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**Ques: What is the name of India's first Specialised Investment Fund (SIF) approved by SEBI in 2025?**

- A. QSIF Equity Long-Short Fund
- B. Quant Alpha Advantage Fund
- C. QAMC Alternative Growth Fund
- D. Quant Startups Select Fund
- E. SEBI-SIF Opportunity Fund

**Answer: Option A**

Explanation :

- Quant Mutual Fund became the first Asset Management Company (AMC) in India to receive SEBI's approval to launch a Specialised Investment Fund (SIF) under the new category.
- The fund is named 'QSIF Equity Long-Short Fund', making it India's first SIF.
- Minimum investment required: Rs.10 lakh per investor.
- If this threshold is breached, the units across strategies are frozen for debit, and investors are given 30 days to rebalance, failing which their holdings are automatically redeemed at the prevailing NAV.
- SIFs are pooled investment vehicles that target alternative assets such as private equity, real estate, hedge funds, venture capital, etc., and are generally suited for institutional or high-net-worth investors.

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**Ques: Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for Australia's \$130 million tourism campaign in 2025?**

- A. Anushka Sharma
- B. Sara Tendulkar
- C. Deepika Padukone
- D. Rishabh Pant
- E. Virat Kohli

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- Sara Tendulkar, daughter of cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar, has been appointed brand ambassador for Australia's new \$130 million tourism campaign.
- The campaign is part of "Come and Say G'day", a global tourism initiative launched by Tourism Australia in 2022.
- The second chapter of the campaign was unveiled in August 2025 to promote Australia as a top travel destination worldwide

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### Recent Headlines Related to Brand Ambassador :

- Mahendra Singh (MS) Dhoni : Brand ambassador and strategic investor of Digital Insurer ACKO Technology and Services Private Limited
- Indian cricketer Yuvraj Singh : Co-owner and Brand Ambassador of the Indian Golf Premier League (IGPL)
- Sukanya Sonowal : Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassador
- Kartik Aaryan : Brand ambassador for Skechers USA Inc., popularly known as Skechers
- Sachin Tendulkar : Brand Ambassador of Reddit Inc.
- Cristiano Ronaldo : Global Ambassador for the Esports World Cup 2025 by the Esports World Cup Foundation (EWCF)
- Actress Neena Gupta : 'Cipladine - Aapka Fast Aid Expert' campaign of Cipla Health
- Katrina Kaif : Global Tourism Ambassador for the Maldives for Sunny Side of Life Campaign
- Bollywood actress Suhana Khan : Adidas Originals
- Vedic scholar Dushyanth Sridhar : Brand ambassador of Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu based Ramraj Cotton
- MS Dhoni : Dettol India
- Shahid Kapoor : Vogue Eyewear
- Anil Kumble : Forest and Wildlife Ambassador
- Shubman Gill : Oakley, a famous sunglasses company
- Shraddha Kapoor : Eureka Forbes Ltd vacuum cleaner range
- Neeraj Chopra : Mumbai (Maharashtra) based Audi India
- Tamannaah Bhatia : Karnataka Soaps & Detergents Limited (KSDL)
- Chinese basketball legend Miao Lijie and Japanese basketball icon Yuko Oga : FIBA Women's Asia Cup 2025 (31st edition)





**Ques : Who has been appointed as the head coach of the Indian men's national football team in 2025?**

- A. Igor Stimac
- B. Savio Medeira
- C. Manolo Marquez
- D. Khalid Jamil
- E. Stephen Constantine

**Answer : Option D**

**Explanation :**

- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has appointed Khalid Jamil as the new head coach of the Indian men's national football team.
- He is the first Indian to be appointed to this post since Savio Medeira (2011–12).
- He replaces Manolo Marquez, who resigned last month.
- Jamil has previously coached several Indian clubs and is considered one of the most experienced Indian football coaches.

**About AIFF :**

- Established : 1937
- HQ : New Delhi
- President : Kalyan Chaubey
- General Secretary : Anilkumar Prabhakaran





### Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Dr. A. Rajarajan : Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)
- IAS officer Shashi Prakash Goyal : Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh (succeeds Manoj Kumar Singh)
- KJ Patel : Managing Director of IFFCO (retirement of US Awasthi)
- Raj Kumar Arora : Controller General of Defence Accounts (Replaced Dr Mayank Sharma)
- A. Robert Jerard Ravi : 3-month extension as the Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) till October 14, 2025
- Mumbai-born Shailesh Jejurikar : President & CEO of Procter & Gamble (P&G) (succeed Jon Moeller)
- Nikhil Ravishankar, an executive of Indian origin : CEO of Air New Zealand (Replaced CEO Greg Foran)
- Lok Sabha Secretary-General Utpal Kumar Singh : Additional charge as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Sansad TV (Replaced Rajit Punhani)
- Vaishali Nigam Sinha : President of the United Nations Global Compact Network India (UNGCI) for the 2025– 2027 term
- Raghuram Iyer : CEO of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA)
- Uma Kanjilal : Vice Chancellor of the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) becoming the first woman to hold the post
- Nirmal K. Minda : Senior Vice President of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) (succeed Sanjay Nayar)
- Manish Tiwary : Chairman of the board of Nestle India
- Ashok Chaudhary : Chairman of the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) (replaced Shamal Patel)
- Gordhan Dhameliya : Chairman of Rajkot District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union Ltd
- Vaishali Nigam Sinha, Co-Founder and Chairperson – Sustainability, ReNew Private Limited : President of the United Nations Global Compact Network India (UNGCI) for 2025–2027 term
- Stephane Deblaise : CEO of Renault Group India
- Venkatram Mamillapalle : Managing Director of Renault India Private Limited
- Patrik Antoni : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IKEA India



**Ques: Abdulla Aboobacker, who recently won the men's triple jump title at the Qosanov Memorial 2025, hails from which Indian state?**

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. Haryana

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- Athlete: Abdulla Aboobacker — Indian triple jumper, former Asian champion.
- Achievement: Won men's triple jump title at Qosanov Memorial 2025 in Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- State: Kerala.
- Next major event: World Athletics Championships — Tokyo, 13–21 September 2025.

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## Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar unveiled the mascot 'Ashoka', a rabbit, for the Asia Rugby Under-20 (Sevens) Championship
- Magnus Carlsen (Norway), the current World No.1 Grandmaster and a member of Team Liquid, won the first-ever Chess Esports World Cup held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- The 8th Commonwealth Youth Games (CYG) in 2027 will be hosted by Malta, as announced by Commonwealth Sport (formerly Commonwealth Games Federation)
- Athletes will be eligible to compete in the female category for world ranking competitions such as the World Championships only if they clear a one-time gene test in a bid to protect the integrity of women's sport, World Athletics
- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) launched the Benevolence Fund to offer one-time medical financial assistance to retired players, coaches, referees, match officials, and support staff
- In a nail-biting finale at the Hungarian Grand Prix 2025, Lando Norris secured victory after fending off a late charge from his McLaren teammate Oscar Piastri.
- 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.







**Ques: What is the name of the Russian intermediate-range hypersonic ballistic missile capable of reaching speeds of Mach 10 and expected to be deployed in Belarus by the end of 2025?**

- A. Avangard
- B. Zircon
- C. Oreshnik
- D. Kinzhal
- E. Iskander-M

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Oreshnik is Russia's latest intermediate-range hypersonic ballistic missile.
- The name "Oreshnik" translates to "hazel tree" in Russian.
- It was first operationally launched on November 21, 2024, striking a Ukrainian defense facility in Dnipro.
- Belarus (where it will be deployed) borders EU and NATO countries: Poland, Latvia, and Lithuania.

**Key features:**

- Speed: Up to Mach 10 (10 times the speed of sound)
- Range: Approx. 5,000 km
- MIRV capable: Can hit multiple targets simultaneously
- MaRV tech: Allows mid-flight maneuverability, making interception difficult





## Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- Pakistan launched an advanced Earth observation satellite, Pakistan Remote Sensing Satellite with technical assistance from Pakistan's Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO) from Xichang Satellite Launch Centre, in Sichuan Province, China
- Stealth Frigate Himgiri (Yard-3022) is one of the seven Project 17A Nilgiri-class frigates being built for the Indian Navy. It was delivered by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), a defence shipyard based in Kolkata
- Australia's first indigenously designed and built orbital rocket, "Eris", developed by Gilmour Space Technologies, was launched from the Bowen Orbital Spaceport in North Queensland, Australia. The rocket failed to achieve orbit and crashed 14 seconds after liftoff.
- As part of the Indian Navy's ongoing operational deployment to South East Asia, Indian Naval Ships INS Delhi, Shakti, and Kiltan, of the Eastern Fleet arrived at Manila, Philippines.
- Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), a defence PSU under the Ministry of Defence, launched ICGS Atal, the sixth Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) of the Adanya-class, in Vasco-da-Gama, Goa
- 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





**Ques: What is the name of the analogue station developed by Protoplanet and ISRO to simulate Moon and Mars conditions in Ladakh?**

- A. ARES
- B. VIKRAM
- C. HOPE
- D. ASTRA
- E. SURAJ

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The Human Outer Planet Exploration (HOPE) station is an analogue site developed by Bengaluru-based space tech company Protoplanet in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- It is located in the Tso Kar region of Ladakh at an altitude of over 14,500 feet.
- The location was chosen because its terrain and environment closely resemble those of the Moon and Mars, making it suitable for space analogue simulations.
- Selected crew members will live at the station to undergo physiological and psychological testing, simulating long-term human space missions.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to ISRO

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch three more navigation satellites – NVS-03, NVS-04, and NVS-05 – by 2026 to enhance IRNSS, also known as NavIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation).
- NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar) is the first joint satellite developed by NASA and ISRO
- ISRO successfully conducted two short-duration hot tests of the Gaganyaan Service Module Propulsion System (SMPS) at the ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC), Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed a Rs.511 crore Transfer of Technology (ToT) deal with ISRO to manufacture and operate Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLVs)
- ISRO and the Department of Space's Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) collaborated with the Astronautical Society of India to successfully test a model rocket launcher system with a payload in Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) & Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) signed MOU to transform the bank's transaction reconciliation processes. TCS will deploy its AI-powered solution TCS BaNCS™ for Reconciliations
- During ISRO's 101st mission, conducted using the reliable Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), a malfunction occurred in the third stage of the rocket
- ISRO & Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology (SCTIMST) Signed MoU for the 'Framework Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) on Cooperation in Space Medicine'
- ISRO used satellite technology under its CROP (Comprehensive Remote Sensing Observation on Crop Progress) project to monitor wheat crop conditions during the Rabi season
- ISRO has indigenously developed a Stellite-based nozzle divergent to replace imported Columbian in the fourth stage of the PSLV
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL), Chandigarh, have jointly developed two 32-bit microprocessors—Vikram 3201 and Kalpana 3201





**Ques: The 8th edition of which flagship initiative, led by PM Narendra Modi, received the Guinness World Record for the “Most people registered on a Citizen Engagement Platform in one month” in 2025?**

- A. Mann Ki Baat
- B. Pariksha Pe Charcha
- C. Fit India Movement
- D. Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
- E. Swachh Bharat Mission

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC) – annual event led by PM Narendra Modi, organised since 2018 by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with MyGov.
- 8th edition (2025) set a Guinness World Record: Most people registered on a Citizen Engagement Platform in one month.
- Registrations: 3.53 crore+
- Viewership: Over 21 crore on television.
- Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan, Ashwini Vaishnaw, and Jitin Prasada received the Guinness World Record certificate on August 4, 2025.

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**Ques: On which river is the proposed 2,185 MW Sawalkote Hydropower Project planned?**

- A. Jhelum River
- B. Chenab River
- C. Beas River
- D. Sutlej River
- E. Ravi River

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- Sawalkote Hydropower Project is a 2,185 MW run-of-the-river plant proposed on the Chenab River in Ramban District, Jammu & Kashmir.
- First conceptualised in the 1980s, but delayed mainly due to the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) with Pakistan.
- Estimated cost: Rs.22,704 crore.
- To be executed by National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Ltd in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir State Power Development Corporation Limited (JKSPDC).
- Will have a 192.5-metre concrete gravity dam and generate over 7,000 million units annually.
- Largest hydroelectric project in the Union Territory and among the biggest in North India.
- Also expected to aid in flood mitigation and water management.







**Ques: In August 2025, India conducted a joint naval sail and exercise with which country in the South China Sea?**

- A. Vietnam
- B. Indonesia
- C. Philippines
- D. Malaysia
- E. Brunei

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Event: Two-day joint naval sail and drill between India & Philippines — started 3 August 2025 in the disputed South China Sea.
- Philippines President: Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr — first visit to India since taking office in 2022.
- Diplomatic ties: India & Philippines established relations in November 1949.
- 2025 marks the 75th anniversary of bilateral diplomatic relations.
- South China Sea : Arm of the western Pacific Ocean, south of the Chinese mainland.

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**Ques: What is the objective of the Darwin Tree of Life (DTOL) project?**

- A. To decode the human genome
- B. To map extinct species
- C. To sequence the genomes of 70,000 eukaryotic species in Britain and Ireland
- D. To develop genetically modified crops
- E. To track species migration using satellites

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation :**

- The Darwin Tree of Life (DTOL) project aims to sequence the genomes of 70,000 eukaryotic species found in Britain and Ireland.
- It is part of the broader Earth BioGenome Project, which seeks to sequence all complex life on Earth.
- In its first phase, DTOL is collecting representatives of each species and using advanced DNA sequencing technology.
- It also employs cutting-edge computational tools to understand how DNA variations give rise to biological diversity.

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**Ques: Which organisation signed two MoUs to promote conservation and awareness of medicinal plants in 2025?**

- A. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- B. Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences
- C. National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB)
- D. Indian Council of Medical Research
- E. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), under the Ministry of Ayush, signed two important MoUs in 2025:

- One with IshVed-Bioplants Venture, Pune to conserve rare, endangered, and threatened medicinal plants using tissue culture techniques.
- The second tripartite MoU was signed among NMPB, All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), and AIIMS, New Delhi for setting up a national-level medicinal plants garden to spread awareness and share knowledge.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- BSNL, India's state-run telecom operator, has partnered with Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) to deploy India's first 5G captive non-public network in the refinery sector
- 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
- The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) in collaboration with national and international institutions, has launched an Artificial Intelligence powered initiative titled 'AI-powered Context-Specific Agromet Advisory Services for Climate-Resilient Agriculture at Scale
- India's digital transformation and industrial modernization, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) signed a landmark MoU during the "Industry 4.0 Workshop for CPSEs" organized under the aegis of the Ministry of Finance in Guwahati.
- Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force (ITBPF) & Department of Biotechnology (DBT) signed MOU to use biotechnology solutions for critical health and environmental challenges faced by ITBPF Personnel
- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Roche Products (India) Pvt. Ltd. to bolster DPIIT-recognized startups working in critical therapeutic areas such as oncology, neurology, ophthalmology, haematology, and rare diseases.
- On the occasion of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, a renewed MoU was signed between the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and the National Commission for Women (NCW) to facilitates the organization of structured training programs and sensitization initiatives for RPF personnel
- The Ministry of Defence signed a MoU to establish a state-of-the-art testing facility in the Mechanical & Material domain at Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, under the Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme (DTIS)
- Progress Harmony Development Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) in collaboration with the Indian Air Force (IAF) is conducting the SHAURYA BHARAT Car Rally



**Ques: Under which initiative has the Union Government approved the establishment of PM Ekta Malls in 27 states?**

- A. Digital India
- B. Make in India
- C. Smart Cities Mission
- D. One District, One Product (ODOP)
- E. Start-up India

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- The Union Government has approved the setting up of PM Ekta Malls in 27 states under the One District, One Product (ODOP) initiative.
- The initiative was announced by the Ministry of Finance in the 2023–24 Union Budget.
- It has an outlay of Rs.4,796 crore and is part of the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) framework.
- States must contribute by either providing land free of cost or bearing the cost of acquisition.
- The objective is to promote indigenous products, GI-tagged items, and local handicrafts by providing dedicated retail spaces.

**State-wise Allocation and Locations**

- Uttar Pradesh received the highest allocation of Rs.370.25 crore for three malls in Agra, Lucknow, and Varanasi.
- Madhya Pradesh follows with Rs.284 crore for Ujjain.
- Gujarat and Telangana each got Rs.202 crore.
- Maharashtra secured Rs.195.14 crore for Navi Mumbai.
- Assam was sanctioned Rs.226 crore for Guwahati.
- Tamil Nadu and Bihar received Rs.223 crore and Rs.212.69 crore respectively for Chennai and Patna malls.





## Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- 43rd Lokmanya Tilak National Award : Union Minister Nitin Gadkari
- Guinness World Record for hosting the largest parent-teacher meeting (PTM) : Andhra Pradesh
- PATA Gold Award 2025 in the category of 'Most Engaging Social Media Campaign' : Kerala Tourism
- PEN Translates award : Hindi author Geetanjali Shree for her book Once Elephants Lived Here
- "Emerging Coastal and Heritage Award" by the U.S.-based International Tourism Conclave and Travel Awards (ITCTA) : Andhra Pradesh Tourism
- GP Birla Memorial Award 2025 : Dr. V. Narayanan, the current Chairman of ISRO and Secretary of the Department of Space
- Mrs Earth International 2025. : Vidhu Ishiqa
- Rashtriya Krishi Vigyan Puraskar – 2025 in category of Innovation & Technology in Agriculture & Allied Sciences : ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore scientists
- National Geospatial Practitioner Award 2025 : Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)
- Open-Source GIS Cohort Award : Bhadrachalam district in Telangana
- Kalinga Ratna Award-2024 : Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan
- literary award, 'Sarala Samman' : Shri Bijaya Nayak
- Poligras Magic Skill Award for Year 2024-25 : Indian Women's Hockey team forward player, Deepika Sehrawat
- International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) 9001:2015 certification : Arthunkal police station in Alappuzha
- 'Hem Bahadur Malla Award 2080' : Kalyan Shrestha
- Chintha Raveendran Award for 2025 : Sarankumar Limbale
- 2025 United Nations Population Award (Individual Category) : Varsha Deshpande, a women's rights advocate from Satara, Maharashtra
- India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA) Industry Excellence Award 2025 under the category of State Leadership – Battery Manufacturing : Telangana
- 2025 PEN Pinter Prize : Leila Aboulela







**Ques: Which state received the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) award for having the maximum organ donations in India in 2024?**

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Telangana
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Kerala
- E. Gujarat

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation :**

- Telangana received the NOTTO award for recording the highest rate of organ donations in India in 2024.
- Organ donation rate: 4.88 per 10 lakh population (national average: 0.8 per 10 lakh).
- Award given by the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) under the Union Health Ministry.
- Organ transplant surgeries in Telangana are free of cost under the Aarogyasri scheme.
- Governed by the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act (THOTA) ensuring equitable access irrespective of financial status.

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**Ques: Where has India's first-ever FIFA Talent Academy for girls been launched in 2025?**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Mumbai
- D. Hyderabad
- E. Chennai

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) and FIFA jointly launched India's first-ever FIFA Talent Academy for girls in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- The academy is situated at the Gachibowli Stadium Complex.
- It provides year-round high-performance training with residential, educational, medical, nutritional, and mental wellness facilities for 60 elite players (30 boys under 14 and 30 girls under 16), including 10 players from Telangana in each category.
- This initiative aims to boost women's football in India by offering world-class infrastructure and development support.

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**Ques: As of June 30, 2025, how many districts across India are covered under the Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP)?**

- A. 751
- B. 600
- C. 500
- D. 800
- E. 900

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation :**

- The Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP) now covers 751 districts across all 36 States and Union Territories.
- As of June 30, 2025, the programme operates over 1,700 functional dialysis centres.
- It was launched in April 2016 under Union Budget 2016–17 to provide free dialysis services to economically vulnerable patients suffering from end-stage renal disease (ESRD).
- Implemented under the National Health Mission (NHM) by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and hybrid models.

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**Ques: What is the annual scholarship amount provided under the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)?**

- A. Rs.6,000
- B. Rs.10,000
- C. Rs.12,000
- D. Rs.15,000
- E. Rs.18,000

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) is a Central Sector merit-based scholarship scheme launched by the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education.
- It aims to support economically weaker students to complete their secondary education (Class IX to XII).
- The scholarship amount is Rs.12,000 per annum, disbursed via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) through Aadhaar Payment Bridge, either into the student's or parent's bank account.
- Only students from government or government-aided schools are eligible. Students from Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVS), Navodaya Vidyalayas (NVS), and other government residential schools are not eligible.
- The state of Uttar Pradesh has the highest quota of 15,000 fresh scholarships annually.
- The scheme is available on the National Scholarship Portal and requires Aadhaar-based registration starting from Class IX, after selection through a written exam post-Class VIII.





## Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The PM E-DRIVE (Prime Minister Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement) scheme has been extended till March 2028, but no additional budget has been allocated
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated medical camps across all 38 districts in the State organised under the 'Nalam Kaakkum Stalin' scheme, aimed at taking healthcare to people's doorsteps.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved a total outlay of Rs.6520 crore for the Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) during the 15th Finance Commission Cycle (FCC)
- 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 Ministry of Tourism has released the operational guidelines for the SASCI scheme, aimed at developing iconic tourist sites into globally benchmarked destinations by 2026
- 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
- 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





**Ques: Which species was mistakenly targeted instead of the Alpine musk deer in India's conservation breeding programme, as per a Central Zoo Authority report?**

- A. Red Musk Deer
- B. Himalayan Musk Deer
- C. Kashmir Stag
- D. Chiru
- E. Barking Deer

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation :**

- The Central Zoo Authority (CZA) revealed a species identification error – instead of the Alpine musk deer (*Moschus chrysogaster*), the Himalayan musk deer breeding was initiated.
- Alpine musk deer, Not a true deer; related to Bovidae (antelopes, bovines, sheep, goats).
- It is Found in India, Nepal, Bhutan, China.

Conservation status:

- IUCN: Endangered
- CITES: Appendix I
- Wildlife Protection Act, 1972: Schedule I

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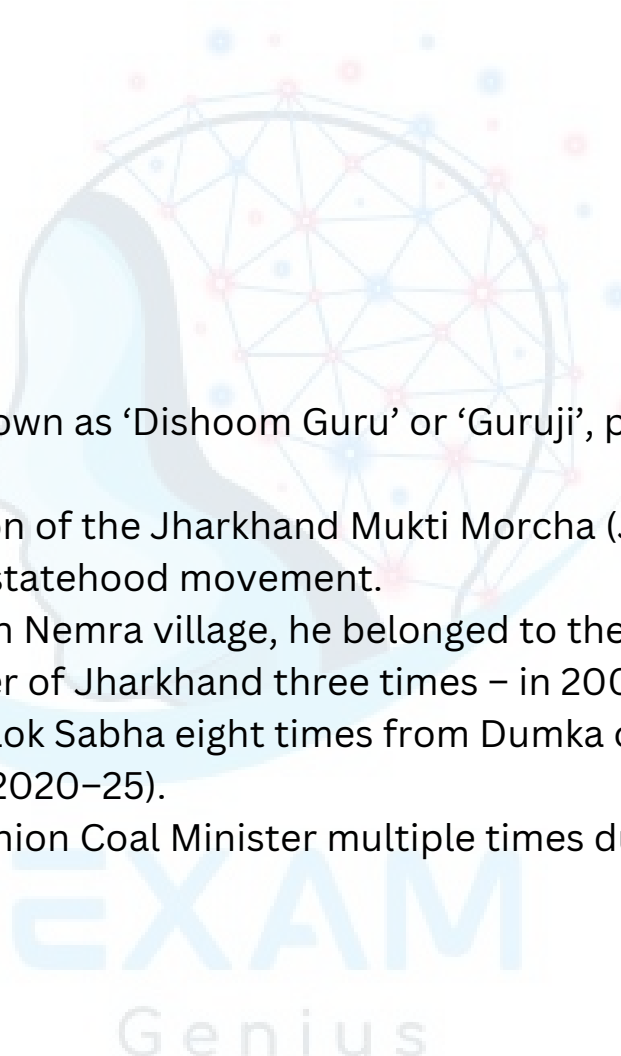
**Ques: Which veteran politician, founder of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), and former Jharkhand Chief Minister passed away in 2025?**

- A. Hemant Soren
- B. Raghubar Das
- C. Babulal Marandi
- D. Shibu Soren
- E. Arjun Munda

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Shibu Soren, popularly known as 'Dishoom Guru' or 'Guruji', passed away at the age of 81 in New Delhi.
- He was the founding patron of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and played a crucial role in Jharkhand's statehood movement.
- Born on 11 January 1944 in Nemra village, he belonged to the Santhal tribe.
- He served as Chief Minister of Jharkhand three times – in 2005, 2008, and 2009.
- Soren was elected to the Lok Sabha eight times from Dumka constituency and also served in the Rajya Sabha (2020–25).
- He also held the post of Union Coal Minister multiple times during the UPA government.





## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Krasheninnikov Volcano, located in Russia's Kamchatka region, erupted recently in what experts are calling the first confirmed eruption in 600 years.

Mount Lewotobi Laki Laki, one of Indonesia's most active volcanoes, erupted for the second consecutive day, sending volcanic ash and materials 18 km into the sky.

Indian Air Force and Assam Rifles Launch 'Operation Sahyog' to Aid Landslide-Hit Villages in Manipur

Repcobank presented a cheque of Rs. 22.90 crore towards dividend for 2024-25 to Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah in New Delhi.

Dr. V. Vasanthi Devi, Former Vice-Chancellor of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Passes Away. She was the first woman vice chancellor of a university in Tamil Nadu

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