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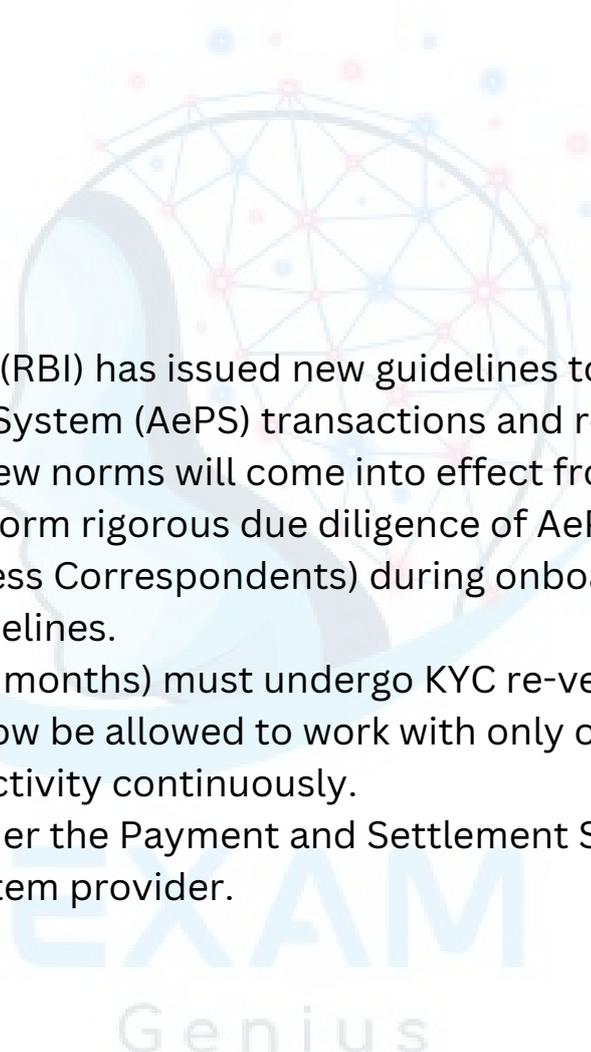
Ques: From which date will RBI's new guidelines for AePS touchpoint operators come into effect?

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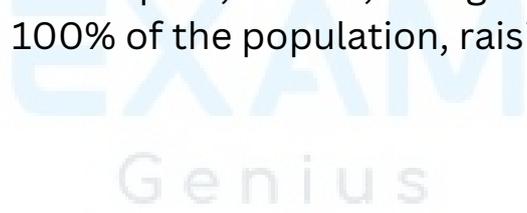
Ques: As per the new rules, who will have the exclusive authority to issue Aadhaar cards in Assam?

- 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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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- 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
- 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
- The International Tennis Federation (ITF) announced Shrivalli Bhamidipaty as the winner of the Billie Jean King Cup Heart Award for the Asia-Oceania zone
- 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
- The 5th edition of the Khelo India University Games will be hosted for the first time in Rajasthan in November 2025
- 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
- Indian shuttlers won 27 medals at the Asian ParaBadminton Championship 2025 in Thailand. India's haul included four gold medals, 10 silver medals, and 13 bronze medals
- Neeraj Chopra won the Ostrava Golden Spike meet with a throw of 85.29 metres
- The Poznań Open 2025 tennis tournament in Poland will see India's Vijay Sundar Prashanth and his Spanish partner Sergio Martos Gornes win the doubles championship. The clay courts at the Park Tenisowy Olimpia served as the venue for the Poznań Open, an ATP Challenger 100 tennis competition.
- The Oklahoma City Thunder have won the 2025 NBA title, beating the Indiana Pacers 103-91 in Game 7.
- Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz defeated Czech Jiri Lehecka in the final at Queen's Club.
- Hockey India signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Tamil Nadu to host the FIH Men's Junior World Cup 2025. The 14th edition of the international hockey tournament will be held in Chennai and Madurai from November 28 to December 10, 2025
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) is considering allowing four-day Test matches for smaller nations during the 2027-29 World Test Championship cycle
- Neeraj Chopra, India's star javelin thrower, won the Paris Diamond League 2025 with a top throw of 88.16 metres in his very first attempt





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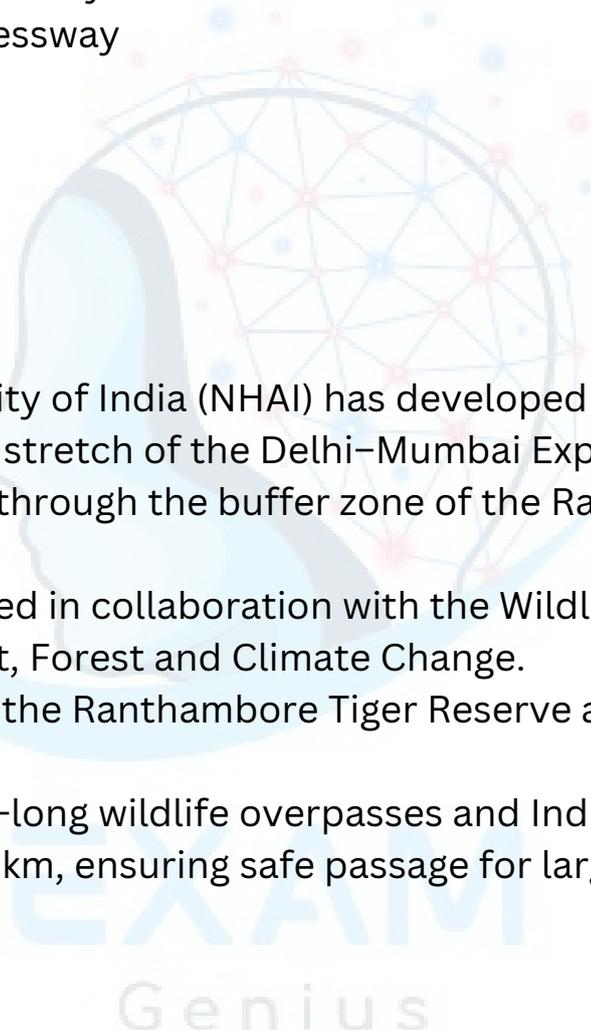
Ques: On which national expressway has India's first dedicated wildlife corridor been developed?

- 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.





Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and World :

- The Italian Institute of Technology's iRonCub3, the world's first jet-propelled humanoid robot, has achieved a breakthrough in humanoid robotics by lifting off the ground by around 50 cm and remaining stable throughout.
- Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL), formerly known as Sagarmala Development Company Limited, has been inaugurated as India's first NBFC in the maritime sector
- Kottayam has been officially declared the first district in Kerala to eliminate extreme poverty, a milestone in the state's social welfare initiatives
- Andhra Pradesh will host India's first Quantum Computing Valley in Amaravati by January 2026
- 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
- Larsen & Toubro has become the first company in India to list Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) bonds on the National Stock Exchange (NSE)
- 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
- Under the New Nuclear Energy Mission, Bihar will establish its first nuclear power plant based on Small Modular Reactor (SMR) technology
- 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
- Adani New Industries Limited (ANIL) has commissioned India's first off-grid 5 MW green hydrogen pilot plant in Kutch, Gujarat, officially announced on 23rd June 2025
- Oman has issued a royal decree to become the first Gulf country to impose personal income tax starting in 2028
- NTPC Limited flagged off five hydrogen fuel cell-based buses for India's first commercial hydrogen bus operations in Leh
- BSNL has soft-launched Quantum 5G Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) in Hyderabad, India's first fully indigenous, SIM-less 5G FWA service, delivering fibre-like speeds via 5G radio
- The National Institute of Immunohaematology (NIIH), under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), launched India's first national rare blood donor registry in Mumbai





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





Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Working Group Meeting on Maritime Security (IWG-MARSEC) hosted by Indian Navy at New Delhi
- 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 Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meeting 2025 will be held in Qingdao, China, from June 25 to 26, under the chairmanship of China
- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla inaugurated the National Conference of Estimates Committees of Parliament and State/UT Legislative Bodies in Mumbai
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired the 47th Annual General Meeting of the Prime Ministers Museum and Library (PMML) Society at Teen Murti Bhawan, New Delhi
- At the National Conference on Agri Stack in New Delhi, the Kisan Pehchan Patra was introduced as a Digitally Verifiable Credential
- At the 113th International Labor Conference, which took place in Geneva from June 2–13, 2025, ILO Convention C 192—Convention addressing prevention and protection against biological hazards in the working environment—was adopted
- The Bonn Climate Change Conference 2025 began on June 16 in Bonn, Germany, the headquarters of the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change)
- The Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN) hosted a hybrid global summit called “Yoga Connect 2025” at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- In the third meeting of the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) chaired by Srinivas Katikithala, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, the Central Government approved 2,34,864 houses under PMAY-Urban 2.0
- The 6th Governing Council meeting of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) was held in New Delhi





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.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Festivals & Fairs :

- Kataragama Esala festival : commence in Sri Lanka with the flag hoisting ceremony.
- Ashadhi Bij : falls on the second day of Shukla paksha of Ashada month of Hindu calendar. It is associated with the beginning of rains in the Kutch region of Gujarat.
- Ambubachi Mela : held at the Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati, Assam
- 'Beej Utsav' (Seed Festival) : held in the tribal regions at the tri-junction of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat for 4 Days
- Deva Snana Purnima ritual, also called Snana Yatra : Rath Yatra festivities in Puri
- Poson Poya festival : Sri Lanka is celebrating to mark the historic arrival of Buddhism over 2,000 years ago
- Lavender Festival 3rd Edition : Organized by CSIR – Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM) at Baderwah, J&K
- Strawberry Festival : Meghalaya
- Festival Garia and Borsho Boron Utsav 2025 : at Swami Vivekananda Maidan, Agartala, Tripura
- Defence Literature Festival 'Kalam & Kavach 2.0' : 2nd edition held at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
- Madhavpur Mela : in Madhavpur, Porbandar district, Gujarat to commemorates the divine union of Lord Krishna of Dwarka and Rukmani of Arunachal Pradesh
- Rongali Bihu, also called Bohag Bihu : celebrated in Assam in mid-April, marking the Assamese New Year
- Sarhul Festival : tribal festival celebrated by Adivasi communities in the Chhotanagpur region, especially in Jharkhand
- 37th edition of the Kathak Mahotsav 2025 : held in New Delhi, organized by Kathak Kendra
- Yaoshang Festival (the festival of Holi) : Manipur, begins on the full moon day of the Lamta month (February–March)
- Nyokum Yullo Celebration : at Boasimla, Kamle District, Arunachal Pradesh by the Nyishi people in Arunachal Pradesh
- Khajuraho Dance Festival : organized by Madhya Pradesh's Department of Culture and supported by Madhya Pradesh Tourism, has showcased India's classical dances
- Ali Ai Ligang festival : Assam by Mising tribe
- 'Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela' 2025 : in New Delhi, presenting the most recent seed types and agricultural innovations
- 24th Divya Kala Mela : at Gulshan Ground in Jammu





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

- A. Dr. Prajmitra 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. Prajmitra 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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