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Ques: What is the new extended implementation date for Phase-III of SEBI's new nomination framework in the securities market?

- A. September 1, 2025
- B. October 31, 2025
- C. November 30, 2025
- D. December 15, 2025
- E. January 1, 2026

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- SEBI extended the timeline for Phase-III of its new nomination framework from September 1, 2025 to December 15, 2025.
- This was announced via a circular issued under powers granted by the SEBI Act, 1992, and relevant regulations.
- Phase-III focuses on full implementation of the nomination framework by intermediaries and systems.
- Earlier, Phase-II was also extended from June 1, 2025, to August 8, 2025, covering digital nomination and video-verified opt-out.
- Phase-I went live on March 1, 2025, covering mandatory nomination and survivorship provisions.

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Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- SEBI has introduced a compliance framework for Specialized Investment Funds (SIFs) to monitor and maintain a minimum investment threshold. As per the new rules, investors must maintain a minimum investment of Rs.10 lakh across all investment strategies of a SIF
- SEBI in collaboration with the National Stock Exchange (NSE), has launched Samuhik Prativedan Manch, a unified reporting platform
- SEBI renewed the recognition of Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) as a clearing corporation for a period of three years, from July 31, 2025, to July 30, 2028.
- SEBI has launched the Securities Market Hackathon at the Global Fintech Fest 2025
- The Wealth Company Asset Management Holdings Pvt. Ltd. has received final approval from SEBI to start its mutual fund operations
- Aurum PropTech Limited received approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India to launch its Small and Medium Real Estate Investment Trust (SM-REIT) under the name AMSA SM REIT Investment Trust
- SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) launched the Venture Capital Fund (VCF) Settlement Scheme 2025
- Mobikwik Securities Broking Private Limited (MSBPL), a wholly owned subsidiary of One Mobikwik Systems, has secured regulatory approval from SEBI
- SEBI took strict action against Jane Street, a US-based proprietary trading firm, for manipulating Bank Nifty expiry prices
- SEBI has approved the e-KYC Setu System, developed by NPCI in collaboration with UIDAI, for Aadhaar-based digital KYC.
- SEBI has introduced a secure platform called CeFCoM (Centralized Fee Collection Mechanism) to ensure that investors make payments only to SEBI-registered investment advisers and research analysts, reducing the risk of financial fraud and unauthorized collections
- SEBI has directed that NSE's weekly index derivatives contracts will now expire on Tuesday instead of the earlier Thursday
- National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) has received SEBI's approval to launch monthly electricity futures contracts



Ques: What was the total GST collection reported for July 2025?

- A. Rs.1.83-lakh crore
- B. Rs.1.89-lakh crore
- C. Rs.1.96-lakh crore
- D. Rs.2.01-lakh crore
- E. Rs.1.76-lakh crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- GST collection for July 2025 rose 7.5% year-on-year to Rs.1.96-lakh crore, marking a strong performance driven by imports.
- Domestic net collection declined by 6.7% to Rs.1.43-lakh crore, mainly due to a 117% surge in refunds, resulting in negative net domestic GST.
- In contrast, import GST rose by 9.7%, helping support the overall gross GST figures.
- Experts attribute the domestic dip to reduced urban consumption, including automobile sales and seasonal moderation.
- However, timely processing of refunds by the government was seen as a business-friendly measure to ease working capital stress.
- Tax expert Vivek Jalan noted that this was the first YoY fall in net GST since the Covid era (2020–21).

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Ques: As per DIPAM, what is the total percentage of stake that the Government and LIC will divest in IDBI Bank?

- A. 49.24%
- B. 45.48%
- C. 94.72%
- D. 60.72%
- E. 30.24%

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- As part of the strategic disinvestment of IDBI Bank, both the Government of India and LIC will jointly divest a total of 60.72% stake.
- This includes 30.48% by the government and 30.24% by LIC.
- This is the first-of-its-kind disinvestment where both promoter entities are selling their stakes simultaneously.
- The process has reached the financial bidding stage, expected in Q3 of FY 2025-26, after due diligence and regulatory clearances.

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Ques: What is the concessional government guarantee fee notified by the Finance Ministry for NaBFID's borrowings from multilateral and foreign institutions?

- A. 0.05%
- B. 0.1%
- C. 0.5%
- D. 1%
- E. 2%

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Finance Ministry has notified a 0.1% concessional government guarantee fee for borrowings by NaBFID from multilateral institutions, sovereign wealth funds, and other notified foreign entities.
- The fee is applicable at the time of securing the guarantee and also annually on April 1.
- NaBFID (National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development) was established in 2021, is headquartered in Mumbai, and its Chairman is K. V. Kamath

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Ques: What was the total number of UPI transactions recorded in July 2025?

- A. 18.40 billion
- B. 25.08 billion
- C. 19.47 billion
- D. 20.20 billion
- E. 22.35 billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions hit an all-time high of 19.47 billion in July 2025, marking a 35% year-on-year growth, as per NPCI data.
- The total transaction value also surged by 22% y-o-y, reaching Rs.25.08 lakh crore.
- In comparison, June 2025 recorded 18.40 billion transactions worth Rs.24.04 lakh crore.
- This growth reflects the increasing adoption of digital payments by small businesses, local retailers, and last-mile users.

To manage the high UPI load, NPCI introduced new operational guidelines effective August 1, including:

- Balance checks limited to 50 per app/day
- Maximum 25 API requests per user/app/day
- Mandate transactions only allowed in non-peak hours, with a maximum of 4 attempts





Ques: According to S&P Global, India's Manufacturing PMI in July 2025 reached a 16-month high of how much?

- A. 55.3
- B. 57.2
- C. 58.4
- D. 59.1
- E. 60.5

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- As per S&P Global, India's Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose to 59.1 in July 2025, marking the highest level in 16 months.
- The growth was fuelled by a surge in new orders, production, and inventory purchases.
- A PMI score above 50 indicates expansion, while below 50 signals contraction.
- However, job creation hit its lowest level since November 2024, and business sentiment dropped to a 3-year low due to inflation and market competition.
- Persistent elevated input and output prices signal mild inflationary pressure in Q2 of FY26.

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Ques: As per Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh, what is India's rank in global fish production?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh, in a recent programme held in Kolkata, stated that India ranks second globally in fish production.
- He chaired a review meeting with officials from West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, and Chhattisgarh, focusing on ways to improve fish production and address related challenges.
- The discussion also involved important schemes such as the PM Matsya Sampada Yojana and the Kisan Credit Card.
- According to the minister, India's fish production increased by 103% in 2024-25 compared to 2013-14, highlighting the sector's rapid growth.
- He further emphasized that rural ponds in West Bengal hold untapped potential to boost fish production.

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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)





Ques: Who has been appointed as the 13th Prime Minister of Myanmar in the newly formed government?

- A. Win Myint
- B. Aung San Suu Kyi
- C. Than Shwe
- D. Htin Kyaw
- E. U Nyo Saw

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Myanmar recently announced the formation of a new Government and National Security and Peace Commission to oversee defence and elections.
- U Nyo Saw was appointed as the 13th Prime Minister of Myanmar.
- Despite the changes, General Min Aung Hlaing continues to serve as the acting President and Chief of the Armed Forces.
- The newly established National Security and Peace Commission will be led by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

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Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President :

- Prime Minister of Rwanda : Justin Nsengiyumva (succeeds Edouard Ngirente)
- Prime Minister of Ukraine : Yulia Anatoliivna Svyrydenko
- First female President of Suriname : Jennifer Simons (Replaced Chandrikapersad Santokhi)
- 34th Prime Minister (PM) of Mongolia : Gombojav Zandanshatar
- 14th President of South Korea : Lee Jae-myung (Replaced Yoon Suk-yeol)
- 7th President of Poland : Karol Nawrock (Replaced Andrzej Duda)
- 119th Prime Minister (PM) of Portugal : Luis Filipe Montenegro Cardoso de Morais Esteves
- President of Romania : Nicusor Dan
- 48th President of Ecuador : Daniel Noboa
- Prime Minister of Sudan : Kamil al-Taib Idris
- President of Togo : Jean-Lucien Kwassi Lanyo Savi de Tové (Replaced Faure Gnassingbe)
- Prime Minister of Yemen : Salem Saleh Bin Braik (replacing Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak)
- Prime Minister of Australia : Anthony Albanese
- Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago : Kamla Persad-Bissessar (replaced Stuart Young)
- Prime Minister (PM) of Serbia : Djuro Macut (Replaced Milos Vucevic)
- President of Ecuador : Daniel Noboa
- President of Gabon : Junta chief Brice Oligui Nguema
- Prime Minister (PM) of Tunisia : Sarra Zaafrani Zenzri (2nd Women)
- first female President of Namibia : Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah
- Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago : Stuart Richard Young (Replaced Dr. Keith Rowley)
- Prime Minister of Canada : Mark Carney (Replaced Justin Trudeau)
- 65th President of Uruguay : Yamandú Orsi (Replaced Luis Lacalle Pou)
- President of Greece : Constantine Tassoulas (Replaced Katerina Sakellaropoulou, Greece's first female president)
- Prime Minister of Vanuatu : Jotham Napat (Replaced Charlot Salwai)





Ques: Who won the Best Actor award in a leading role at the 71st National Film Awards?

- A. Salman Khan & Ranbir Kapoor
- B. Shah Rukh Khan & Ranveer Singh
- C. Shah Rukh Khan & Vikrant Massey
- D. Vikrant Massey & Ayushmann Khurrana
- E. Ranbir Kapoor & Vikrant Massey

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- At the 71st National Film Awards, Shah Rukh Khan won the Best Actor award for his performance in Jawan, while Vikrant Massey also received the award for 12th Fail. Prize - Rajat Kamal and a cash prize of Rs 2 lakhs shared between the two.
- This year, the awards received 332 feature film entries, 115 non-feature films, 27 book entries, and 16 film critics' submissions.
- Ashutosh Gowariker was the Chairperson of the Feature Film Jury, P Sheshadri was the Chairperson of the Non-Feature Film Jury, and Gopalkrishna Pai was the Chairperson of the Best Writing on Cinema Jury.
- Best Actress was awarded to Rani Mukherjee for Mrs. Chatterjee Vs Norway. Prize - Rajat Kamal and cash prize of Rs 2 lakhs
- Best Feature Film went to 12th Fail, directed by Vidhu Vinod Chopra. Prize - Swaran Kamal and a cash prize of Rs 3 Lakhs to the producer and director each.
- Best Non-Feature Film was Flowering Man by Soumyajit Ghosh Dastidar.
- Best Direction: Sudipto Sen, 'The Kerala Story' (Hindi). Prize - Swaran Kamal and cash prize of Rs 3 lakhs
- Best Feature Film Promoting Social, National, and Environmental Values : Sam Bahadur (Hindi), Director: Meghna Gulzar. Prize -Rajat Kamal and a cash prize of Rs 2 Lakhs to the producer and director each.
- Best Film in AVGC (Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming & Comic)- : Hanu-Man (Telugu), Director: Prasanth Varma. Prize - Swaran Kamal and a cash prize of Rs 3 Lakhs to the producer and director each.





Ques: Who was conferred with the 43rd Lokmanya Tilak National Award in 2025?

- A. Sudha Murty
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Nitin Gadkari
- D. Sharad Pawar
- E. Dr. K. Kasturirangan

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari received the 43rd Lokmanya Tilak National Award on August 1, 2025, which also marks the death anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak.
- The award is instituted by the Tilak Smarak Mandir Trust since 1983 to recognize individuals contributing to national progress.
- The award includes a cash prize of Rs.1 lakh and a citation.
- In 2024, the award was given to Sudha Murty, a noted social activist, writer, and Rajya Sabha MP.

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Ques: What is the name of the first joint Earth observation mission launched by ISRO and NASA?

- A. RISAT-2BR1
- B. Cartosat-3
- C. NISAR
- D. Oceansat-3
- E. SARal

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) is the first joint Earth observation mission between ISRO and NASA.
- It was successfully launched aboard the GSLV-F16 rocket from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- NISAR is the world's first radar imaging satellite to operate with dual-frequency (L-band and S-band) on a single platform.
- The mission will provide high-resolution, all-weather, day-and-night imagery and aims to scan nearly all of Earth's land and ice surfaces every 12 days.
- The satellite weighs 2,392 kg and operates in a sun-synchronous polar orbit at an altitude of approximately 747 km, circling the Earth 14 times daily.
- Corner reflector calibration is being done by IIT Kanpur and IIT Patna during the 90-day commissioning phase.

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Ques: What is the initial funding amount allocated by the Tamil Nadu government for the new semiconductor facility in collaboration with IIT Madras?

- A. Rs.500 crore
- B. Rs.250 crore
- C. Rs.100 crore
- D. Rs.150 crore
- E. Rs.75 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Tamil Nadu Government in collaboration with IIT Madras is setting up a Centre for Advanced Semiconductor Technologies with an initial seed funding of Rs.100 crore.
- This facility will be located at the Central Polytechnic Campus, Chennai, and aims to train over 4,500 candidates.
- It will include 2–6 week training modules on applied research in EVs, data centers, and space technology.
- A prototype fab unit will enable students to learn the end-to-end chip-making process, and the lab will also focus on developing indigenous semiconductor tools to build local capability

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Recent News Headlines Related to IITs

- The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru launched the BHARAT initiative as part of its Longevity India Program
- IIT Gandhinagar led archaeological research that discovered human presence in the Great Rann of Kutch dating back at least 5,000 years before the Harappan civilisation
- IIT Madras has signed a MOU with Grid Controller of India Limited (GRID-INDIA) under the Ministry of Power to enhance Tanzania's electrical grid infrastructure. The collaboration is based at IIT Madras Zanzibar, the institute's international campus in Tanzania.
- IIT Kharagpur and Singapore's Institute of Microelectronics (IME), under the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) Signed MOU at SEMICON Southeast Asia 2025 to collaborate on semiconductor research and talent development
- The Bharat Forecast System (BFS) is developed by Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune. It provides a 6 km resolution, which is the highest resolution in the world for weather forecasting
- IIT Delhi launched the 'Manasvi' mentorship programme in New Delhi to inspire high-school girls to pursue careers in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)
- The Delhi cabinet has approved five cloud-seeding trials to combat high pollution levels in the city. IIT Kanpur will lead the planning and execution of the project
- The Union Cabinet approved the Phase-B construction for 5 new IITs under the IIT Expansion Plan 2025. The five IITs are: IIT Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), IIT Palakkad (Kerala), IIT Bhilai (Chhattisgarh), IIT Jammu (Jammu & Kashmir) and IIT Dharwad (Karnataka)
- Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) is initiating a Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G) pilot project in collaboration with IIT Bombay
- Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) signed an MoU with IIT Hyderabad to integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Digital Twin technologies in India's maritime sector
- Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan inaugurated Techkriti 2025, Asia's largest intercollegiate technical and entrepreneurial festival, at IIT Kanpur
- UIDAI, in collaboration with IIIT-Hyderabad, has launched a biometric SDK benchmarking competition to test the age invariance of biometric algorithms





Ques: What is the name of the green legacy initiative launched under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' programme in the Aravalli Hills?

- A. Matri Van
- B. Green India Mission
- C. Van Vikas Abhiyan
- D. Harit Aravalli Yojana
- E. Aravalli Eco Park

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The 'Matri Van' initiative was launched under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' programme by the Government of India, aiming to promote ecological preservation and community participation.
- The launch ceremony was presided over by Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav and Union Minister Manohar Lal.
- The initiative will be developed over 750 acres in the Aravalli Hill area, specifically along the Gurugram-Faridabad Road.
- It involves removing invasive species like Kabuli Kikar (*Prosopis juliflora*) and planting native trees like Dhak and Amaltash, along with theme-based groves to restore the local ecology.

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Ques: Which country has adopted Assam's 'Hargila Army' conservation model to protect storks?

- A. Nepal
- B. Bhutan
- C. Myanmar
- D. Cambodia
- E. Vietnam

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Cambodia has adopted the Hargila Army model of Assam, a successful community-led conservation initiative to protect the endangered Greater Adjutant Stork.
- Led by Purnima Devi Barman, the Hargila Army empowers local women in Assam to engage in stork conservation efforts.
- 20 Cambodian women conservationists and rangers are being trained in Prek Toal Bird Sanctuary, located in the Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve.
- This model is now seen as a global example of community participation in wildlife conservation.

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Ques: Where will the NFDC's fully residential 3D Animation and VFX training program for North East India candidates be conducted?

- A. Guwahati, Assam
- B. Shillong, Meghalaya
- C. Aizawl, Mizoram
- D. Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh
- E. Imphal, Manipur

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) has launched an 8-month fully residential training program in 3D Animation and Visual Effects (VFX) for youth from the eight North Eastern states.
- The training is being conducted in partnership with Aptech Ltd.
- The program will be held at a fully-equipped training facility in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- Eligibility: Candidates must be at least 18 years old, and minimum 10+2 pass, or 10th pass with 3 years of industry experience.
- Only 100 candidates will be selected through a screening process, and a registration fee of Rs.1,180 applies.

About National Film Development Corporation of India :

- Established : 1975
- HQ : Mumbai
- MD : Prakash Magdum





Ques: Where was India's first indigenously-built 1 MW green hydrogen power plant inaugurated?

- A. Paradip Port, Odisha
- B. Visakhapatnam Port, Andhra Pradesh
- C. Mumbai Port, Maharashtra
- D. Deendayal Port, Gujarat
- E. Cochin Port, Kerala

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- India's first indigenously-built 1 MW green hydrogen power plant was inaugurated by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal at the Deendayal Port Authority (DPA) in Kandla, Gujarat.
- The project was established by Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Limited.
- It has the capacity to produce 140 metric tonnes (MT) of green hydrogen annually.
- It is the first green hydrogen facility at an Indian port and is part of a 10 MW project under the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM).
- The initiative supports India's goal to achieve net zero emissions by 2030.

About National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM) :

- Launched : January 2023
- Outlay : Rs.19,744 crore
- Implemented by : Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)
- Target : To achieve an ambitious production target of 5 million metric tonnes (MMT) of green hydrogen per year by 2030





Ques: Where is Google setting up its first and Asia's largest data centre in India?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Mumbai
- C. Visakhapatnam
- D. Hyderabad
- E. Chennai

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Google has planned to establish a 1 Gigawatt Data Centre in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, marking its first data centre investment in India.
- This will be the largest data centre in Asia in terms of both capacity and size.
- The project is part of Alphabet's USD 75 billion global data centre expansion in 2025, including similar initiatives in Singapore, Malaysia, and Thailand.
- USD 6 billion will be invested, including USD 2 billion for renewable energy infrastructure (solar/wind) to support sustainable operations.

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Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and World :

- Medha Roopam became the first-ever woman District Magistrate of Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh
- International astronomers have, for the first time, observed the formation of a new planetary system around a baby star named 'HOPS-315'
- 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
- Stardour Aerospace Technologies Private Limited successfully testfired India's first hydrogen-oxygen propulsion engine at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru
- Latam-GPT is the name of the first large artificial intelligence language model being developed specifically for Latin America
- The first direct unlocking system has been installed at Dinanagar railway station in Northern Railway's Jammu division, a step that is expected to improve efficiency and safety in railway operations.
- Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the successful test of India's first hydrogen-powered coach, called the Driving Power Car, at the Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai
- In 2022, Madhya Pradesh became the first Indian state to introduce MBBS education in Hindi, marking a significant step toward making medical education more accessible to Hindi-medium students.
- Bannerghatta Biological Park in Bengaluru exported animals for the first time in its history. It sent four Asian elephants (Suresh, Gowri, Shruthi, and Tulsi) to Himeji Central Park in Japan.
- Uttarakhand Forest Department has launched a first-of-its-kind systematic plant conservation programme to restore 14 critically endangered plant species to their original ecosystems in the Western Himalayas
- The Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Hemant Soren, launched India's first mining tourism initiative in Ranchi, Jharkhand to highlight the state's rich mining heritage
- The Government of Tamil Nadu has announced the establishment of India's first Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Hornbill Conservation at the Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR) in Coimbatore district, Tamil Nadu





Ques: FSSAI's definitive list of Ayurveda Aahara is based on which regulation?

- A. Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations, 2019
- B. Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations, 2020
- C. Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations, 2021
- D. Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations, 2022
- E. Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations, 2023

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), in collaboration with the Ministry of Ayush, has released a definitive list of Ayurveda Aahara to mainstream traditional Ayurvedic dietary wisdom.
- This action follows the Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations, 2022, which officially recognize food items based on ancient Ayurvedic texts.
- The list, derived from Schedule A and B of the regulations, aims to bring clarity, authenticity, and credibility to the manufacturing and labeling of Ayurvedic food products.
- Citizens are encouraged to include Ayurveda Aahara in their lifestyle to gain health benefits like stronger immunity, improved digestion, and better overall well-being.

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Recent Defence related appointments :

- Shri Raj Kumar Arora : Controller General of Defence Accounts
- Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan : 47th Vice Chief of the Naval Staff (VCNS) (succeeds Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan)
- Lieutenant General Pushpendra Singh : Vice Chief of the Army Staff
- Sanjay Singhal : Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) (replaces Amrit Mohan Prasad)
- 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)





Ques: Who has been appointed as the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of Dakshin Bharat Area, Indian Army, from August 1, 2025?

- A. Lt. Gen. V. Sreehari
- B. Lt. Gen. N.S. Raja Subramani
- C. Lt. Gen. Pushpendra Singh
- D. Lt. Gen. M. Shankar
- E. Lt. Gen. K.R. Mehta

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Lieutenant General V. Sreehari has been appointed as the General Officer Commanding (GOC), Dakshin Bharat Area, effective August 1, 2025.
- This important Indian Army formation covers Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and the Union Territories of Puducherry and Lakshadweep.
- Lt. Gen. Sreehari is a highly decorated officer, awarded the Shaurya Chakra (1998) during his service with 31 Rashtriya Rifles (Commando), the Sena Medal (Distinguished Services) in 2021, and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 2023.

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Ques: What date has been declared as 'Safai Andolan Day' for the Indus River under the Mission Indus Clean-up by Ladakh?

- A. August 5
- B. August 10
- C. August 12
- D. August 15
- E. August 20

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Union Territory of Ladakh has declared August 12 as Safai Andolan Day under its Mission Indus Clean-up, focusing on cleaning the Indus River and its tributaries.
- The campaign is led by the Leh Hill Council and supported by the UT administration, Indian Army, Air Force, Paramilitary Forces, BRO, and school students.
- The mission aims to reduce river pollution, especially addressing arsenic contamination, while also spreading awareness through social and religious leaders.
- It is a collaborative step toward environmental conservation and sustainable water management in the ecologically fragile Ladakh region.

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Ques: Which country will host the 8th Commonwealth Youth Games (CYG) in 2027?

- A. India
- B. Australia
- C. Canada
- D. Malta
- E. England

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The 8th Commonwealth Youth Games (CYG) in 2027 will be hosted by Malta, as announced by Commonwealth Sport (formerly Commonwealth Games Federation).
- The games will be held across four venue clusters in the islands of Malta and Gozo.
- More than 1,000 athletes, aged 14 to 18, from 74 countries and territories will participate.
- India hosted the 3rd edition of the Commonwealth Youth Games in 2008, in Pune, Maharashtra.

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Shreyasi Joshi has made history—becoming the first Indian to win gold in Classic Slalom at the Asian Roller Skating Championships 2025, held in South Korea.
- England, the defending champions, won the 14th edition of the UEFA European Women's Championship (UEFA Women's Euro Cup) by defeating Spain in the final
- India concluded its campaign at the FISU World University Games 2025 in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany with a total of 12 medals, including 2 Gold, 5 Silver and 5 Bronze
- Oscar Piastri, representing UK-based team McLaren, won the 70th edition of the Belgian Grand Prix held at Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps, Stavelot, Belgium
- Shubman Gill, the Indian Test team captain, created history by scoring four centuries in his debut Test series as captain during the 2025 Test series against England at Old Trafford
- Riley Powell spoiled Pankaj Advani's bid for a 29th world title, delivering a stunning comeback victory at the IBSF World 6-Red Snooker Championship.
- Indian shuttlers Tanvi Sharma and Vennala Kalagotla assured the country of two medals after storming into the singles semifinals at the Badminton Asia Junior Individual Championships 2025.
- India showcased outstanding performance at the 36th International Biology Olympiad and secured two gold and two silver medals. The event was held in Quezon City, Philippines, from July 20 to July 27
- Joe Root has now scored 13,380 runs in Test cricket, surpassing Ricky Ponting's total of 13,378 runs, making him the second-highest run-scorer in Test history
- The 17th Men's Asia Cup Cricket Tournament 2025 will be hosted by the United Arab Emirates (UAE), even though India was originally scheduled to host it
- India's Anahat Singh scripted history by claiming a bronze medal in the women's singles event at World Junior Squash Championships, the country's first in 15 years.
- In the semifinals of the FIDE Women's World Cup 2025, Divya Deshmukh defeated former World Champion Tan Zhongyi of China with a score of 1.5–0.5
- Venus Williams becomes the oldest woman to win a WTA singles match since Martina Navratilova in 2004
- Harmanpreet Kaur completed 4000 runs in One Day Internationals (ODIs) during her century knock of 102 runs, becoming the third Indian woman to reach this milestone



Ques: Which two-time Olympic biathlon champion of Germany died in a mountaineering accident at Laila Peak in Pakistan?

- A. Magdalena Neuner
- B. Laura Dahlmeier
- C. Kati Wilhelm
- D. Denise Herrmann
- E. Uschi Disl

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Laura Dahlmeier, a two-time Olympic biathlon champion from Germany, died in a mountaineering accident at Laila Peak (5,700 meters) in the Karakoram mountains of Pakistan.
- She was the first woman biathlete to win five gold medals at a single World Championship.
- At the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea, she became the first female biathlete to win gold in both the sprint and pursuit events.

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The 52nd President Scouts and Guides Awards for the years 2018-2021 held at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. The President awarded 16 Scouts, Guides, Rovers and Rangers

India has once again demonstrated its commitment to global humanitarian efforts by sending a consignment of humanitarian assistance to Syria. The aid package includes 5 Metric Tonnes of essential medicines

India's resolution titled "Promoting Sustainable Lifestyles for the Wise Use of Wetlands" was formally adopted at Ramsar CoP15 held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe on 30th July 2025.

38 Million euros loan Given by German Export Finance Bank to CEF Group, an Indian cleantech company for the construction of two CBG plants as part of CEF Group's wider plant to construct 22 such facilities across India

The remote Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia's far east witnessed two dramatic natural events – a powerful 8.8 magnitude earthquake followed by the eruption of the Klyuchevskoy volcano, the tallest active volcano in both Europe and Asia.

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