.

About North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) :

- Formed on : April 04, 1949 by the foreign ministers of 12 countries, which signed the North Atlantic Treaty (also known as Washington Treaty)
- HQ : Brussels, Belgium
- Members : 32 (Sweden joined NATO in March 2024 as its 32nd member)
- Secretary-General : Mark Rutte





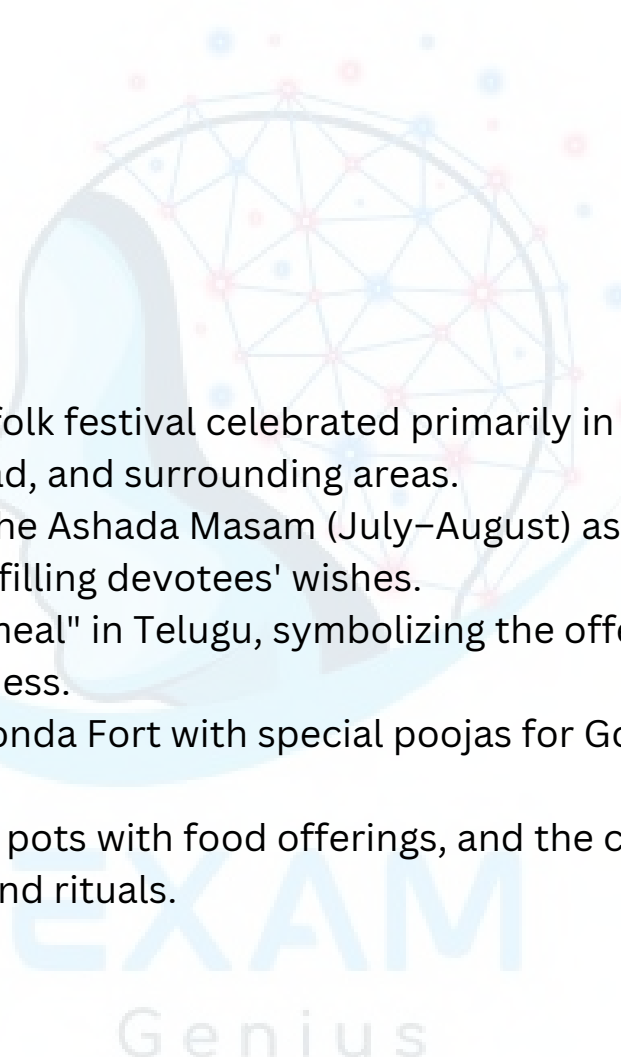
Ques: In which Indian state is the Bonalu folk festival primarily celebrated, where Goddess Mahakali is worshipped with devotion and rituals?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Bonalu is a vibrant Hindu folk festival celebrated primarily in Telangana, especially in Hyderabad, Secunderabad, and surrounding areas.
- It is held annually during the Ashada Masam (July–August) as a form of thanksgiving to Goddess Mahakali for fulfilling devotees' wishes.
- The term Bonam means "meal" in Telugu, symbolizing the offering prepared by women to the Mother Goddess.
- The festival starts at Golconda Fort with special poojas for Goddess Yellamma on the first and last days.
- Devotees carry decorated pots with food offerings, and the celebrations include traditional music, dances, and rituals.





Ques: Who was the winner of the 2025 Prof. C.R. Rao National Award, announced during the 19th Statistics Day celebrations?

- A. Dr. Prajamitra Bhuyan
- B. Dr. Ramesh Chand
- C. Dr. Soumya Swaminathan
- D. Dr. Subhash Chandra
- E. Dr. Nikhil Kumar

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The 19th Statistics Day was celebrated by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on the 132nd birth anniversary of Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.
- The event also marked 75 years of the National Sample Survey (NSS) with the theme "75 Years of National Sample Survey."
- Major highlights included the release of a commemorative coin and stamp, launch of the GoIStat mobile app, and publication of key reports like the SDG Progress Report 2025 and Nutritional Intake in India (2022–24).
- The 2025 Prof. C.R. Rao National Award was conferred upon Dr. Prajamitra Bhuyan, Assistant Professor at IIM Calcutta, for his contributions in the field of statistics.

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Ques: As per MoRTH's draft proposal, what will be the color of figures on number plates for private hydrogen-powered vehicles?

- A. Yellow
- B. White
- C. Green
- D. Black
- E. Blue

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has proposed a new color scheme for number plates of hydrogen-powered vehicles.
- For private hydrogen vehicles, the plate will have a green top, blue bottom, and white figures.
- This move aims to promote cleaner fuels and ensure distinct identification for hydrogen-based vehicles, distinguishing them from commercial and rental vehicles.

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Ques: Who addressed the “Golden Jubilee Celebration” of the Department of Official Language in 2025?

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Arjun Ram Meghwal
- D. Dharmendra Pradhan
- E. Amit Shah

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Union Minister Amit Shah addressed the Golden Jubilee Celebration (50 years) of the Department of Official Language (DoL) in New Delhi.
- He emphasized the importance of “Hindi Shabdsindhu”, a dynamic vocabulary repository designed to enrich Hindi by including commonly used words from various Indian languages.
- The celebration marked the Department's journey from 1975 to 2025, highlighting its role in reviving India’s cultural self-respect and enhancing governance in Indian languages.
- The DoL functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), and a new division, Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag, was also mentioned, which supports states and central bodies in using Indian languages for administrative purposes.

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Ques: Which African country recently received two locomotives from India, manufactured at Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW)?

- A. Kenya
- B. Nigeria
- C. Mozambique
- D. Ghana
- E. Tanzania

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Mozambique has received two diesel locomotives from Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, as part of a \$37.7 million contract secured by RITES Ltd. (Rail India Technical and Economic Service).
- The contract involves 10 locomotives, with 2 shipped in June 2025 and the remaining 8 expected by December 2025.
- The project is funded through a loan from the African Development Bank, and the deal was won through an international bidding process.
- BLW has previously exported locomotives to Mozambique in 2008 and during the 2021–2023 period.

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The Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary near Kannur was formally renamed the Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary by the Kerala State Wildlife Board, becoming the first protected forest in India solely devoted to butterflies.

Ministry of Minority Affairs conducted a one-day biometric authentication drive for beneficiaries of the Jiyo Parsi scheme in Mumbai. The Jiyo Parsi scheme, a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, comprises three key components: Medical Assistance, Health of the Community and Advocacy

The United Nations has launched the 'UN80 Initiative', led by Secretary-General António Guterres, to reform and modernize the organization as it approaches its 80th anniversary.

India ranked second after Nigeria in the number of unvaccinated or "zero-dose" children in 2023, according to a new Lancet study based on Global Burden of Disease data

To commemorate the anniversary of the swearing-in of the interim administration headed by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, Bangladesh will honor August 8 as "New Bangladesh Day."

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Ques: Which UAE-based bank became the first to get approval for opening an IBU in GIFT City, Gujarat?

- A. Emirates NBD
- B. Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank
- C. Mashreq Bank
- D. Dubai Islamic Bank
- E. First Abu Dhabi Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Mashreq Bank, headquartered in the UAE, has received in-principle approval to establish an International Financial Services Centre Banking Unit (IBU) in GIFT City, Gujarat.
- It is the first UAE-based bank to achieve this milestone, further strengthening India-UAE financial ties.
- The bank's GIFT City branch is expected to be operational by Q4 of 2025, enhancing cross-border banking and investment services in the region.

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Ques: When was the State Bank of India (SBI) established following the nationalization of the Imperial Bank?

- A. 1950
- B. 1952
- C. 1955
- D. 1960
- E. 1965

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- State Bank of India (SBI) was established on July 1, 1955, following the nationalization of the Imperial Bank of India under the State Bank of India Act.
- The Imperial Bank was itself formed in 1921 by the merger of Bank of Bengal (1806), Bank of Bombay (1840), and Bank of Madras (1843).
- In 2025, SBI celebrated its 70th anniversary, marking a major milestone in India's financial history.
- SBI is now a Fortune 500 company with an asset base of ₹61 trillion and a presence in 29 countries.
- For FY25, SBI reported a net profit of Rs.70,901 crore, and paid a dividend of Rs.8,076.84 crore to the Government of India.

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Ques: What was the total value of India's external debt at the end of March 2025, as reported by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A. USD 668.8 billion
- B. USD 700.5 billion
- C. USD 736.3 billion
- D. USD 601.9 billion
- E. USD 134.5 billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- According to the RBI, India's external debt rose by 10% to USD 736.3 billion at the end of March 2025, up from USD 668.8 billion in March 2024.
- The external debt-to-GDP ratio increased from 18.5% to 19.1% over the same period.
- The long-term external debt stood at USD 601.9 billion, while short-term debt was USD 134.5 billion.

Composition of external debt:

- US Dollar: 54.2%
- Indian Rupee: 31.1%
- Yen: 6.2%
- SDR: 4.6%
- Euro: 3.2%

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Ques: What is the name of the CBI-led operation launched to crack down on mule bank accounts related to cybercrime and digital arrest scams?

- A. Operation Cyber Net
- B. Operation Chakra V
- C. Operation Black Web
- D. Operation MuleHunter
- E. Operation Safe Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has launched Operation Chakra V across five states — Rajasthan, Delhi, Haryana, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh — to combat cybercrimes and digital arrest scams involving mule bank accounts.
- Approximately 8.5 lakh mule accounts were found to be opened to launder extorted money through cyber fraud.
- The operation covered 42 locations and 700 bank branches.
- To further assist in identifying such accounts, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has initiated MuleHunter.ai, an AI/ML-based system developed by the RBI Innovation Hub (RBIH).

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Ques: As per the latest Indian Railways proposal, how many hours before departure will reservation charts now be prepared?

- A. 2 Hours
- B. 4 Hours
- C. 6 Hours
- D. 8 Hours
- E. 10 Hours

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Indian Railways has approved the proposal to prepare reservation charts 8 hours before train departure, replacing the earlier timeline of 4 hours.
- For trains departing before 2:00 PM, charts will be prepared the previous day at 9:00 PM.
- This change aims to help waitlisted passengers by giving them earlier updates and time for alternative travel arrangements.
- Additionally, the upgraded Passenger Reservation System (PRS) will handle 1.5 lakh bookings per minute and enhance enquiry capacity to over 40 lakh per minute, offering a multilingual and inclusive user experience for passengers including Divyangjan, students, and patients.

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Ques: What is the name of the annual festival in Puri, Odisha, that marks the ceremonial journey of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra, and Goddess Subhadra to the Gundicha Temple?

- A. Chariot Utsav
- B. Jagannath Rath Yatra
- C. Ashadha Festival
- D. Gundicha Mela
- E. Subhadra Parikrama

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Jagannath Rath Yatra is a world-famous Hindu festival celebrated annually in Puri, Odisha, on the second day of the bright fortnight (Shukla Paksha) of the Odia month Ashadha.
- It marks the symbolic journey of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra, and Goddess Subhadra from the Jagannath Temple to their aunt's temple in Gundicha, around 3 km away.
- The deities are carried on three huge, decorated wooden chariots, pulled by millions of devotees on Bada Danda (Grand Road) during the Pahandi ritual.
- The tradition dates back to the 12th century, during the reign of King Anantavarman Chodaganga Deva, though references indicate its ancient origins.
- The festival is also known as the Festival of Chariots.





Ques: What is India's global rank in milk, egg, and meat production as per 2023–24 data?

- A. 1st in Milk, 3rd in Eggs, 4th in Meat
- B. 2nd in Milk, 1st in Eggs, 4th in Meat
- C. 1st in Milk, 2nd in Eggs, 4th in Meat
- D. 1st in Milk, 2nd in Eggs, 5th in Meat
- E. 1st in Milk, 1st in Eggs, 3rd in Meat

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- In 2023–24, India produced 239.3 million tonnes of milk, ranking 1st globally.
- It produced 142.8 billion eggs, earning 2nd rank globally.
- With 10.25 million tonnes of meat, India stood at the 4th global rank.
- These achievements highlight India's strength in the global livestock sector, supported by the ongoing 21st Livestock Census for better policy planning.

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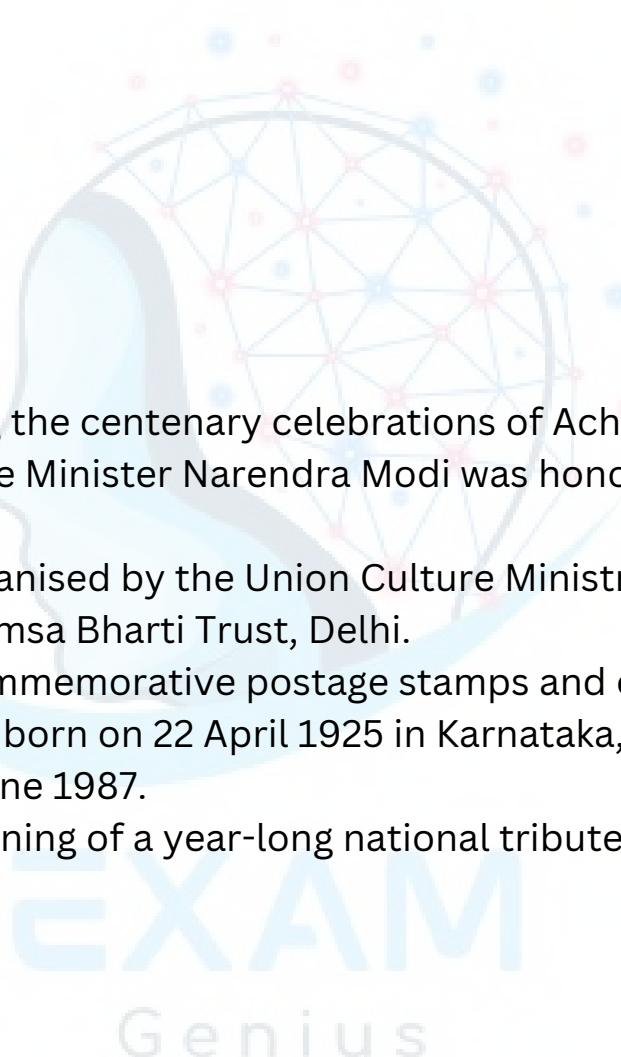
Ques: Which title was conferred upon PM Narendra Modi during the centenary celebrations of Jain saint Acharya Vidyanand Ji Maharaj?

- A. Dharma Chakravarti
- B. Ahimsa Ratna
- C. Dharma Samrat
- D. Sant Shiromani
- E. Jain Shiromani

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- On 28th June 2025, during the centenary celebrations of Acharya Shri 108 Vidyanand Ji Maharaj, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was honoured with the title 'Dharma Chakravarti'.
- The celebrations were organised by the Union Culture Ministry in association with the Bhagwan Mahaveer Ahimsa Bharti Trust, Delhi.
- PM Modi also released commemorative postage stamps and coins on the occasion.
- Acharya Vidyanand Ji was born on 22 April 1925 in Karnataka, and he received the title of 'Acharya' on 28th June 1987.
- The event marks the beginning of a year-long national tribute to the revered Jain saint.





Ques: Which fossil park in Uttar Pradesh was added to the UNESCO Tentative List of World Heritage Sites in 2025?

- A. Ghughua Fossil Park
- B. Mandla Fossil Park
- C. Salkhan Fossils Park
- D. Dudhwa National Fossil Reserve
- E. Amarkantak Fossil Site

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Salkhan Fossils Park, also known as Sonbhadra Fossils Park, located in Salkhan village, Sonbhadra district, Uttar Pradesh, has been added to the UNESCO Tentative List of World Heritage Sites in 2025.
- The park spans an area of approximately 25 hectares and is situated within the Kaimoor Wildlife Sanctuary (KWLS).
- The fossils found here are estimated to be up to 1.4 billion years old, making the site significant from a geological and evolutionary perspective.
- As of June 2025, India has 43 sites on the UNESCO World Heritage List (35 Cultural, 7 Natural, and 1 Mixed) and 63 sites on the Tentative List.

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Ques: According to SDG progress data, what was India's renewable energy share in total installed electricity generation in 2024-25?

- A. 16.02%
- B. 19.08%
- C. 21.67%
- D. 22.13%
- E. 20.75%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- As per SDG progress indicators, India's renewable energy share in total installed electricity generation increased from 16.02% in 2015-16 to 22.13% in 2024-25.
- This growth reflects the country's strong commitment to sustainable energy and reducing dependence on fossil fuels.
- It aligns with India's climate goals and efforts to expand clean power infrastructure in line with international sustainability targets.

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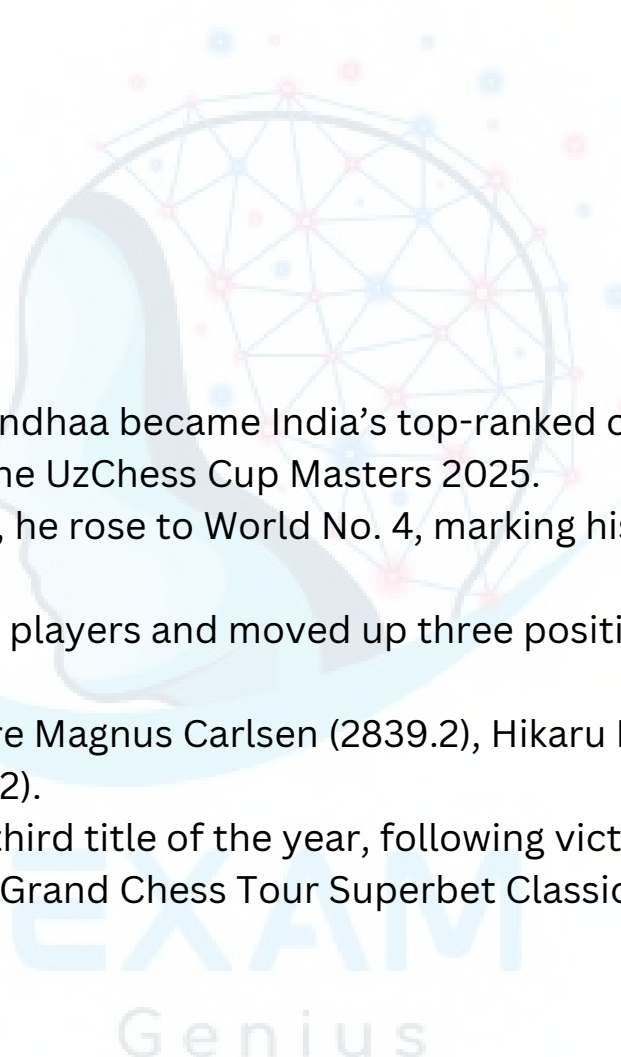
Ques: Which Indian chess player became the top-ranked Indian after winning the UzChess Cup Masters 2025?

- A. Viswanathan Anand
- B. Arjun Erigaisi
- C. Gukesh D
- D. R Praggnanandhaa
- E. Nihal Sarin

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa became India's top-ranked chess player in live FIDE ratings after winning the UzChess Cup Masters 2025.
- With a live rating of 2778.3, he rose to World No. 4, marking his highest career ranking to date.
- He surpassed other Indian players and moved up three positions in the global rankings.
- The top 3 global players are Magnus Carlsen (2839.2), Hikaru Nakamura (2807.0), and Fabiano Caruana (2784.2).
- This is Praggnanandhaa's third title of the year, following victories at the Tata Steel Chess Tournament and the Grand Chess Tour Superbet Classic in Romania.





Ques : Which state forms Trust to Oversee Construction of Grand Janaki Temple ?

- A. Bihar
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. West Bengal
- D. Punjab
- E. Himachal Pradesh

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- To supervise the building of a magnificent temple devoted to Maa Janaki (Goddess Sita) in Punaura Dham in the Sitamarhi district, the Bihar government has formed a nine-member trust.
- According to examples like the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, this project seeks to turn the area, which is traditionally thought to be the birthplace of Sita, into a significant spiritual and tourist destination.

About Composition of the Trust :

- Chairperson : Chief Secretary of Bihar
- Vice-Chairperson : Development Commissioner
- Secretary : District Magistrate of Sitamarhi
- Treasurer : Deputy Development Commissioner (DDC), Sitamarhi





Ques: What was the objective of Operation Bihali conducted in Udhampur, Jammu & Kashmir?

- A. To rescue civilians trapped in floods
- B. To seize illegal arms from insurgents
- C. To neutralize Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorists
- D. To provide humanitarian aid to border villages
- E. To dismantle drug trafficking networks

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Operation Bihali was a counter-terror operation conducted in Udhampur district, Jammu & Kashmir, targeting Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terrorists.
- The operation was jointly launched by the Indian Army's Para Commandos and J&K Police, under the operational command of the White Knight Corps.
- Its objective was to intercept and eliminate four JeM terrorists, based on 12 months of surveillance, thus preventing potential cross-border terror attacks.
- During the operation, one terrorist was neutralized and three others were cornered in the Basantgarh area.

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Ques: Where has the National Turmeric Board recently established its headquarters?

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Nagpur
- C. Nizamabad
- D. Vijayawada
- E. Warangal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The National Turmeric Board Headquarters has been established in Nizamabad, Telangana, and was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah.
- The board aims to promote research and development in turmeric varieties and cultivation technologies.
- Nizamabad is one of India's largest turmeric-producing regions, and the board's formation was a key election promise by BJP MP Arvind Dharmapuri.
- The official logo of the board was also unveiled during the inauguration.

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Ques: As per MoRTH's draft rules, from which date will it be mandatory for all two-wheelers manufactured in India to be equipped with Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS)?

- A. January 1, 2025
- B. April 1, 2025
- C. July 1, 2025
- D. January 1, 2026
- E. March 1, 2026

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has issued draft rules making it mandatory for all two-wheelers manufactured on or after January 1, 2026, to be fitted with Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS).
- Additionally, manufacturers must provide two BIS-certified protective helmets at the time of purchase.
- This move aims to enhance road safety, as nearly 44% of road accident deaths in 2022 were due to two-wheeler accidents, accounting for approximately 75,000 fatalities.
- However, this regulation may lead to a slight increase in the cost of two-wheelers.

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Ques: As per the SDG National Indicator Framework, how many start-ups were recognised under Start-up India in 2024?

- A. 453
- B. 10,125
- C. 22,174
- D. 34,293
- E. 15,000

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Under the Start-up India initiative, the number of recognised start-ups rose dramatically from 453 in 2016 to 34,293 in 2024.
- This surge highlights the success of various government policies aimed at promoting entrepreneurship, innovation, and improving the ease of doing business in India.
- It also reflects India's growing strength as a global startup hub, aligned with SDG goals for inclusive economic growth and innovation.

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Ques: Which country has won the bid to host the 2029 World Police & Fire Games (WPFPG)?

- A. United States
- B. Australia
- C. United Kingdom
- D. Canada
- E. India

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- India has won the bid to host the prestigious 2029 World Police & Fire Games (WPFPG) after a successful presentation to the WPFPG Federation in Birmingham, USA.
- The event will be held across Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, and Ekta Nagar in the state of Gujarat.
- WPFPG is one of the largest multi-sport events globally, featuring participation from police, firefighters, and first responders representing over 70 countries.
- This marks a significant moment for India in terms of international sports diplomacy and event hosting.

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Ques: By what percentage has India reduced its GDP emission intensity in 2020 compared to 2005 levels?

- A. 22%
- B. 28%
- C. 30%
- D. 36%
- E. 40%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- As per government data, India achieved a 36% reduction in the emission intensity of its GDP by the year 2020 compared to the base year 2005.
- This achievement highlights India's progress toward building a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy, in line with its global commitments under the Paris Agreement.
- Emission intensity refers to the amount of greenhouse gases emitted per unit of GDP — a lower value indicates greater efficiency and sustainability in economic growth.

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Ques: As per the SDG – National Indicator Framework 2025, what percentage of India's population is covered by social protection systems in 2025?

- A. 22.0%
- B. 48.8%
- C. 64.3%
- D. 54.6%
- E. 24.4%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- According to the SDG – National Indicator Framework 2025, social protection coverage in India has significantly improved from 22% in 2016 to 64.3% in 2025.
- This includes protections for children, elderly, unemployed, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, and workplace injury victims.
- The increase reflects a major expansion of welfare schemes and a stronger social safety net for vulnerable sections of the population.

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Ques: Which teams won the women's title in the inaugural edition of the Hockey India Masters Cup 2025?

- A. Hockey Punjab (Women)
- B. Hockey Association of Odisha (Women)
- C. Hockey Odisha (Women)
- D. Hockey Maharashtra (Women)
- E. Hockey Karnataka (Women)

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The inaugural edition of the Hockey India Masters Cup 2025 was held at Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- The tournament was conducted for men aged above 40 and women above 35.
- A total of 12 men's teams and 8 women's teams participated.
- Hockey Association of Odisha defeated Hockey Punjab 1-0 to win the women's title.
- Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu beat Hockey Maharashtra 5-0 to win the men's title.

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Ques: As per SDG 2025 data, what is the Gross Value Added (GVA) in agriculture per worker in 2024-25?

- A. Rs.87,646
- B. Rs.78,837
- C. Rs.71,402
- D. Rs.94,110
- E. Rs.61,247

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- According to SDG progress indicators, Gross Value Added (GVA) in the agriculture sector per worker has grown steadily, reaching Rs.94,110 in FY25.
- This is a rise from Rs.61,247 in FY16 and Rs.87,646 in FY23, reflecting improved agricultural productivity and income levels.
- This growth also supports national goals focused on increasing rural incomes and promoting sustainable agricultural practices.

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Ques: Where does India rank in the Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2025?

- A. First
- B. Second
- C. Third
- D. Fourth
- E. Fifth

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- India ranks third in the Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2025 with a total of 64 unicorns, reflecting its rising global startup footprint.
- The United States ranks first with 758 unicorns, followed by China in second with 343.
- India's top unicorn hubs are Bengaluru (#7 globally), followed by Mumbai (#22) and Gurugram (#27).
- Major Indian unicorns in 2025 include Zerodha (\$8.2B), Dream11 (\$8B), and Razorpay (\$7.5B).
- The term “unicorn” refers to privately held startups valued at over \$1 billion, a term coined by Aileen Lee in 2013.

Ranking of unicorns with the total No. of Unicorns in 2025 :

1. USA - 758 Unicorns
2. China - 343 Unicorns
3. India - 64 Unicorns
4. UK - 61 Unicorns
5. Germany - 36 Unicorns





Ques: According to the National Indicator Framework, what was India's forest cover as a percentage of total geographical area in 2023?

- A. 21.34%
- B. 21.56%
- C. 21.76%
- D. 22.10%
- E. 22.35%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- As per the National Indicator Framework (NIF), India's forest cover increased to 21.76% of its total geographic area in 2023, up from 21.34% in 2015.
- This reflects steady improvement in forest conservation, afforestation, and reforestation efforts.
- The rise supports climate change mitigation, biodiversity preservation, and overall ecological sustainability, aligning with India's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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Ques: According to the SDG National Indicator Framework 2025, what percentage of rural population had access to improved drinking water sources in 2024–25?

- A. 94.57%
- B. 98.56%
- C. 99.25%
- D. 99.62%
- E. 95.98%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- As per the SDG National Indicator Framework 2025, access to improved drinking water sources in rural India rose significantly to 99.62% in FY25, from 94.57% in FY16.
- Key milestones include 95.98% in 2018–19, 98.56% in 2020–21, and 99.25% in 2022–23.
- This marks a major step toward universal safe drinking water access and is aligned with India's SDG commitments under the Jal Jeevan Mission and other rural development schemes.

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Ques: What is commemorated on June 30 as per the United Nations declaration?

- A. International Space Day
- B. World Meteor Impact Day
- C. International Asteroid Day
- D. Planetary Defense Day
- E. Tunguska Memorial Day

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- International Asteroid Day is observed annually on 30th June, as declared by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2016.
- The date marks the anniversary of the Tunguska event—a large asteroid explosion over Siberia, Russia, on 30 June 1908.
- In 2024, the UN also proclaimed 2029 as the International Year of Asteroid Awareness and Planetary Defence.
- Notably, on 13 April 2029, asteroid 99942 Apophis will pass safely at a distance of about 32,000 km from Earth.

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A recent addition to UNESCO's Tentative List of World Heritage Sites is the Salkhan Fossil Park. It is situated in the state of Uttar Pradesh and is also referred to as Sonbhadra Fossils Park.

The 23rd Colonel of the Regiment of Garhwal Rifles is now Lieutenant General Dinesh Singh Rana, Commander-in-Chief, Andaman and Nicobar Command, Indian Army. Lieutenant General NS Raja Subramani, the Vice Chief of the Army Staff, is succeeded by him.

Traditional Kolhapuri chappal makers in India have objected to luxury brand Prada's 2026 collection, stating that it is an illegal replica of their heritage footwear design. Received Geographical Indication (GI) status in 2019.

The Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs has introduced the “Adi Karmyogi” initiative for strengthening the delivery of tribal welfare schemes by training and inspiring a new generation of dedicated implementers.

The world's fastest man, Usain Bolt, has been officially recognized as a Guinness World Records (GWR) icon, celebrating his extraordinary achievements in athletics. The move marks Guinness' 70th anniversary





Ques: As per the Finance Ministry, what is the interest rate on Sukanya Samriddhi Account Scheme for July–September 2025 quarter?

- A. 7.60%
- B. 7.80%
- C. 8.00%
- D. 8.20%
- E. 8.40%

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- For the July–September 2025 quarter, the Finance Ministry has kept the interest rate for the Sukanya Samriddhi Account Scheme unchanged at 8.20%.
- This is the 6th consecutive quarter with no changes in small savings rates, despite a 100 basis point cut in repo rate by the RBI in 2024.
- The move is aimed at ensuring stability and protecting returns for small savers amid falling market interest rates.

Other key rates for this quarter include:

- Savings Deposit – 4.00%
- 1-Year Term Deposit – 6.90%
- 5-Year Term Deposit – 7.50%
- PPF – 7.10%
- Senior Citizen Savings Scheme – 8.20%





Ques: Which company recently became the 6th Indian startup to attain unicorn status in 2025 after raising \$120 million in Series D funding?

- A. Netradyne
- B. JSW One Platform
- C. Juspay
- D. Jumbotail
- E. Porter

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Jumbotail Technologies Pvt. Ltd., a leading B2B e-commerce and retail platform for food and grocery, raised \$120 million (Rs.1,028 crore) in Series D funding led by SC Ventures.
- With this funding, Jumbotail became the 6th Indian startup to attain unicorn status in 2025, following Netradyne, Juspay, Porter, Drools Pet Food Pvt. Ltd., and JSW One Platform.

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Ques: According to RBI's June 2025 Financial Stability Report, what is the projected GNPA ratio for Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) by March 2027 under the baseline scenario?

- A. 2.3%
- B. 2.5%
- C. 5.3%
- D. 5.6%
- E. 3.1%

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- As per the RBI's June 2025 Financial Stability Report, the Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) ratio of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) is projected to rise marginally from 2.3% in March 2025 to 2.5% by March 2027 under the baseline scenario.
- This projection is based on macro stress tests conducted under three different scenarios: baseline, adverse scenario 1, and adverse scenario 2.
- Under adverse scenario 1, the GNPA could increase to 5.6%, while under adverse scenario 2, it may reach 5.3%.
- Despite this rise, Indian banks are expected to remain resilient, supported by strong capital buffers and low NPA ratios.
- The Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR) may also slightly decline from 17.2% in 2025 to 17% in 2027, yet no bank is projected to fall below the 9% regulatory minimum.





Ques: What is the combined stake of LIC, SHCIL, and SBI (including SBI Caps) in the unlisted NSE as of June 2025?

- A. 15%
- B. 18%
- C. 23%
- D. 26%
- E. 30%

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- As of June 2025, LIC (10.7%), SHCIL (4.40%), SBI (3.23%), and SBI Caps (4.33%) together hold a 23% stake in the unlisted National Stock Exchange (NSE).
- The total value of their combined shareholding is over Rs.1.3 lakh crore, based on NSE's estimated valuation of Rs.5.75 lakh crore (Rs.2,325 per share).
- LIC holds the largest PSU share worth Rs.61,525 crore, followed by SBI with Rs.43,470 crore, and SHCIL with Rs.25,300 crore.

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Ques: What was India's gross GST collection for the month of June 2025?

- A. Rs.1.95 lakh crore
- B. Rs.1.96 lakh crore
- C. Rs.1.85 lakh crore
- D. Rs.1.83 lakh crore
- E. Rs.1.84 lakh crore

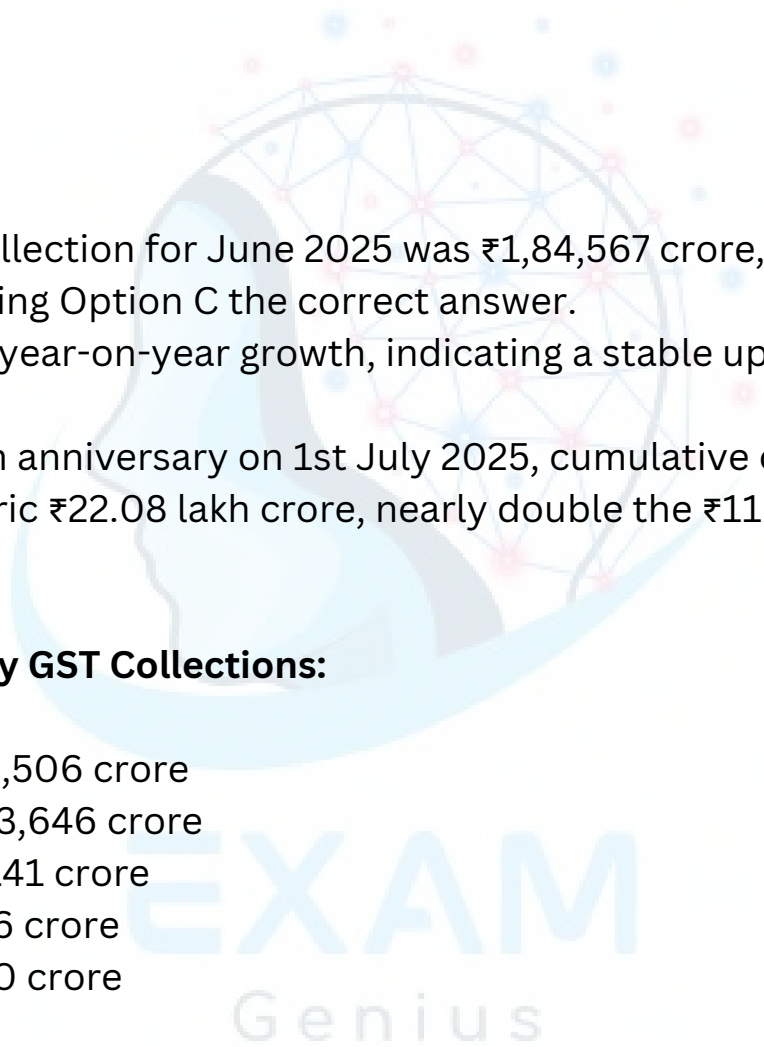
Answer: C

Explanation :

- India's gross GST collection for June 2025 was ₹1,84,567 crore, which rounds off to ₹1.85 lakh crore, making Option C the correct answer.
- This reflects a 6.2% year-on-year growth, indicating a stable upward trend in GST revenues.
- As GST marks its 8th anniversary on 1st July 2025, cumulative collections for FY25 have reached a historic ₹22.08 lakh crore, nearly double the ₹11.37 lakh crore collected in FY21.

Comparative Monthly GST Collections:

- January 2025: ₹1,95,506 crore
- February 2025: ₹1,83,646 crore
- March 2025: ₹1,96,141 crore
- April 2025: ₹2,36,716 crore
- May 2025: ₹2,01,050 crore





Ques: As per the RBI's Financial Stability Report released in June 2025, what was India's household debt as a percentage of GDP in December 2024?

- A. 42.9%
- B. 36.6%
- C. 40.0%
- D. 46.6%
- E. 41.9%

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- According to the June 2025 edition of RBI's Financial Stability Report (FSR), India's household debt as a percentage of GDP declined from 42.9% (June 2024) to 41.9% (December 2024).
- While this represents a marginal drop, the trend since June 2021 (36.6%) and December 2023 (40%) shows an overall increase in household leverage over the years.
- Non-housing retail loans, mostly taken for consumption, comprised 54.9% of total household debt.
- Housing loans contributed 29%, with the remainder split across other forms of debt.
- The RBI also flagged a rise in loans extended to low-rated borrowers, emphasizing the need for closer financial monitoring.

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Ques: From what time will RBI's Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) and Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) be available starting July 1, 2025?

- A. 5:30 PM to 11:00 PM
- B. 7:00 PM to 11:59 PM
- C. 6:00 PM to 12:00 AM
- D. 8:00 PM to 12:00 AM
- E. 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revised the operational hours for SDF and MSF.
- Effective July 1, 2025, these liquidity tools will now be available from 7:00 PM to 11:59 PM every day.
- This update aligns with the extended call money market timings, which will now remain open until 7:00 PM.
- Earlier, SDF and MSF operated from 5:30 PM to 11:59 PM.

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Ques: AU Small Finance Bank has recently partnered with which organization to offer life insurance products?

- A. SBI Life
- B. HDFC Life
- C. LIC
- D. ICICI Prudential
- E. Max Life

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- AU Small Finance Bank has entered into a strategic partnership with LIC to distribute life insurance products including term plans, endowment plans, pension, and annuity schemes.
- With this partnership, the bank's total number of life insurance tie-ups has reached eight.
- The announcement was made via a stock exchange filing.
- This move enhances AU SFB's insurance product offerings and strengthens LIC's distribution network.

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Ques: Which system has SEBI approved for performing digital KYC by registered intermediaries?

- A. DigiLocker System
- B. Aadhaar Vault
- C. e-KYC Setu System
- D. UPI Verify System
- E. KRA Portal

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- SEBI has approved the e-KYC Setu System, developed by NPCI in collaboration with UIDAI, for Aadhaar-based digital KYC.
- This system enables paperless and quick onboarding of customers by SEBI-registered intermediaries.
- It offers a secure and efficient alternative for digital verification in investment and securities markets.
- The move promotes ease of doing business and supports India's drive for digital transformation in financial services.

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Ques: At which event did MCPO Omkar Singh win India's first medal in the 2025 World Military Shooting Championship?

- A. 25m Center Fire Pistol
- B. 10m Air Pistol
- C. 50m Rifle Prone
- D. Skeet Shooting
- E. Rapid Fire Pistol

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- MCPO (Master Chief Petty Officer) Omkar Singh of the Indian Navy won the bronze medal in the 25m Center Fire Pistol event.
- The medal was won at the 55th CISM World Military Shooting Championship 2025, held in Elverum, Norway, from June 23 to 29.
- This is India's first medal at this prestigious global military shooting competition.

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Ques: What is the main objective of the Hong Kong Convention (HKC), which came into force on June 26, 2025?

- A. Regulate global maritime trade routes
- B. Ensure safety of oil tankers in international waters
- C. Promote digital navigation systems in cargo ships
- D. Ensure safe and eco-friendly recycling of ships
- E. Monitor piracy threats in shipping lanes

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Hong Kong Convention (HKC) is a global treaty developed under the International Maritime Organization (IMO).
- It regulates the safe and environmentally sound recycling of end-of-life ships.
- Objectives include protecting workers from hazardous materials (e.g. asbestos, mercury, PCBs) and reducing environmental pollution from shipbreaking.
- Key mandates include maintaining a list of hazardous materials, approval of Ship Recycling Plans (SRP), and issuing Recycling Completion Certificates.
- India, home to the Alang ship recycling yard in Gujarat, ratified the convention in 2023 and plays a crucial role in global ship recycling.

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Ques: As per the Brand Finance 2025 report, which company was ranked as India's number one food brand by brand value?

- A. Britannia
- B. Dabur
- C. Nandini
- D. Amul
- E. Mother Dairy

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- According to the Brand Finance 2025 report, Amul retained its top position among Indian food brands with a brand value of \$4.1 billion.
- It was followed by Mother Dairy at second place with \$1.15 billion, while Britannia, Nandini, and Dabur secured 3rd, 4th, and 5th positions respectively.
- In the overall list of India's top 100 brands, Amul was ranked 17th, and Mother Dairy improved its position to 35th from 41st in 2024.

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Ques: What is the primary function of the THAAD missile system developed by the United States?

- A. Launching long-range cruise missiles
- B. Destroying enemy tanks and ground forces
- C. Intercepting and destroying ballistic missiles in their terminal phase
- D. Surveillance and reconnaissance in enemy territory
- E. Attacking nuclear submarines in deep seas

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The THAAD (Terminal High Altitude Area Defense) system is a US-developed missile defense system designed to intercept and destroy short-, medium-, and intermediate-range ballistic missiles during their terminal flight phase.
- It does not carry a warhead; instead, it uses kinetic energy (impact force) to destroy the incoming missile.
- It can target aerial threats at a range of 150–200 km.
- Recently, the US used 15–20% of its THAAD arsenal during a 12-day conflict with Iran to defend against aerial strikes.

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Ques: Which Formula 1 driver won the 2025 Austrian Grand Prix, marking his third Grand Prix victory of the 2025 season?

- A. Max Verstappen
- B. Oscar Piastri
- C. Lewis Hamilton
- D. Lando Norris
- E. Charles Leclerc

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- By winning the 2025 Austrian Grand Prix (GP), British Formula 1 (F1) driver Lando Norris, who drives for McLaren Racing Limited of the United Kingdom (UK), secured his third Formula One (F1) Grand Prix (GP) victory of the 2025 season.
- With this triumph, Lando Norris achieved his seventh Formula One victory.

Recent Grand Prix Winner :

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





Ques: Which two women groups were appreciated by PM Modi in the 123rd episode of Maan Ki Baat for their entrepreneurship?

- A. Women from Leh & Varanasi
- B. Women from Bhadrachalam & Kalaburgi
- C. Women from Kochi & Bhilai
- D. Women from Imphal & Raipur
- E. Women from Bhuj & Gwalior

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- In the 123rd edition of Maan Ki Baat, PM Narendra Modi highlighted the entrepreneurial achievements of women from Bhadrachalam (Telangana) and Kalaburgi (Karnataka).
- Women from Bhadrachalam, once field labourers, now run a millet biscuit business — Bhadrachalam Millet Magic — which has expanded from Hyderabad to London.
- Kalaburgi women started a cooperative producing ragi rotis and sanitary products under the name “Giri Sanitary Pads”, distributing 40,000 pads in just 3 months.
- PM Modi also appreciated Meghalaya’s GI-tagged Eri Silk, and praised the Khasi tribal community for preserving its sustainable, non-violent (Ahimsa) silk tradition.

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Ques: Which ministry has recently revised guidelines for the Waste-to-Energy Programme under the National Bioenergy Programme?

- A. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- B. Ministry of Power
- C. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- D. Ministry of Rural Development
- E. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has issued revised guidelines under the Waste-to-Energy Programme, a sub-scheme of the National Bioenergy Programme.
- The objective is to enhance efficiency, transparency, and create a performance-oriented ecosystem for deploying bio-waste to energy in India.

Key highlights include:

- Simplified approval process, helping especially MSMEs produce more CBG, biogas, and power.
- Central Financial Assistance (CFA) will now be released in two stages : 50% after Consent to Operate certificate (against bank guarantee) and Remaining after achieving 80% of rated capacity or maximum eligible capacity.
- Pro-rata CFA disbursement will be allowed if plants operate above 50% PLF.
- Joint inspection will now be conducted, led by SSS-NIBE and either SNAs, BTDCs, or MNRE-empaneled agencies.
- Project developers can now claim CFA within 18 months of commissioning or in-principle approval, whichever is later.





Ques: Reliance Defence partnered with which US company for defence MRO services in India?

- A. Boeing
- B. Lockheed Martin
- C. Coastal Mechanics Inc.
- D. General Dynamics
- E. Raytheon

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Reliance Defence has entered into a joint venture with Coastal Mechanics Inc. (CMI), a US-based firm, to provide end-to-end MRO (Maintenance, Repair, Overhaul), repair, upgrade, and lifecycle support for air and land defence platforms in India.
- The venture targets India's Rs.20,000 crore defence MRO market and will be established at MIHAN (Nagpur).
- This partnership aligns with the Make in India initiative, aiming to boost indigenous capabilities and reduce import dependence in the defence sector.
- CMI, which supplies components to the US Air Force and Army, will bring certification and manufacturing capabilities to India.
- The announcement follows the recent Dassault-Reliance Falcon 2000 business jet manufacturing deal.

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Ques: What is the purpose of the SPREE 2025 scheme relaunched by ESIC?

- A. Promoting registration of employers and employees under the ESI Act
- B. Ensuring housing facilities for migrant workers
- C. Promoting retirement benefits for senior citizens
- D. Offering financial aid to MSMEs
- E. Subsidizing medical insurance premiums

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- SPREE 2025 (Scheme to Promote Registration of Employers/Employees) has been relaunched by ESIC from July 1 to December 31, 2025.
- The scheme was originally introduced in 2016, aiming to expand ESI coverage across India.
- It provides a one-time opportunity for unregistered employers and left-out workers (including contractual and temporary staff) to come under the ESI Act.
- Employers registering during this period will be considered covered from the declared date, and employees will get coverage from their registration date.
- This move is part of ESIC's strategy to increase social security coverage and formalize employment.

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Ques: Where was one of India's largest Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) manufacturing facilities inaugurated in 2025?

- A. Hosur, Tamil Nadu
- B. Pune, Maharashtra
- C. Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- D. Bidadi, Karnataka
- E. Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Union Minister Pralhad Joshi inaugurated a Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) manufacturing facility at Bidadi Industrial Area, Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The facility has a capacity of 5 GWh, making it one of the largest and most advanced BESS plants in India.
- This initiative supports India's clean energy goal of 500 GW of non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030.
- Additionally, the minister announced Rs.5,400 crore in Viability Gap Funding (VGF) to support the development of 30 GWh battery storage systems, adding to the previously allocated Rs.3,700 crore.

About Viability Gap Funding scheme :

- Launched : 2004
- Contribution : 40% of the total project cost, amounting to Rs.3,760 crore, provided as VGF. Remaining 60% of project costs to be invested by participating companies.
- Total project outlay : Rs.9,400 crore
- Budgetary grant included in the initial outlay : Rs.3,700 crore
- Administered by : Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance
- Aims to develop 4,000 megawatt hours (MWh) of BESS by 2030-31.





Ques: As per the 2024 report, which state recorded the highest number of faunal discoveries in India?

- A. Karnataka
- B. West Bengal
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Kerala
- E. Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- According to the 2024 report, Kerala topped in faunal discoveries in India with 101 species, including both new species and new records.
- It was followed by Karnataka with 82 discoveries and West Bengal with 56.
- In total, 683 faunal species and 433 taxa of flora were added to India's biodiversity in 2024.
- Among notable discoveries were reptiles, amphibians, and orchids such as *Bulbophyllum gopalanianum* and *Gastrodia sikkimensis*.
- Kerala also led in plant discoveries with 58 new species.

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Ques: What is the main aim of the FIFA's Football for Schools (F4S) Programme recently launched in India?

- A. To promote professional football leagues in schools
- B. To train school teachers in football coaching
- C. To contribute to the education and development of children through football
- D. To organize international school-level tournaments
- E. To promote girls' participation in football exclusively

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Football for Schools (F4S) Programme is a global initiative by FIFA in collaboration with UNESCO, launched in mid-2019, with pilot projects in Puerto Rico and Lebanon.
- It aims to empower and educate nearly 700 million children globally through football.
- In India, the programme is implemented by the Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL) under the Ministry of Education, with support from AIFF and SAI.
- Recently, footballs were distributed under the programme at PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, Fort William, Kolkata.

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Ques: National Doctor's Day in India is observed on 1st July to commemorate the birth and death anniversary of which legendary doctor?

- A. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
- B. Dr. Pranab Mukherjee
- C. Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy
- D. Dr. Manmohan Singh
- E. Dr. Radhakrishnan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- National Doctor's Day is celebrated in India on 1st July every year since 1991, to honour Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy – a legendary physician, freedom fighter, and former Chief Minister of West Bengal.
- He was born and died on 01 July (1882–1962), making this day highly symbolic.
- Dr. Roy served as the Chief Minister of West Bengal for 14 years (1948–1962) and was the personal physician to Mahatma Gandhi.
- He was awarded the Bharat Ratna in February 1961, India's highest civilian award.
- The B.C. Roy National Award was instituted in 1976 to honour excellence in fields such as medicine, science, public affairs, arts, literature, and philosophy.
- Theme for 2025: "Behind the Mask: Who Heals the Healers?"

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Ques: Hul Diwas is observed annually on June 30 to commemorate which tribal leaders and their rebellion?

- A. Birsa Munda and Sidho Murmu
- B. Sidho and Kanhu Murmu
- C. Tantya Bhil and Rani Durgavati
- D. Tilka Majhi and Phulo Jhano
- E. Komaram Bheem and Kanhu Murmu

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Hul Diwas is observed on 30th June every year to honor Sidho and Kanhu Murmu, the tribal leaders who led the Santhal Hul (rebellion) in 1855 at Bhognadih, now in Jharkhand.
- The Santhal Hul was a massive uprising against British colonial rule and exploitation by moneylenders and zamindars.
- Alongside Sidho and Kanhu, their sisters Phulo and Jhano also played key roles in mobilizing the Santhal community.
- Though the rebellion was suppressed, it influenced landmark legislations like the Santhal Parganas Tenancy Act (1876) and Chotanagpur Tenancy Act (1908) for protecting tribal land rights.
- The Santhal rebellion is regarded as a pivotal moment in India's tribal and anti-colonial resistance history.

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The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Scheme with a corpus of Rs. One lakh Crore.

The Ministry of Power has announced the launch of a task force to conceive the India Energy Stack (IES), a pioneering initiative aimed at creating a unified, secure, and interoperable digital infrastructure for India's energy sector.

At a height of more than 18,510 feet (5,642 meters), Teghbir Singh of Ropar became the youngest person in history to climb Mount Elbrus, the highest peak in Europe and Russia.

India has imposed port entry restrictions on jute and allied products from Bangladesh, citing concerns over subsidized imports that harm the Indian jute sector.

Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, opened a 'Hedging Desk' in Pune as part of the Balasaheb Thackeray Agribusiness and Rural Transformation (SMART) Project. The goal is to secure fair market prices and higher revenue for farmers in the state.

CM Devendra Fadnavis has reversed the government resolutions (GRs) made on April 16 and June 17 regarding the controversial three-language policy, which included Hindi as the third language in primary schools.

