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Ques: What is the main objective of the “Saksham Niveshak” campaign launched by IEPFA in July 2025?

IEPFA द्वारा जुलाई 2025 में शुरू किए गए “सक्षम निवेशक” अभियान का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

- A. Promoting investment in mutual funds / म्यूचुअल फंड में निवेश को बढ़ावा देना
- B. Attracting foreign portfolio investors / विदेशी पोर्टफोलियो निवेशकों को आकर्षित करना
- C. Creating awareness about unclaimed dividends and assisting shareholders in reclaiming them / बिना दावे के लाभांश के बारे में जागरूकता फैलाना और शेयरधारकों को उन्हें वापस पाने में सहायता करना
- D. Promoting digital currency among investors / निवेशकों के बीच डिजिटल मुद्रा को बढ़ावा देना
- E. Funding start-ups through equity investments / इक्विटी निवेश के माध्यम से स्टार्ट-अप को फंडिंग देना

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs launched the 100-day “Saksham Niveshak” campaign from 28th July to 6th November 2025.
- The campaign focuses on empowering investors, especially shareholders, by spreading awareness about unclaimed dividends and helping them update KYC and nomination details to reclaim their rightful assets.
- IEPFA is actively engaged in investor education and protection through initiatives like Niveshak Didi, Niveshak Panchayat, and Niveshak Shivir, promoting financial literacy and investor awareness across India.

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Ques: What was the weighted average lending rate (WALR) on fresh rupee loans of scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) in June 2025?

जून 2025 में अनुसूचित वाणिज्यिक बैंकों (SCBs) के नए रुपए ऋणों पर भारित औसत उधार दर (WALR) क्या थी?

- A. 9.20%
- B. 8.62%
- C. 9.48%
- D. 8.75%
- E. 7.99%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The WALR on fresh rupee loans of scheduled commercial banks (excluding RRBs and SFBs) declined to 8.62% in June 2025 from 9.20% in May 2025.
- The WALR on outstanding rupee loans also fell to 9.48% in June 2025, compared to 9.69% in May.
- The 1-year median MCLR declined to 8.75% in July 2025, down from 8.90% in June.
- On the deposit side, the WADTDR on fresh term deposits stood at 5.75% in June 2025, down from 6.11% in May.
- For outstanding term deposits, the WADTDR declined to 6.99% in June, from 7.07% in May.
- MCLR formula: Marginal Cost of Funds + Operating Cost + Tenor Premium + Negative Carry on CRR.
- RLLR formula : RBI Repo Rate + Bank Spread + Credit Risk Premium (if any)





Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India's Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI) recorded a 10.7% year-on-year increase as of March 2025
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the tenure of IndusInd Bank's executive committee by one month, making it valid till 28 August 2025 or until a new MD & CEO is appointed—whichever comes earlier.
- Cross-border payments fintech Xflow received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an online payment aggregator for cross-border (PA-CB) transactions.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) officially withdrew the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) imposed on Religare Finvest Limited (RFL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Religare Enterprises Limited (REL)
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the license of The Karwar Urban Cooperative Bank Ltd., Karwar, effective from July 23, 2025
- RBI has set the Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index) at 67.0 for March 2025, which is an improvement from 64.2 in March 2024
- RBI Permits Currant Sea Investments B.V to Acquire 9.99% Stake in Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IDFC) First Bank at a Cost of Rs.4876 crores
- RBI included NSDL Payments Bank Limited in the Second Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934 through a notification dated June 19, 2025
- EximPe has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a Payment Aggregator for Cross-Border (PA-CB) transactions
- RBI has amended the Basel III Capital Regulations to expand credit rating options for Scheduled Commercial Banks (excluding Local Area Banks, Payments Banks, and Regional Rural Banks)
- RBI has issued draft guidelines for the closure of shipping bills in the Export Data Processing and Monitoring System (EDPMS)
- According to RBI guidelines, a Jan Dhan account is marked as "inoperative" if no customer-initiated transaction occurs for 24 consecutive months
- TZF Logistics Solutions, a subsidiary of logistics-tech firm BlackBuck, has received the Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) licence from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- RBI has disclosed that Rs.2000 denomination banknotes valued at Rs.6,099 crore are still in circulation, despite being withdrawn from active use on May 19, 2023.



Ques: As per RBI's revised guidelines effective from January 1, 2026, what is the maximum total investment limit that all regulated entities (REs) can contribute to a single AIF scheme?

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (RBI) के संशोधित दिशा-निर्देशों के अनुसार, 1 जनवरी 2026 से किसी एक वैकल्पिक निवेश कोष (AIF) योजना में सभी विनियमित संस्थाएं (REs) अधिकतम कितनी राशि का निवेश कर सकती हैं?

- A. 5%
- B. 10%
- C. 15%
- D. 20%
- E. 25%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released revised investment guidelines for Regulated Entities (REs) in Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs), effective from January 1, 2026.
- Under the new framework, no single regulated entity is allowed to invest more than 10% of the total corpus of an AIF scheme.
- Collectively, all REs cannot contribute more than 20% to a single AIF scheme.
- The guidelines apply to Commercial Banks (including SFBs, LABs, and RRBs), Co-operative Banks, AIFIs, and NBFCs (including HFCs).
- The rules aim to curb misuse of the AIF route, especially for evergreening loans and funding stressed assets indirectly.
- If a regulated entity holds more than 5% in an AIF that invests in its debtor companies (except equity), it must provision 100% of such indirect exposure.





Ques: What is the name of the baby star around which astronomers observed the formation of a new solar system for the first time?

खगोलविदों ने पहली बार किस नवजात तारे के चारों ओर एक नए सौरमंडल के निर्माण का अवलोकन किया है?

- A. Orion-X
- B. Proxima-C
- C. HOPS-315
- D. Vega-2
- E. Sirius-B

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- International astronomers have, for the first time, observed the formation of a new planetary system around a baby star named 'HOPS-315'.
- HOPS-315 is located 1,300 light-years from Earth — around 7.6 quadrillion miles away — in the Orion constellation.
- This marks the earliest stage of solar system formation ever captured.
- The discovery was made using the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA), located in the Atacama Desert, Chile.

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Ques: What is the primary objective of the Bills of Lading Bill, 2025 passed by the Indian Parliament?

भारतीय संसद द्वारा पारित बिल ऑफ लैडिंग विधेयक, 2025 का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

- A. Increase customs duties on shipping goods / शिपिंग वस्तुओं पर सीमा शुल्क बढ़ाना
- B. Introduce subsidies for Indian shipping companies / भारतीय शिपिंग कंपनियों के लिए सब्सिडी लाना
- C. Replace the colonial-era Indian Lading Act, 1856 with a simplified legal framework / 1856 के औपनिवेशिक काल के भारतीय लैडिंग अधिनियम को सरल कानूनी ढांचे से बदलना
- D. Establish a new ministry for maritime affairs / समुद्री मामलों के लिए नया मंत्रालय स्थापित करना
- E. Mandate only digital bills of lading / केवल डिजिटल बिल ऑफ लैडिंग को अनिवार्य करना

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Bills of Lading Bill, 2025 was passed by Rajya Sabha after being cleared by Lok Sabha, and now awaits Presidential assent.
- It seeks to replace the Indian Lading Act of 1856, which dates back to the British colonial era, with a modern, business-friendly, and globally aligned legal framework.
- The bill aims to simplify shipping documentation, reduce legal ambiguity, and strengthen India's maritime trade compliance with international standards.
- It introduces streamlined terminology, reduces litigation risks, and provides an enabling clause for the Central Government to issue implementation directives.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Director General (DG) of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)?

सशस्त्र सीमा बल (SSB) के नए महानिदेशक (DG) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- A. Sanjay Singhal / संजय सिंघल
- B. Rajiv Singh / राजीव सिंह
- C. Amrit Mohan Prasad / अमृत मोहन प्रसाद
- D. V. S. Yadav / वी. एस. यादव
- E. Kuldiep Singh / कुलदीप सिंह

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Sanjay Singhal, currently the Special Director General of Border Security Force (BSF), has been appointed as the new Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).
- He will serve till his superannuation on December 31, 2028, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- He replaces Amrit Mohan Prasad as DG of SSB.
- Awards received by Singhal include the Police Medal for Meritorious Service (2009) and the President's Police Medal (2015).
- SSB was established in 1963 and is headquartered in New Delhi

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Recent Defence related appointments :

- Sonali Mishra : first woman Director General (DG) of the Railway Protection Force (RPF)
- Sub-Lieutenant (SLt) Aastha Poonia : first woman pilot in the fighter stream of Indian Naval Aviation
- Lieutenant General Dinesh Singh Rana : 23rd Colonel of the Regiment of Garhwal Rifles (succeed Lieutenant General NS Raja Subramani)
- Rear Admiral V Ganapathy : command of the Military Institute of Technology (MILIT), Pune
- Senior IPS officer Parag Jain : Chief of RAW (Research and Analysis Wing)
- Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai : Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy)
- Lieutenant Commander Yashasvi Solanki : Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to the President of India
- Shri Shailendra Nath Gupta : Director General of Defence Estates
- Lieutenant General Dinesh Singh Rana : 18th Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN) (replaces Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan)
- Eyal Zamir : 24th Israel's new military chief (Replaced Lieutenant General Herzi Halevi)
- Dr Mayank Sharma : Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)
- Kash Patel : 9th director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Shashank Anand : Inspector general (IG) of the Border Security Force of strategic Jammu sector (Replaced DK Boora)
- Amrit Mohan Prasad : Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), the additional responsibility of Director General, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)
- Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal : Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF)
- Gyanendra Pratap Singh : Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
- Air Commodore Debakinandan Sahu : Command of the Base Repair Depot (BRD) at Tughlakabad (Air Commodore Rishi Seth)
- Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra : Chief of the Indian Air Force's Western Air Command (Replaced Air Marshal Pankaj Mohan Sinha)
- Vitul Kumar : Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) (Replaced Anish Dayal Singh)
- Jared Isaacman : NASA Chief to Oversee Moon Missions





Ques: What is the name of the high-altitude technology demonstration exercise conducted by the Indian Army in East Sikkim?

पूर्वी सिक्किम में भारतीय सेना द्वारा किया गया उच्च ऊंचाई वाला प्रौद्योगिकी प्रदर्शन अभ्यास कौन-सा है?

- A. Exercise Vajra Prahar / एक्सरसाइज़ वज्र प्रहार
- B. Exercise Divya Drishti / एक्सरसाइज़ दिव्य दृष्टि
- C. Exercise Shatrujeet / एक्सरसाइज़ शत्रुजीत
- D. Exercise Yudh Abhyas / एक्सरसाइज़ युद्ध अभ्यास
- E. Exercise Meghdoot / एक्सरसाइज़ मेघदूत

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Exercise Divya Drishti is a high-altitude technology demonstration conducted by the Indian Army in East Sikkim.
- It aimed to test advanced technologies that enhance battlefield awareness, real-time surveillance, and swift decision-making.
- The Trishakti Corps, headquartered in Sukna near Siliguri, participated using ground systems, UAVs, and drones to simulate realistic battle scenarios.
- This exercise underlines India's focus on deploying cutting-edge tech in sensitive and strategically important border areas.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Defence Exercise :

- The Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) jointly organize the Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX), which is one of India's longest continuous maritime exercises
- Talisman Sabre 2025 is the 11th edition of a major bilateral military exercise led by Australia, started on July 13, 2025. It is the largest bilateral military drill between Australia and the United States, held biennially since 2005
- The Indian Army conducted a military exercise titled 'Prachand Shakti' in Meerut. It was organised by the Charging RAM Division at the Kharga Corps Field Training Area
- The Japan Coast Guard Ship Itsukushima arrived at Chennai Port as part of a Global Ocean Voyage Training. The port call will culminate in a joint sea exercise named 'Jaa Mata' (meaning See you later) on July 12, 2025
- ConvEx-3 (2025) is a full-scale international emergency preparedness exercise focused on nuclear or radiological emergencies with potential cross-border impacts
- The 53rd edition of NATO's premier multinational maritime-focused exercise, BALTOPS 25, was launched in Latvia
- Tiger Claw is the first-ever joint exercise between the Special Forces of the Indian Air Force (Garud) and the United States Air Force Special Forces
- The 8th edition of Exercise Shakti 2025, a biennial bilateral military exercise between India and France, will be held at La Cavalerie, France, from June 18 to July 1, 2025
- The India-U.K. joint naval Passage Exercise (PASSEX) took place in the North Arabian Sea on June 9–10, 2025. The Indian Navy was represented by INS Tabar (a stealth frigate), a submarine, and a P-8I maritime patrol aircraft
- The 22nd edition of the multinational exercise 'Khaan Quest' is being held in Mongolia from June 14 to 28, 2025. It was first initiated in 2003 by the USA and Mongolia, and has been a multinational event since 2006
- The 17th edition of the India–Mongolia joint military exercise Nomadic Elephant was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- Iran and Azerbaijan launched the "Aras-2025" joint special forces military exercise. It was conducted from May 18 to 21, 2025, involving Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and Azerbaijani troops
- Golden Dragon 2025 is a joint military exercise between China and Cambodia. The exercise is held at the Ream Naval Base in Sihanoukville, Cambodia's southern coast





Ques: How much total grant-in-aid has the Union Cabinet approved for the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) under the new Central Sector Scheme for 2025–29?

प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेंद्र मोदी की अध्यक्षता में केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने 2025–29 की अवधि के लिए राष्ट्रीय सहकारी विकास निगम (NCDC) को नई केंद्रीय क्षेत्र योजना के तहत कुल कितनी सहायता राशि स्वीकृत की है?

- A. Rs.1,000 crore
- B. Rs.1,500 crore
- C. Rs.2,000 crore
- D. Rs.2,500 crore
- E. Rs.5,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved a Central Sector Scheme titled “Grant-in-aid to National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)”.
- The total outlay is Rs.2,000 crore over four years (2025–26 to 2028–29) – i.e., Rs.500 crore per year.
- Based on this grant-in-aid, NCDC will be able to raise Rs.20,000 crore from the open market during this period.
- The funds raised will be used to provide loans to cooperatives for setting up new projects, expanding existing plants, and meeting working capital needs.
- NCDC will be the executing agency responsible for disbursement, monitoring, project implementation, and loan recovery.





Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved a total outlay of Rs.6520 crore including additional outlay of Rs.1920 crore for ongoing Central Sector Scheme "Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana" (PMKSY) during 15th Finance Commission Cycle (FCC) (2021-22 to 2025-26).
- A total of 1,46,040 smart classrooms have been approved under the Samagra Shiksha Scheme, covering all States and Union Territories
- The Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS) is an initiative by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India
- The Power Ministry is implementing the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) to install 25 crore smart meters across India
- The Bihar government, under Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, has revised the Journalist Samman Pension Scheme, increasing the monthly pension from Rs.6,000 to Rs.15,000 for eligible accredited journalists with a minimum of 20 years of experience
- The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) launched 'Veer Parivar Sahayata Yojana', a scheme to strengthen legal aid for defence personnel and their families, during the North Zone Regional Conference held in Srinagar
- Under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), state governments have defaulted over Rs.6,450 crore in crop insurance settlements between FY21 and FY25
- The Palna Scheme, launched on April 1, 2022, under the Samarthya vertical of Mission Shakti, aims to bridge the childcare gap. It provides day-care and crèche facilities for children aged 6 months to 6 years across all States and Union Territories
- As of March 2025, under the Jal Jeevan Mission, Uttar Pradesh has reported the highest number of rural household tap water connections with 237.89 lakh connections
- The second phase of the PM Internship Scheme (PMIS) will commence on August 1. The target for FY26 is 7 lakh interns, which is six times higher than the FY25 target
- 'Shaktishree' is a special initiative launched by the Odisha Government for the safety and well-being of girl students across 16 universities and 730 government and aided colleges under the Higher Education Department
- The revamped Stand-Up India scheme, launching in September 2025, doubles the loan limit from Rs.1 crore to Rs.2 crore





Ques: Where is the Bahmani (Gulbarga) Fort, known for housing the world's longest cannon, located?

'दुनिया की सबसे लंबी तोप' के लिए प्रसिद्ध बहमनी (गुलबर्गा) किला कहाँ स्थित है?

- A. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- B. Telangana / तेलंगाना
- C. Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- D. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
- E. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Bahmani Fort, also known as Gulbarga Fort, is located in Kalaburagi (Gulbarga), Karnataka.
- It houses the world's longest cannon, called Bara Gazi Toph, which is 29 feet long and 7.6 feet in circumference.
- The fort featured in Prime Minister Modi's Mann Ki Baat and has drawn attention for being in a state of neglect, prompting calls for restoration.
- The Bahmani Kingdom was founded in 1347 AD by Alauddin Hasan Bahman Shah (Hasan Gangu) after declaring independence from the Delhi Sultanate under Muhammad bin Tughlaq.
- Its capital was established in Gulbarga, and the empire flourished under Mahmud Gawan.

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Ques: When did the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship observe the Swachhata Pakhwada campaign in 2025?

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्रालय ने स्वच्छता पखवाड़ा 2025 कब मनाया?

- A. 1st July to 15th July 2025
- B. 16th July to 31st July 2025
- C. 1st August to 15th August 2025
- D. 5th June to 20th June 2025
- E. 10th July to 25th July 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship observed Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 from 16th to 31st July 2025.
- This initiative is part of an annual nationwide campaign coordinated by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.
- Various cleanliness drives and creative competitions such as painting and slogan writing were held during this fortnight.
- The theme of the campaign was "Swachhata" (cleanliness), and it saw enthusiastic participation from ministry staff, making it a grand success.
- The campaign successfully culminated on 31st July 2025.

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News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- The Ministry of Earth Sciences hosted a national-level Brainstorming Workshop on Blue Economy Investments with its Strategic Knowledge Partner in India
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has established a dedicated COP-33 Cell under its Climate Change Division, headed by Joint Secretary Ved Prakash Mishra
- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh highlighted the “3 A” formula – Awareness, Aptitude, and Avenue – during the CSIR Jigyasa Programme’s “One Day as a Scientist” (ODAS) celebration at the CSIR-National Physical Laboratory
- As per the World Bank–Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs joint report, Indian cities will require \$2.4 trillion by 2050 to develop climate-resilient infrastructure in response to rapid urbanisation and climate change
- The Ministry of Culture, organized a high-level Museum Roundtable on Latest Advancements in the Museum Sector at the National Museum, New Delhi
- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare announced that 6 crore individuals have been screened under the National Sickle Cell Anemia Elimination Mission
- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj, in collaboration with the Government of Madhya Pradesh and Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU), Amarkantak, signed an MoU to establish a Centre of Excellence on Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA)
- The Ministry of Culture, organized a high-level Museum Roundtable on Latest Advancements in the Museum Sector at the National Museum, New Delhi
- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) celebrated 10 years of the Skill India Mission by organizing a conference cum exhibition titled ‘Bharat SkillNxt 2025’ at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi
- Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri (Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas) announced that India achieved 20% ethanol blending in petrol in 2025, well ahead of the original 2030 target
- The Ministry of Heavy Industries has launched the Automotive Mission Plan 2047, a forward-looking strategy to transform India into a global automotive leader by the year 2047
- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has constituted a National Steering Committee under the chairmanship of Rajit Punhani, Secretary



Ques: Where will the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 be hosted?
IUCN विश्व संरक्षण कांग्रेस 2025 की मेजबानी कहां की जाएगी?

- A. Geneva, Switzerland / जिनेवा, स्विट्ज़रलैंड
- B. Nairobi, Kenya / नैरोबी, केन्या
- C. Paris, France / पेरिस, फ्रांस
- D. Abu Dhabi, UAE / अबू धाबी, यूएई
- E. Tokyo, Japan / टोक्यो, जापान

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 will be hosted in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- It is the largest global gathering of nature conservation experts and decision-makers, held once every four years.
- The theme of the 2025 Congress is “Powering transformative conservation”, addressing five critical themes to promote bold and sustainable actions for nature and humanity.
- The IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature), established in 1948, is the world’s largest environmental network, composed of both government and civil society members.

The Congress has three major components:

- Forum – A knowledge-sharing platform
- Exhibition – Showcases innovation, projects, and partnerships
- Members’ Assembly – The highest decision-making body of IUCN





Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- India signed a Maritime Security and Safety Cooperation agreement with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) during the 13th Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting held in New Delhi
- The second edition of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Intelligence & Investigations (I&I) Workshop was hosted in New Delhi by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) India with support from the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
- The Department of Hospital Administration at Army Hospital Research & Referral (AHRR), New Delhi, successfully organised the first-ever Armed Forces National Conference, SHAPE 2025: Sustainable Hospital Architecture, Planning, Infrastructure and Equipment
- World Food India 4th Edition Organised by Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries, with the India Trade Promotion Organisation at New Delhi. Its Theme is “Processing for Prosperity”
- The National Expert Committee meeting was held at the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Goa. It was co-chaired by Dr. A. Raghu, Deputy Director General (Ayush), and Dr. J. B. Gupta
- The Trade Conclave 2025 was held in New Delhi and was organized by the Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank). The theme of the conclave was “Building Export-led Growth for Viksit Bharat”.
- Bihar is set to host the first Indian Open Athletics Meet at the Patliputra Sports Complex in Patna. The event is being organized by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) in collaboration with the Bihar State Sports Authority.
- In New Delhi, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology hosted the National Conference on Cyber Security for Cities.
- The Third Regional Consultative Meeting on “Ease of Doing Research & Development (R&D)” was held at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir
- India co-chaired the high-level meeting of the Group of Friends for Accountability for Crimes Against Peacekeepers at the United Nations Headquarters, New York
- The 2nd Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting on Agriculture between India and Argentina was held





Ques: What is the name of the counter-infiltration mission conducted by the Indian Army in Poonch to eliminate terrorists trying to cross the LoC?

नियंत्रण रेखा पार कर घुसपैठ की कोशिश कर रहे आतंकवादियों को मार गिराने के लिए पुंछ में भारतीय सेना द्वारा चलाया गया प्रतिघुसपैठ मिशन कौन-सा है?

- A. Operation SuryaShakti / ऑपरेशन सूर्यशक्ति
- B. Operation Mahadev / ऑपरेशन महादेव
- C. Operation Sarvashakti / ऑपरेशन सर्वशक्ति
- D. Operation Trinetra / ऑपरेशन त्रिनेत्र
- E. Operation ShivShakti / ऑपरेशन शिवशक्ति

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Operation ShivShakti is a counter-infiltration mission launched by the Indian Army's White Knight Corps in collaboration with the Jammu & Kashmir Police.
- It was carried out in the Degwar sector of Poonch, especially near Maldivalan, a region known for frequent infiltration attempts.
- The operation successfully eliminated two terrorists attempting to infiltrate across the Line of Control (LoC).
- It followed closely on the heels of Operation Mahadev, in which three Lashkar-e-Taiba operatives were neutralised.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Operations :

- ‘Operation Lungs – Life to Urban Green Spaces’ : Launched by The Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC), a dedicated drive to remove encroachments from reserved open areas in the city.
- Operation SHIVA 2025 : Indian Army has launched to provide security during the Shri Amarnath Yatra in Jammu & Kashmir
- Operation Kalanemi : Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami directed the State Police to launch the operation to target fake saints and individuals impersonating sadhus
- Operation Fire Trail : launched by the DRI to crack down on illicit imports of Chinese firecrackers, posing environmental, legal, and safety risks
- Operation Bihali : counter-terror operation conducted in Udhampur district, Jammu & Kashmir, targeting Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terrorists
- Operation Chakra V : Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has launched across five states – Rajasthan, Delhi, Haryana, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh – to combat cybercrimes and digital arrest scams involving mule bank accounts
- Operation Deep Manifest : Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) launched to crack down on the illegal routing of Pakistani-origin goods via third countries like Dubai, violating India’s import policy
- Operation Midnight Hammer : U.S. military executing airstrikes on three key Iranian nuclear sites—Fordow, Natanz, and Isfahan using B-2 stealth bombers and long-range missiles
- Operation Sindhu : launched by the Government of India in June 2025 to evacuate Indian nationals stranded in Iran due to escalating tensions with Israel
- Operation True Promise 3 : Iran launched for escalating military strikes on Israel for the third consecutive day
- Operation Rising Lion : Israel launched an air operation on 13th June 2025, targeting Iran’s nuclear and military infrastructure
- Operation Secure : a global cybercrime crackdown led by Interpol from January to April 2025
- Operation Olivia : annual conservation initiative by the Indian Coast Guard in collaboration with the Odisha Forest Department to protect the Olive Ridley turtles during their nesting period from December to May





Ques: Which two Indian texts were recently inscribed in the UNESCO Memory of the World International Register?

हाल ही में किन दो भारतीय ग्रंथों को यूनेस्को की मेमोरी ऑफ द वर्ल्ड इंटरनेशनल रजिस्टर में शामिल किया गया है?

- A. Vedas and Manusmriti / वेद और मनुस्मृति
- B. Upanishads and Arthashastra / उपनिषद और अर्थशास्त्र
- C. Bhagavad Gita and Natyashastra / भगवद गीता और नाट्यशास्त्र
- D. Ramayana and Mahabharata / रामायण और महाभारत
- E. Charaka Samhita and Yoga Sutras / चरक संहिता और योग सूत्र

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) hosted a two-day National Symposium titled “Timeless Texts and Universal Teachings” on July 30–31, 2025 in New Delhi.
- This symposium commemorated the UNESCO inscription of two iconic Indian texts —Bhagavad Gita and Natyashastra—in the Memory of the World International Register.
- Bhagavad Gita, attributed to Vyasa, is a 700-verse Sanskrit scripture embedded in the Mahabharata (Bhishma Parva).
- Natyashastra, composed by sage Bharata, is an ancient Sanskrit treatise on performing arts, detailing drama (natya), performance (abhinaya), music (sangita), emotions (bhava), and aesthetics (rasa).
- The Memory of the World (MoW) Programme, launched in 1992 by UNESCO, aims to safeguard documentary heritage globally and ensure its accessibility for future generations.





Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has kicked off construction of its first indigenously built Air Cushion Vehicle (ACV) with the Girder Laying and Commencement of Erection ceremony at Chowgule & Company Pvt. Ltd. in Goa
- The Indian Army, in coordination with the J&K Police and CRPF, launched an anti-terror operation codenamed Operation Mahadev in the Lidwas area of Jammu & Kashmir
- Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre and the National Institute of Ocean Technology have signed an MoU for developing 'MATSYA-6000', a human-occupied submersible vessel
- TRACERS stands for Tandem Reconnection And Cusp Electrodynamics Reconnaissance Satellites. The mission was launched by NASA aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Vandenberg Space Force Base, California
- Iran successfully launched its telecommunications and research satellite Nahid-2 into space aboard a Russian Soyuz rocket. It is designed to remain in orbit for five years
- Turkey has unveiled Tayfun Block-4, its first indigenously developed long-range hypersonic ballistic missile, joining the elite group of nations like the USA, Russia, and China in the global hypersonic arms race.
- Apollyon Dynamics, a defence-tech startup founded by Jayant Khatri and Sourya Choudhury from Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani-Hyderabad Campus, has successfully delivered indigenously developed Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) to the Indian Army.
- 'Samudra Prachet', the last of the two indigenous Pollution Control Vessels (PCVs) constructed by Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL) was launched for Indian Coast Guard (ICG) in Goa on July 23, 2025. First vessel is Samudra Pratap, launched in 2024
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) has launched INS Ajay, the eighth and final ship of the Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) series being built for the Indian Navy
- For its first hydrographic mission to Malaysia, the Indian Navy Ship (INS) Sandhayak, the country's domestically constructed Survey Vessel (Large) (SVL), docked at Port Klang, Malaysia
- India is set to receive the first batch of AH-64E Apache attack helicopters from the USA, after a 15-month delay



Ques: What is the name of the sixth Adamy-class Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) launched by Goa Shipyard Limited for the Indian Coast Guard?

गोवा शिपयार्ड लिमिटेड द्वारा भारतीय तटरक्षक बल के लिए लॉन्च किए गए एडम्य-क्लास फास्ट पेट्रोल वेसल (FPV) की छठी पोत का क्या नाम है?

- A. ICGS Akshar / आईसीजीएस अक्षर
- B. ICGS Amulya / आईसीजीएस अमूल्य
- C. ICGS Achal / आईसीजीएस अचल
- D. ICGS Atal / आईसीजीएस अटल
- E. ICGS Akshay / आईसीजीएस अक्षय

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), a defence PSU under the Ministry of Defence, launched ICGS Atal, the sixth Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) of the Adamy-class, in Vasco-da-Gama, Goa.
- The vessel features over 60% indigenous content, supporting the government's "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" initiative.
- It measures 52 meters in length, 8 meters in beam, and has a displacement of ~320 tonnes.
- It uses a controllable pitch propeller (CPP) propulsion system and reaches a top speed of 27 knots.
- The Adamy-class contract was signed in March 2022 with a total value of Rs.473 crore, for eight FPVs.
- The first in the series, ICGS Adamy, was launched in October 2024 and inducted in July 2025.
- The remaining two FPVs are set to be launched by December 2025.





Ques: On which railway section was the indigenously developed Kavach 4.0 first commissioned in India?

भारत में स्वदेशी रूप से विकसित कवच 4.0 प्रणाली को पहली बार किस रेलवे खंड पर चालू किया गया?

- A. Mumbai–Pune section / मुंबई–पुणे खंड
- B. Delhi–Ambala section / दिल्ली–अंबाला खंड
- C. Howrah–Kharagpur section / हावड़ा–खड़गपुर खंड
- D. Mathura–Kota section / मथुरा–कोटा खंड
- E. Secunderabad–Hyderabad section / सिकंदराबाद–हैदराबाद खंड

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Kavach 4.0, the latest version of the indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system, has been commissioned on the Mathura–Kota section of the high-density Delhi–Mumbai route.
- Kavach was designed to prevent train accidents by monitoring and controlling train speeds, ensuring operational safety.
- The system has been under development since 2015, with its first operational certificate issued in 2018 after trials on the South Central Railway (SCR).
- The upgraded Kavach 4.0, approved in May 2025, supports speeds up to 160 kmph and is now being rolled out as part of India's railway modernization efforts.
- All system components are manufactured indigenously, highlighting the Make in India initiative.

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Ques: Who set a new world record by performing Bharatanatyam continuously for 170 hours in July 2025?

किसने जुलाई 2025 में लगातार 170 घंटे भरतनाट्यम करके नया विश्व रिकॉर्ड बनाया है?

- A. Sudhir Jagpath / सुधीर जगपथ
- B. Remona Evette Pereira / रेमोना एवेट परेरा
- C. Sri Vidya / श्री विद्या
- D. Meenakshi Iyer / मीनाक्षी अय्यर
- E. Rukmini Devi Arundale / रुक्मिणी देवी अरुंडेल

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Remona Evette Pereira, a 20-year-old Catholic student from Mangalore, entered the Golden Book of World Records by performing Bharatanatyam non-stop for 170 hours.
- Her performance took place from July 21 to July 28, 2025, totaling 10,200 minutes over 7 consecutive days.
- She broke the previous record of 127 hours, set by Sudhir Jagpath in 2023.
- Remona is a student at St. Aloysius College, Mangalore, and has been training in Bharatanatyam for 13 years under her Guru Sri Vidya.

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Ques: Which Indian state received the Centre's nod for the country's first AI-based road safety pilot project?

भारत के किस राज्य को देश की पहली कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) आधारित सड़क सुरक्षा पायलट परियोजना के लिए केंद्र की मंजूरी मिली है?

- A. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- B. Gujarat / गुजरात
- C. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
- D. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- E. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has granted a No Objection Certificate (NOC) for an AI and Big Data Analytics-based Road Safety Pilot Project proposed by the Uttar Pradesh Transport Department.
- This marks India's first state-led AI intervention in road safety.
- The pilot will be implemented in Lucknow, targeting high-traffic areas like Hazratganj–Parivartan Chowk, Shaheed Path, and other key routes.
- The project aims to deploy an AI-based Intelligent Traffic Management System (AI-ITMS) to enhance road safety and reduce congestion.
- The six-week pilot phase will be executed by ITI Limited (a public sector enterprise) in collaboration with mLogica.
- The Government of Uttar Pradesh has earmarked Rs.10 crore in its 2025–26 state budget for the initiative.





Ques: Who is the author of the book "The Man Who Became Cinema", which deconstructs Dilip Kumar's acting method?

दिलीप कुमार की अभिनय शैली को विश्लेषित करने वाली पुस्तक "The Man Who Became Cinema" के लेखक कौन हैं?

- A. Yasir Usman / यासिर उस्मान
- B. Ashok Chopra / अशोक चोपड़ा
- C. Anupama Chopra / अनुपमा चोपड़ा
- D. Bhawana Somaaya / भावना सोमाया
- E. Rauf Ahmed / रऊफ अहमद

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- "The Man Who Became Cinema" is authored by Ashok Chopra and published by Penguin Random House.
- The book offers a film-by-film, frame-by-frame deconstruction of Dilip Kumar's cinematic journey, analyzing 57 films.
- It groups his roles into six distinct categories, exploring his deep impact on Indian cinema and his timeless acting style.
- The book aims to decode the method and mastery behind the legend who came to be known as the Tragedy King of Bollywood.

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Ques: According to the SOFI 2025 report, what was the estimated percentage of global hunger in 2024?

SOFI 2025 रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, 2024 में वैश्विक भूख का अनुमानित प्रतिशत कितना था?

- A. 7.0%
- B. 8.2%
- C. 9.5%
- D. 10.1%
- E. 11.3%

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) 2025 report found that global hunger declined to 8.2% in 2024, compared to 2022 levels.
- The report is published jointly by FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP, and WHO, and tracks SDG 2 targets.
- Despite improvement globally, hunger continues to rise in subregions of Africa and Western Asia.
- The number of people unable to afford a healthy diet globally fell from 2.76 billion in 2019 to 2.60 billion in 2024.
- However, challenges like rising food prices, anaemia in women, and adult obesity persist worldwide.
- In India, mobile adoption among Kerala fishermen and wholesalers helped reduce waste and price dispersion.

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Ques: According to the new trade deal, what flat tariff rate will the US impose on most goods exported from the European Union?

नई व्यापार समझौते के अनुसार, अमेरिका यूरोपीय संघ से निर्यातित अधिकांश वस्तुओं पर कितना प्लैट टैरिफ लगाएगा?

- A. 10%
- B. 12%
- C. 15%
- D. 20%
- E. 25%

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The United States and European Union finalized a landmark trade agreement, imposing a flat 15% tariff on most goods exported from the EU to the US.
- The deal was announced by US President Donald Trump and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen during a summit in Scotland.
- It helped avoid a potential trade war after months of tense negotiations.
- Steel and aluminium tariffs (50%) remain unchanged, despite this broader agreement.
- Additionally, the EU committed to invest \$600 billion in the US economy over the next three years and to spend \$750 billion on American energy resources, including LNG, oil, and nuclear fuel.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- "Sustainable Wellness of Students: A Collective Responsibility in Higher Education" : co-edited by Prof. Kamal Kishore Pandey , Prof. Lata Pandey, and Dr. Ramanand
- "The Rise of the Hitman: The Rohit Sharma Story" : R. Kaushik
- The New World: 21st Century Global Order and India : Ram Madhav
- "Eternal Light: The Life and Times of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama." : Arvind Yadav
- Das Paise ka Postcard : retired Army man S.N. Ahmed
- "Honest John: A Life of John Matthai" : Bakhtiar K. Dadabhoy
- 'One in a Billion' : Sonal Holland
- Confessions of a Shakespeare Addict : Retired IPS officer V.S. Ravi
- The Sour Mango Tree: Selected Works : Palyaada Lankesh (translated by Dr nataraj hulyar)
- Swasthya Ke Prahari : Lalit Shaurya
- 'Ambedkar ke Sandesh' : compiled by D.S. Veeraiah
- The One: Cricket, My Life and More : Former Indian Cricketer Shikhar Dhawan
- 'Mujib's Blunders: The Powers and the Plot Behind His Killing' : Manash Ghosh
- A Billion Butterflies: A Life in Climate and Chaos Theory : Dr. Jagadish Shukla
- "History That India Ignored" : Prem Prakash, Chairman of Asian News International (ANI)
- 'New World: 21st Century Global Order in India' : senior BJP leader Ram Madhav
- "Zan! Zendegi! Azadi!" (Woman! Life! Freedom!) : Chowra Makaremi
- "Varalaru Koorum Tamil Nattu Kaasugal (Coins that Speak Tamil Nadu History) : Thangam Thennarasu, Minister for Finance, Tamil Nadu and Arumuga Sitharaman, a noted numismatic researcher
- A Different Kind of Power : Jacinda Kate Laurell Ardern
- "The Stars Light the Way" : Sucheta Raj Khanna
- India's Finance Ministers III: Different Strokes (1998-2014) : A.K. Bhattacharya's
- Guardians of Heritage : Senthilkumar Chandrasekaran
- "Karnad Kaleidoscope" : Muralidhara Khajane
- 'Modi's Niti Shastra: The World's His Oyster : Senior Advocate Dr. Adish C. Aggarwala
- "Will India Get Rich Before it Turns 100?" : Prosenjit Datta
- Portrait of a Genius : Jayanta Bhuyan





Ques: What is the primary aim of the Setubandha Scholar Scheme launched by the Ministry of Education?

शिक्षा मंत्रालय द्वारा शुरू की गई सेतुबंध स्कॉलर योजना का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

- A. Promote foreign language education / विदेशी भाषा शिक्षा को बढ़ावा देना
- B. Integrate traditional scholars into IIT research ecosystem / पारंपरिक विद्वानों को IIT के अनुसंधान पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र में शामिल करना
- C. Offer scholarships to engineering toppers / इंजीनियरिंग टॉपर्स को छात्रवृत्तियाँ प्रदान करना
- D. Support startups in Sanskrit learning / संस्कृत शिक्षण में स्टार्टअप्स का समर्थन करना
- E. Fund international conferences in humanities / मानविकी में अंतरराष्ट्रीय सम्मेलनों को वित्तपोषित करना

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Setubandha Scholar Scheme is India's first national-level initiative that enables students from gurukul backgrounds to gain recognition and engage in interdisciplinary research at premier IITs.
- It does not require conventional degrees but focuses on rigorous traditional training and demonstrated knowledge of Shastras.
- The scheme is implemented by the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) division of Central Sanskrit University and backed by the Ministry of Education.
- The goal is to bridge traditional Indian education with modern academic research in fields like Ayurveda, Cognitive Science, Performing Arts, Political Theory, Mathematics, Physics, and more.

Fellowships:

- Rs.40,000/month + Rs.1 lakh/year (PG level)
- Rs.65,000/month + Rs.2 lakh/year (PhD level)





India's Rankings in Different Indices

- EduRank 2025 global list for Agricultural Sciences : Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) (93rd)
- July edition of Henley Passport Index 2025 Global Ranking Published by Henley & Partners (UK) : India (77th), Singapore (1st)
- Travel + Leisure Readers' 10 Favourite International Airports of 2025 List Published by Travel+Leisure : Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Maharashtra (9th), Istanbul Airport, Turkey (1st)
- Forbes' 2025 list of the 50 Richest Self-Made Women in world : Falguni Nayar, India (31), Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, India (32nd), Raefaela Aponte-Diamant, Switzerland (1st)
- Avendus Wealth-Hurun India U30 List 2025 is the 1st edition : Kaivalya Vohra (1st), Aadit Palicha (2nd)
- QS Best Student Cities 2026 was published by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) : Mumbai (Maharashtra) (98), Seoul (South Korea) (1st)
- 2024 Economic Impact Trends (EIR) Report was published by the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC), London : India (8th), USA (1st)
- FIFA rankings : Indian (133rd), Argentina (1st)
- 74th edition of the Statistical Review of World Energy 2025 was published by the London-based Energy Institute (EI) : India (4th), USA (1st)
- Geo Semi-Annual India FinTech Report (SEA TECH)-H1 2025, published by Tracxn Technologies Limited : India (3rd), United States (1st)
- world's most equal societies by World Bank : India (4th), Slovak Republic (1st)
- Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2025 : India (3rd), USA (1st)
- 10th edition of the Global Peace Index 2025 was released by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) : India (115th), Iceland (1st)
- 2025 SDG Index : India (99th), Finland (1st)
- QS World University Rankings 2026 : Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (1st), IIT Delhi (123rd)
- Global Liveability Index 2025 is published by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) : Copenhagen (Denmark) (1st)
- Global Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2025 published by the World Economic Forum (WEF) : India (71st)
- "Women in Politics: 2025" report : India (174th)





Ques: As per the recent announcement by Bihar CM Nitish Kumar, what is the revised incentive amount for ASHA workers?

बिहार के मुख्यमंत्री नीतीश कुमार की हालिया घोषणा के अनुसार, आशा कार्यकर्ताओं को अब कितनी प्रोत्साहन राशि दी जाएगी?

- A. Rs.1,000
- B. Rs.1,500
- C. Rs.2,000
- D. Rs.3,000
- E. Rs.3,500

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Bihar CM Nitish Kumar announced an increase in honorarium and incentives for ASHA and Mamta workers, who play a crucial role in delivering health services in rural areas.
- ASHA workers will now receive Rs.3,000 per month as incentive, up from Rs.1,000.
- Mamta workers, who promote awareness about safe childbirth and maternal-child health, will receive Rs.600 per delivery, increased from Rs.300.
- This step aims to boost motivation, performance, and rural healthcare outreach in Bihar.

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Ques: Which eminent Indian-born economist and UK House of Lords member passed away at the age of 85 in 2025?

वर्ष 2025 में किस प्रख्यात भारतीय मूल के अर्थशास्त्री और यूके हाउस ऑफ लॉर्ड्स के सदस्य का 85 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया?

- A. Amartya Sen / अमर्त्य सेन
- B. Meghnad Desai / मेघनाद देसाई
- C. Raghuram Rajan / रघुराम राजन
- D. Kaushik Basu / कौशिक बसु
- E. Jagdish Bhagwati / जगदीश भगवती

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Meghnad Desai, an eminent economist, author, and member of the UK House of Lords, passed away in 2025 at the age of 85.
- He was born in 1940 in Vadodara, Gujarat, and became the first Indian-origin peer from the Labour Party in 1991.
- He authored several important books, including Marxian Economic Theory (1973), Applied Econometrics (1976), Marxian Economics (1979) and Marx's Revenge: The Resurgence of Capitalism and the Death of Statist Socialism
- In India, he also established the Meghnad Desai Academy of Economics in Mumbai to nurture future economists.

