

EXAM GENIUS
Presents

GENIUS CURRENT AFFAIRS

In English



**India's No. 1 Platform for UPSC
| SSC | BANK | RAILWAY Exam**

Achieve Success with Exam Genius - Your Ultimate Guide to Reasoning Mastery !



Ques: What is the repo rate decided in the 56th meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) held in August 2025?

- A. 5.25%
- B. 5.50%
- C. 5.75%
- D. 6.00%
- E. 6.25%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 56th MPC meeting was held from August 4–6, 2025, chaired by Shri Sanjay Malhotra, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India.
- Decision: Repo rate kept unchanged at 5.50%.
- FY26 CPI inflation projection was revised downward to 3.1% from 3.7%.
- Monetary policy stance: Neutral.
- Members present: Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Shri Saugata Bhattacharya, Prof. Ram Singh, Dr. Poonam Gupta, and Dr. Rajiv Ranjan.

GDP Growth Projection 2025-26: 6.5%

- Q1: 6.5%
- Q2: 6.7%
- Q3: 6.6%
- Q4: 6.3%
- Q1 2026-27: 6.6%

Inflation Projection for 2025-26: 3.1%

- Q2: 2.1%
- Q3: 3.1%
- Q4: 4.4%
- Q1 2026-27: 4.9%





Ques: PhonePe's Indus Appstore recently partnered with which French consumer technology brand to pre-install its marketplace on all smartphones in India?

- A. Lava
- B. Xiaomi
- C. Alcatel
- D. Realme
- E. TCL

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- PhonePe's Indus Appstore has formed its third OEM partnership – after Lava and Xiaomi – with Alcatel, a French consumer technology brand.
- Under this agreement, the Indus Appstore will come pre-installed on all Alcatel smartphones in India.
- The app store offers 45 categories of verified apps & games, supports 12 Indian languages, voice search in 10 regional languages, and provides video-led app discovery.
- The collaboration is driven by NxtCell India, which operates the Alcatel brand in India.
- The partnership aims to deliver localisation and personalisation for Alcatel users in the country.

EXAM
Genius





Recently signed banking agreements

- SBI Life Insurance, among India's most trusted life insurers, has entered a strategic corporate agency partnership with AU Small Finance Bank, the country's largest Small Finance Bank.
- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade signed a Memorandum of Understanding with HDFC Capital Advisors Limited to foster innovation and support startups in the affordable housing and PropTech sectors.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) signed Forward Rate Agreements (FRAs) worth USD 1 billion (~Rs.8,300 crore) with JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Bank of America Corporation (BoA)
- Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (APTDC) has partnered with Mastercard to promote and enhance the state's rich cultural heritage, natural landscapes, and modern hospitality sector among international travellers
- Worldline has entered into a strategic partnership with Cosmos Cooperative Bank Limited, one of India's oldest Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs), to accelerate digital transformation through advanced and scalable payment solutions.
- KredX signed a strategic partnership with Canara Bank to improve digital trade finance via its Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platform called Domestic Trade Exchange (DTX)
- Shriram Life Insurance Company (SLIC) has partnered with ESAF Small Finance Bank to distribute life insurance products
- The Department of Posts and NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL), the international arm of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), signed a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) to collaborate on transforming inward remittances to India
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has signed a MOU with the Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development to promote the Bima Sakhi Yojana
- Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group (SMFG) and SBI Holdings announced a joint venture to offer wealth management services targeting affluent individuals in Japan
- Liberty General Insurance and ACKO said they have become insurance partners for the American electric carmaker in India.



Ques: Which department has developed the Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI) to assess the risk level of mobile numbers in financial fraud?

- A. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Department of Telecommunications (DoT)
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs
- E. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has developed the Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI) — a risk-based metric that classifies mobile numbers into Medium, High, or Very High risk of financial fraud.
- FRI empowers banks, NBFCs, and UPI service providers to take preventive measures like alerts, transaction delays, warnings, or even transaction declines for high-risk numbers.
- FRI is made available to stakeholders via the Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP).
- The RBI has issued separate advisories to banks and Payment Service Operators (PSOs) to integrate FRI with their systems and adopt real-time response protocols.
- Based on Action Taken Reports (ATRs) submitted on DIP, 34 banks, financial institutions, and UPI providers have frozen 10.02 lakh bank accounts/payment wallets and placed debit/credit restrictions on 3.05 lakh accounts/wallets.
- The DIU project of DoT, under which DIP and FRI are developed, has a total outlay of Rs.228.16 crore for 5 years.





Ques: Under which initiative has the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) launched its new upgraded website?

- A. Digital Bharat Mission
- B. PFRDA CONNECT
- C. NPS Digital Drive
- D. Pension Portal 2.0
- E. FinTech Integration Plan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- PFRDA has launched its upgraded website under the PFRDA CONNECT initiative to enhance digital engagement.
- The launch was done by S. Ramann, Chairperson of PFRDA, in New Delhi.
- It is part of the Technology Architecture (TARCH) digital transformation project aimed at revamping older websites with modern guidelines and technologies.
- PFRDA was established on 23 August 2003, headquartered in New Delhi.
- Chairman: Sivasubramanian Ramann

EXAM
Genius





Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) launched its new and modernized website under the project PFRDA CONNECT initiative
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has launched a nationwide Aadhaar-based Face Authentication facility for customer transactions
- Federal Bank Limited has launched India's first-ever biometric authentication solution for e-commerce transactions using credit and debit cards
- Sagarmala Finance Corp Ltd (SFCL), India's first maritime NBFC, is planning to raise Rs.4,000 crore in its first tranche within the next six months
- PayPal has launched a new cross-border payments platform named 'PayPal World' in partnership with NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) and other global payment service providers
- Equitas Small Finance Bank (ESFB) launched two specialized financial products Foreign Currency Non-Resident (FCNR)(B) Deposit Account and Equitas Explorer Savings Account
- 'PhonePe SBI Card PURPLE' and 'PhonePe SBI Card SELECT BLACK' Launched by PhonePe & SBI Cards and Payment Services Limited
- Fino Payments Bank has launched a new zero-balance savings account product called "GATI", aimed at rural and semi-urban customers who are transitioning from phygital (physical + digital) modes to fully digital banking, especially through UPI platforms
- In an effort to transform digital financial services in India, Laraware Private Limited's Chief Technology Officer (CTO), Anvesh Tiwari, led the introduction of "Nxtbanking," the country's first fintech software platform powered entirely by artificial intelligence (AI)
- Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company (Chola), a part of the Murugappa Group, has launched Chola Chess, a CSR initiative aimed at discovering and nurturing chess talent across India
- NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) launched RuralTech CoLab, a unified portal to boost rural tech start-ups
- Asia Index Private Limited has launched the 'BSE Insurance Index' to track the performance of listed insurance sector companies
- Computer Age Management Services (CAMS) has launched the 'CAMSPay Payment Gateway', a next-generation digital payment platform for Indian businesses





Ques: IRDAI imposed a penalty of how many crore rupees on Policybazaar for violation of various norms?

- A. Rs.2 crore
- B. Rs.3 crore
- C. Rs.5 crore
- D. Rs.7 crore
- E. Rs.10 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has imposed a Rs.5 crore penalty on Policybazaar Insurance Brokers.

The fine was for violations under the Insurance Act, 1938 and relevant Rules & Regulations.

Violations included:

- Ranking ULIP plans of only five insurers as 'top products' despite having agreements with others.
- Promoting some plans as "Best Life Insurance Plans in India 2020" and "Top Plans – Health Insurance", which is not permitted.
- Key managerial personnel and employees holding directorships in other companies without disclosing them to the regulator.





Recent Penalties imposed on Banks :

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has imposed a penalty of Rs.3.39 crore on Star Health and Allied Insurance
- Shriram Finance Limited violated provisions of the RBI (Digital Lending) Directions, 2025. This led to a Rs.2.70 lakh penalty under the RBI Act, 1934
- RBI fined HDFC Bank Ltd. Rs.4.88 lakh for breaking rules when issuing a term loan to a customer
- SEBI imposed a Rs.25 lakh fine on BSE Ltd for regulatory violations between February 2021 and September 2022
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) imposed a fine of Rs.1 crore on Edelweiss Life Insurance for violating corporate governance norms
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a Rs.29.60 lakh penalty on Fino Payments Bank
- SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) imposed a fine of Rs.25 lakh on MCX, India's largest commodity exchange
- RBI imposed a penalty of Rs.63.6 lakh on Union Bank of India for violating provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and failing to comply with guidelines related to credit flow to agriculture, particularly in providing collateral-free agricultural loans
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) imposed a Rs.1 crore penalty on Acko General Insurance
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a Rs.50 lakh penalty on Deutsche Bank AG, India on May 13, 2025
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of Rs.29.60 lakh on Yes Bank Limited on May 16, 2025
- In May 2025, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) penalised State Bank of India (SBI) and Jana Small Finance Bank for non-compliance with regulatory norms. SBI was fined Rs.1.72 crore for failing to comply with certain RBI directions
- Jana Small Finance Bank was fined Rs.1 crore for contravening provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.31.80 lakh on IDBI Bank Limited on April 30, 2025, for non-compliance with regulatory directions





Ques: Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of IndusInd Bank for a three-year term until August 24, 2028?

- A. Sumant Khatpalia
- B. Sunil Mehta
- C. Rajiv Anand
- D. Aditya Puri
- E. Chanda Kochhar

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- IndusInd Bank's board has approved the appointment of Rajiv Anand as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for a three-year term starting August 25, 2025.
- Rajiv Anand is currently the Deputy Managing Director at Axis Bank and has extensive leadership experience in global financial institutions.
- He was one of three candidates shortlisted for the position.
- The appointment follows the resignation of CEO Sumant Kathpalia and Deputy CEO Arun Khurana in April 2025.
- IndusInd Bank recently reported a \$230 million loss in FY ending March 31, 2025, due to misaccounting of internal derivative trades over several years.

EXAM
Genius





Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Deepak Reddy : Chief Executive Officer of Manappuram Finance
- Anuradha Thakur : nominated as a Director on the Central Board of RBI
- Ajay Seth : Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- Neeraj Gambhir : Executive Director (ED) of Axis Bank for 3 years
- R. Doraiswamy : MD and CEO of LIC
- Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat : Interim MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank
- Kumar Mangalam Birla : Board of Directors of the United States-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF)
- Babitha B P : Deputy Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) at the SBI in the rank of General Manager – Infrastructure Security & Special Projects
- Sahil Kini : CEO of the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)
- Bhanu Pratap Sharma : Chairman of the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)
- Sunil Jayawant Kadam : Executive Director of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- Bhanu Pratap Sharma : Chairman of Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)
Govt extends tenure by one year
- Shri Kesavan Ramachandran : Executive Director (ED) of RBI
- Amitabh Kant : Senior adviser of Fairfax Financial Holdings
- Zou Jiayi, former Vice Finance Minister of China : President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- Anuj Pandey : Chief Executive Officer of UGRO Capital Limited
- K. Paul Thomas : Chairperson of Sa-Dhan
- Anuradha Thakur : Member of the Board of SEBI (replacing Ajay Seth)
- Pralay Mondal : MD & CEO of CSB Bank Limited for a term of 3 years
- Sandeep Batra : extension term as Executive Director (ED) of ICICI Bank
- Prashant Kumar : six-month extension as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Yes Bank
- Sumit Madan : Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Axis Max Life Insurance
- R Doraiswamy : CEO and MD of LIC





Ques: What is the proposed new base year for GDP, IIP, and CPI in India?

- A. GDP & IIP – 2021-22; CPI – 2023
- B. GDP & IIP – 2022-23; CPI – 2024
- C. GDP & IIP – 2020-21; CPI – 2023
- D. GDP & IIP – 2022-23; CPI – 2023
- E. GDP & IIP – 2023-24; CPI – 2024

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry is working to revise the base year for Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Index of Industrial Production (IIP), and Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- The base year is updated periodically to reflect structural changes in the economy by improving compilation methodology and including new data sources.
- The proposed new base year for GDP and IIP is 2022-23, and for CPI it is 2024.

EXAM
Genius





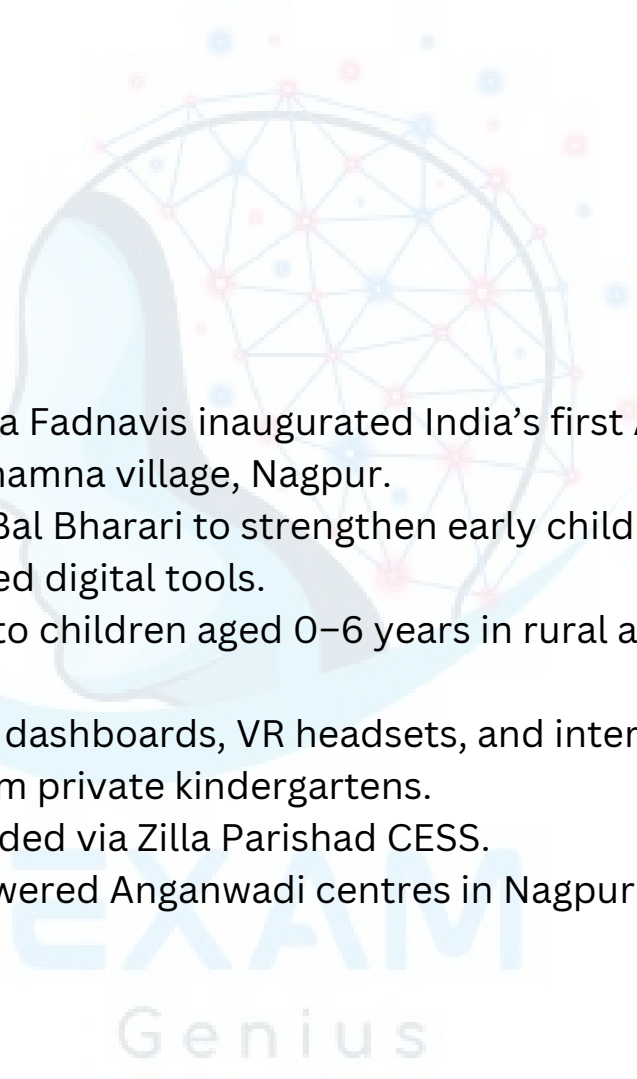
Ques: In which state was India's first AI-powered Anganwadi centre inaugurated under the Mission Bal Bharari initiative?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis inaugurated India's first AI-powered Anganwadi centre in Waddhamna village, Nagpur.
- Launched under Mission Bal Bharari to strengthen early childhood education in rural areas through advanced digital tools.
- Anganwadi centres cater to children aged 0–6 years in rural and underprivileged areas.
- Features include AI smart dashboards, VR headsets, and interactive digital learning tools – rare even in premium private kindergartens.
- Pilot cost: Rs.9.5 lakh, funded via Zilla Parishad CESS.
- Plan: 40 more such AI-powered Anganwadi centres in Nagpur district.





Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and world :

- Sikkim became the first state in India to formally introduce a Sabbatical Leave scheme for its government employees in August 2023
- The Maharashtra government inaugurated the nation's first AI-powered Anganwadi centre in Waddhamna village, Nagpur district.
- Global EV giant Tesla launched its first charging facility in the country - in the Bandra-Kurla Complex
- 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
- India has developed its first scientifically bio-authenticated monofloral Lavender Honey through CSIR-IIIM at its Pulwama Field Station in Jammu & Kashmir under the CSIR Floriculture Mission
- Kaziranga National Park in Assam conducted India's first-ever Grassland Bird Census from March 18 to May 25, 2025
- Medha Roopam became the first-ever woman District Magistrate of Gautam Buddh 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





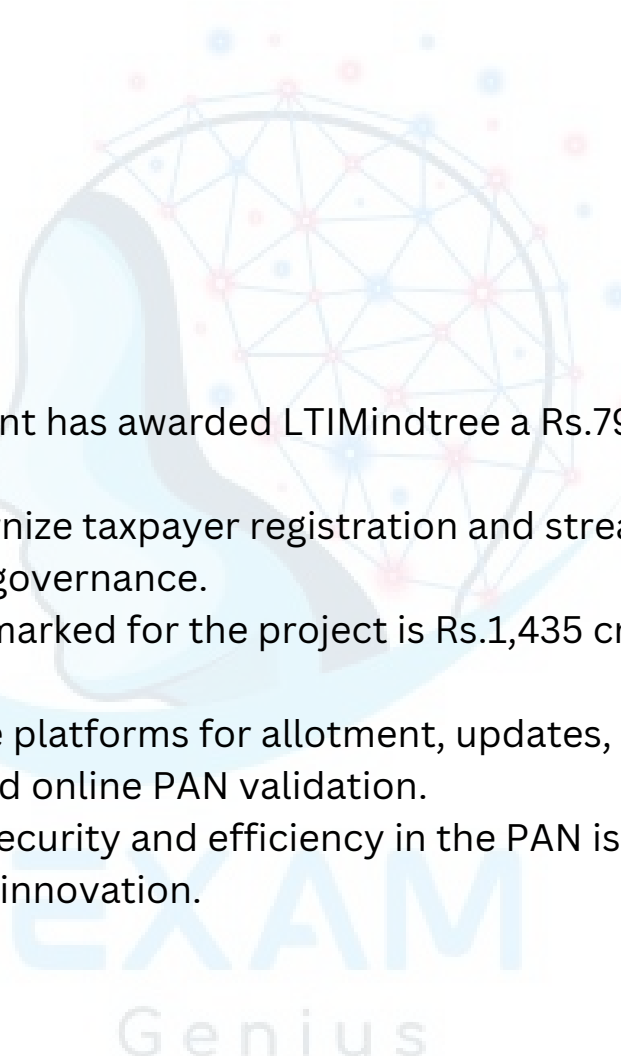
Ques: Which company has been awarded the ₹792 crore PAN 2.0 project by the Income Tax Department?

- A. Infosys
- B. Wipro
- C. LTIMindtree
- D. Tech Mahindra
- E. TCS

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Income Tax Department has awarded LTIMindtree a Rs.792 crore contract for the PAN 2.0 project.
- The project aims to modernize taxpayer registration and streamline PAN/TAN services using advanced e-governance.
- The total expenditure earmarked for the project is Rs.1,435 crore, and it is expected to go live in 18 months.
- It will consolidate multiple platforms for allotment, updates, corrections, Aadhaar-PAN linking, re-issuance, and online PAN validation.
- The project will enhance security and efficiency in the PAN issuance process through technology-driven innovation.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Capacity Building Commission (CBC) for a three-year term?

- A. Adil Zainulbhai
- B. S Radha Chauhan
- C. Rajiv Gauba
- D. Nripendra Misra
- E. Alok Kumar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Mrs. S. Radha Chauhan took charge as the Chairperson of the Capacity Building Commission in New Delhi.
- She succeeded Shri Adil Zainulbhai, who had served as Chairman since April 2021.
- The Capacity Building Commission was constituted on 1 April 2021 by the Government of India.
- Mandate: To drive standardisation and harmonisation across the Indian civil services landscape.
- It is the custodian of civil services capacity building reforms and plays a key role in the institutional framework of Mission Karmayogi.

EXAM
Genius





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: Under the National Green Hydrogen Mission, what record low price was discovered in SECI's first-ever auction for Green Ammonia procurement in 2025?

- A. Rs.62.10/kg
- B. Rs.58.00/kg
- C. Rs.55.75/kg
- D. Rs.59.25/kg
- E. Rs.54.50/kg

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) conducted the first-ever auction for procurement of Green Ammonia under the SIGHT Scheme of the National Green Hydrogen Mission.
- Achieved a record low price discovery of Rs.55.75/kg.
- Auction covers 75,000 MT/year supply of Green Ammonia to Paradeep Phosphates Limited, Odisha.
- This is the first in a planned series of 13 auctions in the coming month, with a total procurement capacity of 7.24 lakh MT/year.

EXAM
Genius





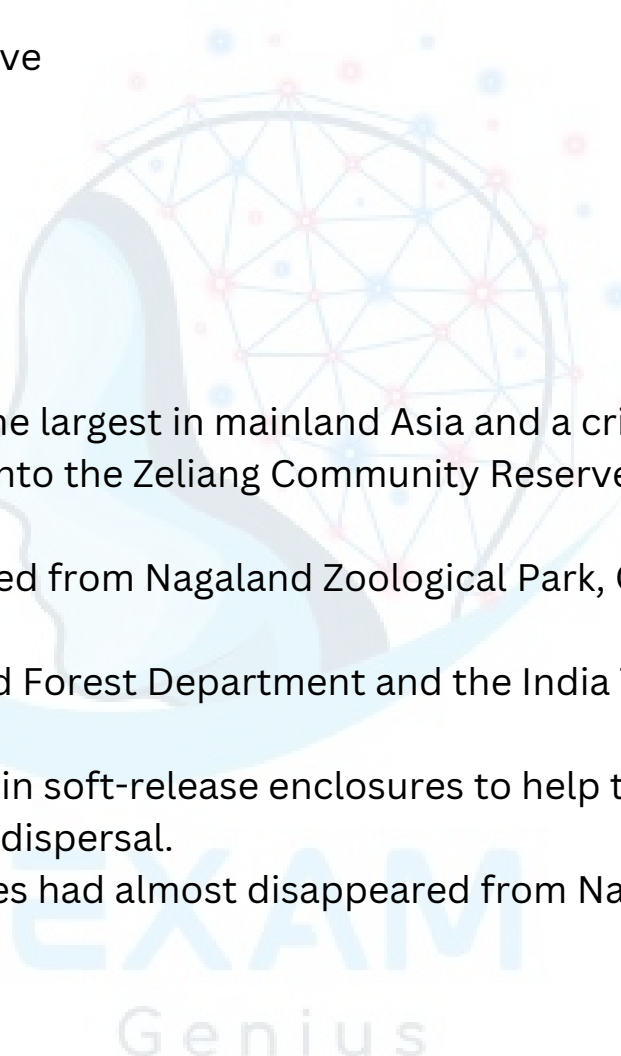
Ques: The critically endangered Asian giant tortoise was recently reintroduced into which reserve in Nagaland?

- A. Puliebadze Wildlife Sanctuary
- B. Zeliang Community Reserve
- C. Fakim Wildlife Sanctuary
- D. Ntangki National Park
- E. Intanki Community Reserve

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Asian giant tortoise, the largest in mainland Asia and a critically endangered species, was reintroduced into the Zeliang Community Reserve, Peren district, Nagaland.
- 10 individuals were released from Nagaland Zoological Park, Chümoukedima during a community event.
- Organised by the Nagaland Forest Department and the India Turtle Conservation Programme.
- The tortoises were placed in soft-release enclosures to help them adapt and develop site fidelity before dispersal.
- Once abundant, the species had almost disappeared from Nagaland over a decade ago.





Ques: The Indian men's and women's table tennis teams recently qualified for the World Table Tennis Championships (WTTC) 2026 after winning which tournament?

- A. Asian Table Tennis Championships
- B. South Asia Regional Championships 2025
- C. Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship
- D. Central Asia Regional Championships
- E. None of these

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian men's and women's teams remained undefeated at the 2025 South Asia Regional Championships held in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- With this victory, they secured direct qualification for WTTC 2026, scheduled to be held in London.
- In Asia, only 16 quota spots per gender were available for WTTC 2026.
- Four regional champions (Central Asia, South Asia, South-East Asia, West Asia) directly qualified, while the remaining 12 will be decided through the Asian Championships.
- South Asia Region countries: India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Maldives.

EXAM
Genius





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) and FIFA jointly launched India's first-ever FIFA Talent Academy for girls in Hyderabad, Telangana
- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has appointed Khalid Jamil as the new head coach of the Indian men's national football team
- 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.





Ques: Where was the 15th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP) to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands held?

- A. Wuhan, China
- B. Gland, Switzerland
- C. Victoria Falls National Park, Zimbabwe
- D. New Delhi, India
- E. Nairobi, Kenya

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 15th CoP to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands was held at Victoria Falls National Park, Zimbabwe.
- Organised by: Ramsar Secretariat, headquartered at the IUCN in Gland, Switzerland.
- Hosted by: Government of Zimbabwe.
- Theme: Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future.
- Frequency: Held every three years; 172 countries have signed the Ramsar Convention.
- India's participation: Led by Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav.
- Previous edition: 14th CoP held in Wuhan, China (5–13 November 2022).
- The CoP adopted an India resolution on Promoting Sustainable Lifestyles for the Wise Use of Wetlands, focusing on enabling conditions and awareness initiatives for wetland conservation.

Genius





Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT) Delhi, Ropar, and Jammu in collaboration with Directorate General of Resettlement (DGR) successfully organized the DGR Job Fair 2025 at Delhi
- Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Headquarters (Eastern Seaboard) conducted a seminar on 'Strengthening Coastal Security through Surveillance, Technology, and Inter Agency Coordination' from 31 July to 01 August 25 at Visakhapatnam.
- The IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 will be hosted in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. It is the largest global gathering of nature conservation experts and decision-makers, held once every four years
- The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) hosted a two-day National Symposium titled "Timeless Texts and Universal Teachings" on July 30–31, 2025 in New Delhi
- India signed a Maritime Security and Safety Cooperation agreement with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) during the 13th Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting held in New Delhi
- The second edition of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Intelligence & Investigations (I&I) Workshop was hosted in New Delhi by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) India with support from the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
- The Department of Hospital Administration at Army Hospital Research & Referral (AHRR), New Delhi, successfully organised the first-ever Armed Forces National Conference, SHAPE 2025: Sustainable Hospital Architecture, Planning, Infrastructure and Equipment
- World Food India 4th Edition Organised by Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries, with the India Trade Promotion Organisation at New Delhi. Its Theme is "Processing for Prosperity"
- The National Expert Committee meeting was held at the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Goa. It was co-chaired by Dr. A. Raghu, Deputy Director General (Ayush), and Dr. J. B. Gupta
- The Trade Conclave 2025 was held in New Delhi and was organized by the Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank). The theme of the conclave was "Building Export-led Growth for Viksit Bharat".



Ques: Who has been appointed as the first Indian CEO of Jaguar Land Rover (JLR), effective November 2025?

- A. PB Balaji
- B. Ratan Tata
- C. N Chandrasekaran
- D. Adrian Mardell
- E. Guenter Butschek

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Tata Motors-owned Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) has appointed PB Balaji as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) from November 2025.
- PB Balaji will be the first Indian to head the British luxury automaker.
- He will succeed Adrian Mardell, who is retiring after a 35-year career at JLR, including 3 years as CEO.
- The selection process was conducted by the Tata Motors board over the past few months.
- N Chandrasekaran, Chairman of Jaguar Land Rover PLC, Tata Motors and Tata Sons, thanked Mardell for leading a strong turnaround and delivering record results.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which airport operator in India has raised Rs.9,000 crore through the issuance of unlisted Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) in 2025?

- A. Delhi International Airport Limited
- B. Bangalore International Airport Limited
- C. Mumbai International Airport Limited
- D. Hyderabad International Airport Limited
- E. Cochin International Airport Limited

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), which operates Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru, has successfully raised Rs.9,000 crore by issuing unlisted Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs).
- The fundraising is being executed in two tranches – Rs.4,362 crore completed on July 25, 2025, and Rs.4,638 crore scheduled for early October 2025.
- State Bank of India Capital Markets (SBICAPs) acted as the sole arranger for the issuance.
- The refinancing, with a 15-year tenure, will help BIAL conserve capital and direct resources towards future expansion plans.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Who released the NITI Aayog report “Unlocking a USD 200 Billion Opportunity: Electric Vehicles in India”?

- A. Amitabh Kant
- B. Rajiv Gauba
- C. Arvind Panagariya
- D. Bibek Debroy
- E. Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The report “Unlocking a USD 200 Billion Opportunity: Electric Vehicles in India” was released by Rajiv Gauba, Member of NITI Aayog.
- It outlines a roadmap to achieve 30% share of EVs in total vehicle sales by 2030 and capture a \$200 billion market opportunity by 2035.
- EV sales in India rose from 50,000 in 2016 to 2.08 million in 2024, making India 6th globally.
- The report recommends scaling public charging stations from 25,000 in October 2024 to 2.9 million by 2035, supporting high-density e-bus and e-truck corridors, and rolling out a saturation program starting with 5 cities.

EXAM
Genius





India's Rankings in Different Indices

- 71st edition of the Fortune Global 500 List (2025) : Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) (88th), Walmart Inc. (1st)
- 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)
- "in Politics: 2025" report : India (174th)





Ques: Which Hyderabad-based spacetechn start-up will launch its first commercial space mission LEAP-1 aboard SpaceX's Falcon 9 in Q3 2025?

- A. Skyroot Aerospace
- B. Pixxel
- C. Dhruva Space
- D. Bellatrix Aerospace
- E. Astrogate Labs

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Dhruva Space, a Hyderabad-based spacetechn start-up, will launch its first commercial space mission, LEAP-1, aboard SpaceX's Falcon 9 in Q3 2025.
- This marks the company's transition from technology demonstrations to satellite deployments.

Using its P-30 satellite platform, Dhruva Space will launch two distinct missions:

- Akula Tech's Nexus-01 mission featuring an advanced AI module.
- Esper Satellites' OTR-2 mission featuring a hyperspectral imager.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which company has received approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI) to acquire Jaiprakash Associates Limited in 2025?

- A. Ultratech Cement
- B. Shree Cement
- C. ACC Limited
- D. Ambuja Cements
- E. Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the 100% acquisition of Jaiprakash Associates Limited (JAL) by Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited.
- The acquisition is being carried out under the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC).
- Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Dalmia Bharat Limited (DBL), the ultimate parent company of the Dalmia Bharat Group.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which organisation, along with the Ministry of Ayush, organised the inaugural WHO–IRCH workshops on herbal medicines in Ghaziabad in 2025?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy (PCIM&H)
- C. Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS)
- D. National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB)
- E. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- PCIM&H (Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy), under the Ministry of Ayush, hosted the inaugural session of the WHO–IRCH Workshops at its headquarters in Ghaziabad.

Workshop themes:

- Working Group-1: Safety and Regulation of Herbal Medicines
- Working Group-3: Efficacy and Intended Use of Herbal Medicines

Organised jointly by Ministry of Ayush and World Health Organization (WHO). Dr. Kim Sungchol, Chairperson WHO–IRCH & Head of Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine at WHO, participated.

Countries represented include:

- EURO: Poland
- SEARO: Nepal, Bhutan
- WPRO: Brunei Darussalam, Japan, Indonesia
- AMRO: Cuba
- EMRO: Iran
- Observers: Sri Lanka, Paraguay
- Delegates from United States, Egypt, Brazil joined virtually.





Ques: Which state recorded the highest marine fisheries growth in India in 2024?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- In 2024, India's total marine fish landings were 3.47 million tonnes, showing a 2% decline compared to 2023, as per ICAR-CMFRI data.
- Gujarat topped the list in total catch with 7.54 lakh tonnes, followed by Tamil Nadu (6.79 lakh tonnes) and Kerala (6.10 lakh tonnes).
- The Indian mackerel was the most landed species (2.63 lakh tonnes), followed by oil sardine (2.41 lakh tonnes).
- Maharashtra recorded the highest growth rate in marine fisheries landings at 47% compared to the previous year.

EXAM
Genius





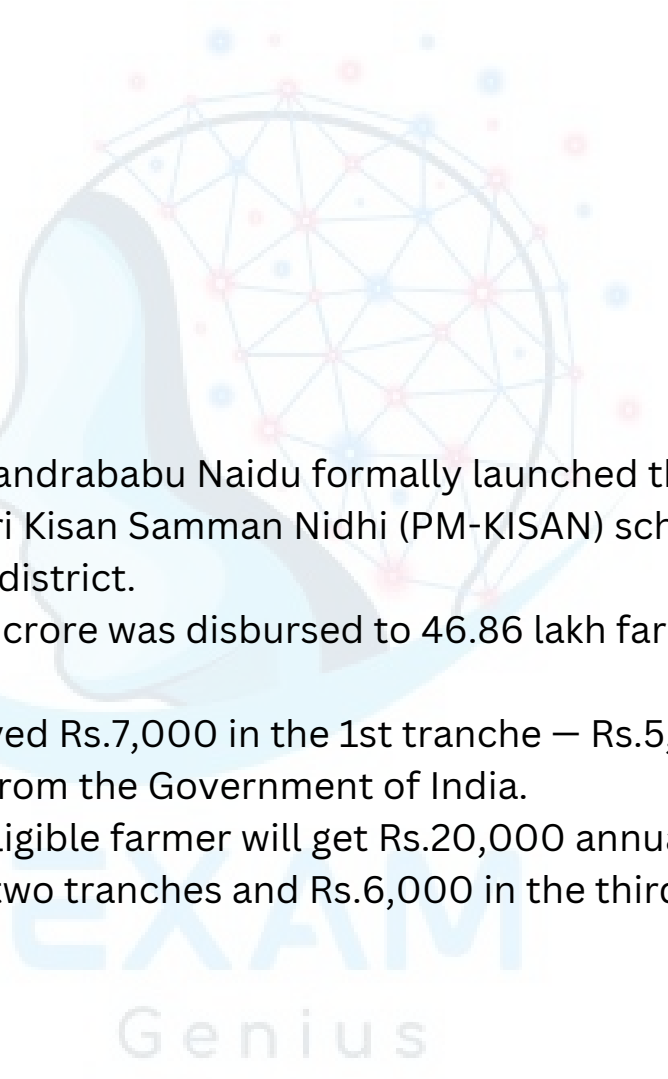
Ques: In which state was the Annadata Sukhibhava–Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme formally launched by the Chief Minister in Veerayapalem?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu formally launched the Annadata Sukhibhava–Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme at Veerayapalem in Prakasam district.
- During the event, Rs.3,175 crore was disbursed to 46.86 lakh farmers as part of the first installment.
- Each eligible farmer received Rs.7,000 in the 1st tranche — Rs.5,000 from the State government and Rs.2,000 from the Government of India.
- Under the scheme, each eligible farmer will get Rs.20,000 annually in three installments — Rs.7,000 in two tranches and Rs.6,000 in the third.





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

In a major stride towards strengthening the capacity-building framework for civil servants in Jammu & Kashmir, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, the Capacity Building Commission (CBC), and Karmayogi Bharat signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding

Recently, International Crops Research Institute for the SemiArid Tropics (ICRISAT) and ICAR have launched an AI-based context-specific Agromet Advisory Service to boost farming

V.O. Chidambaranar(VOC) Port in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu has become the 1st Indian Port to successfully produce green hydrogen and achieve over 1 Mega Watt of rooftop solar power generation.

Indian Army signed a MOU worth Rs.223.95 Crore with Axiscades Aerospace and Technologies Private Limited for the procurement of 212 advanced 50-ton Tank transporter trailers.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Indian Association of Gold Excellence and Standards have signed MOU to implement a robust accreditation framework for value chain partners in the gold industry, which currently includes an estimated 6 lakh partners across India.

