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Ques: How much dividend did Indian Bank pay to the Government of India for FY 2024-25?

- A. Rs.1,212 crore
- B. Rs. 1,616.14 crore
- C. Rs.1,500 crore
- D. Rs.1,400 crore
- E. Rs.1,800 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indian Bank paid a dividend of Rs.1,616.14 crore to the Government of India for the financial year 2024-25.
- The dividend was handed over by MD & CEO Binod Kumar to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- The bank declared a dividend of Rs.16.25 per share, reflecting its strong financial performance for FY25.
- Other officials present included M Nagaraju (Secretary, DFS), Alok Pande (Additional Secretary & Govt Nominee Director), and Ashish Madhaorao More (Joint Secretary, DFS).
- Indian Bank reiterated its focus on long-term value creation and consistent growth.

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Ques: How much capital does the Indian government plan to raise through QIPs by diluting stakes in PSBs during FY 2025–26?

- A. Rs 30,000 crore
- B. Rs 45,000 crore
- C. Rs 50,000 crore
- D. Rs 60,000 crore
- E. Rs 20,000 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian government plans to mobilise Rs 45,000 crore in FY 2025–26 by diluting stakes in public sector banks (PSBs) through Qualified Institutional Placements (QIPs).
- The State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest lender, will lead the fundraising with plans to raise Rs 20,000 crore via QIPs.
- Five PSBs – Bank of Maharashtra, Indian Overseas Bank, UCO Bank, Central Bank of India, and Punjab and Sind Bank – have been shortlisted for partial disinvestment.
- Additionally, the Department of Financial Services has approved a stake sale in Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) through Offer for Sale (OFS), marking the first LIC dilution since its IPO in 2022.

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Ques: Which state recorded the highest CAGR in GST collection between FY19 and FY25?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Karnataka
- C. Odisha
- D. Haryana
- E. Kerala

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Odisha achieved the highest Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 14.6% in GST collections between FY19 and FY25, becoming the only state to surpass the 14% benchmark under the GST compensation formula.
- Odisha's GST collections grew by 126.1%, reaching Rs.60,928 crore in FY25.
- The growth was driven by factors like tax base expansion, mining & infrastructure development, and strict enforcement against tax evasion.
- Other states like Haryana (13.7%), Maharashtra (13.3%), and Kerala (12.5%) also showed strong GST growth, but Odisha led the chart.
- Uttarakhand recorded the slowest GST growth among all states with just 5.3% CAGR.

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Ques: From July 16, Indian government departments must process payments above what amount through RBI's e-Kuber system?

- A. Rs.500 crore
- B. Rs.100 crore
- C. Rs.75 crore
- D. Rs.50 crore
- E. Rs.25 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- From July 16, 2025, Indian government departments are mandated to process payments over Rs.75 crore using the Reserve Bank of India's e-Kuber system.
- Earlier, this requirement applied only to payments exceeding Rs.500 crore.
- For certain types of transactions, the threshold has also been revised to Rs.100 crore.
- The e-Kuber system helps improve transparency, ensure faster fund reconciliation, and reduce delays in high-value payments.
- The government may further lower the limit to ₹50 crore in the future to tighten payment controls.

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Ques: What are Catastrophe Bonds (Cat Bonds) primarily used for?

- A. To fund long-term infrastructure projects
- B. To raise emergency funds for disasters by sharing risk with investors
- C. To support education and health programs
- D. To reduce inflation by controlling money supply
- E. To promote foreign trade agreements

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Catastrophe Bonds (Cat Bonds) are risk-sharing financial instruments that help governments or insurers raise emergency funds before disasters occur.
- If no disaster happens, investors earn interest.
- If a specified disaster (like an earthquake or cyclone) occurs, the issuer keeps the money to fund recovery and relief, and investors may lose their money.
- For India, Cat Bonds offer quick disaster relief funding, reduce pressure on government finances, attract private investment, and spread disaster risks globally, supporting climate resilience and disaster management goals.

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Ques: What new technology is set to redefine the global standard for measuring a "second"?

- A. Quantum Entanglement Clocks
- B. Caesium Atomic Clocks
- C. Optical Atomic Clocks
- D. Pulsar Timekeeping
- E. Satellite Synchronised Clocks

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Since 1967, the second has been defined by caesium atomic clocks, which measure time based on the vibrations of cesium-133 atoms.
- However, optical atomic clocks are about 100 times more accurate, stable over billions of years, and can detect minute changes in gravity.
- These clocks can count time with precision up to 18 decimal places, making them ideal for future technologies like advanced GPS, climate science, and fundamental physics.
- Scientists expect optical clocks to replace caesium clocks as the new global time standard by around 2030.

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Ques: Which company is set to become India's first private firm to offer satellite communication services using a locally-built geostationary satellite?

- A. Ananth Technologies Limited
- B. Larsen & Toubro
- C. Tata Advanced Systems
- D. Bharat Electronics Limited
- E. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Ananth Technologies Limited (ATL) is set to become India's first private company to offer satellite communication (satcom) services using an indigenously-built geostationary satellite.
- ATL has received authorization from IN-SPACe (Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre) based in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- The company plans to launch a 4-tonne GEO communication satellite by 2028, with a maximum data capacity of 100 Gbps.
- The satellite will be positioned 35,000 km above Earth, providing broadband-from-space services across India

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Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and world :

- Tamil Nadu has become the first state in India to integrate a predictive model into its TB elimination programme
- MapmyIndia has become the first company to integrate DIGIPIN, a 10-character alphanumeric digital address system developed by India Post, into its Mappls app
- Switzerland has approved Coartem Baby, the first-ever malaria treatment specifically designed for newborns and infants
- Ananth Technologies Limited is set to become India's 1st private company to offer satellite communication (satcom) services using an locally-built geostationary satellite to users across the country
- India's first Equine Disease-Free Compartment (EDFC) was established at the Remount Veterinary Corps (RVC) Centre & College, Meerut Cantonment, Uttar Pradesh
- Seiko Epson Corporation, a leading Japanese technology company, has established its first manufacturing facility in India at Chennai
- Kerala's first skin bank will be inaugurated at the Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram
- Himachal Pradesh became the first state in the country to introduce Aadhaar-based face authentication (FaceAuth) for the distribution of ration to eligible beneficiaries under the Public Distribution System (PDS)
- Telangana has launched Telangana Data Exchange (TGDeX), India's first state-led Digital Public Infrastructure to address challenges in Artificial Intelligence innovation
- The first-ever Astro Tourism Festival in the Union Territory of Ladakh was held at the District Panchayat Resource Centre, Agling in Leh
- Russia became the first country to officially recognize the Taliban government in Afghanistan
- The QUAD-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission is the first-ever mission launched by the coast guards of QUAD nations (India, USA, Japan, and Australia) under the Wilmington Declaration
- Union Minister of Cooperation and Home Affairs Amit Shah laid the foundation stone for India's first national cooperative university, Tribhuvan Sahakari Vishwavidyalaya at Anand, Gujarat.



Ques: Who became the first Indian sprinter to run the Men's 100m in under 10.20 seconds?

- A. Gurindervir Singh
- B. Animesh Kujur
- C. Amiya Kumar Mallick
- D. Mohammed Anas
- E. Amlan Borgohain

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Animesh Kujur became the first Indian sprinter to break the 10.20-second barrier in the Men's 100 metres, clocking 10.18 seconds at the Dromia International Sprints and Relays in Vari, Greece.
- He surpassed the previous national record held by Gurindervir Singh.
- In the overall event standings, he finished third, behind Benjamin Richardson (10.01 seconds) of South Africa and Ali Anwar Al-Balushi (10.12 seconds) of Oman.
- Animesh Kujur also holds the national record in the 200m, with 20.32 seconds, set at the 2025 Asian Athletics Championships in South Korea.

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Indonesia will host the 2025 Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in Senayan, Jakarta, from October 19 to 25
- The Formula One (F1) British Grand Prix (GP) 2025, also known as the Formula 1 Qatar Airways British GP 2025, was won by Lando Norris of the United Kingdom, who was driving for McLaren
- Vidya Pillai clinches Heyball gold in Commonwealth Billiards Championships. She defeated South Africa's Marina Jacobs in Mauritius. Heyball, also known as Chinese 8-ball, is a cue sport that combines elements of snooker and American pool
- Magnus Carlsen of Norway won the SuperUnited Rapid & Blitz Croatia 2025 tournament held in Zagreb, Croatia
- Harvinder Singh, world number 1 and reigning Paralympic champion, won two gold medals at the Asian Para-Archery Championships 2025 in Beijing. Recurve Men's Open and Recurve Open Mixed Team (with Bhawna). India finished second overall with 9 medals (3 Gold, 3 Silver, 3 Bronze), behind China
- At the World Boxing Cup 2025 in Kazakhstan, the Indian boxing team took home 11 medals, including three gold, five silver, and three bronze
- The 134th edition of the Durand Cup, Asia's oldest football tournament, will take place from July 23 to August 23, 2025. Matches will be played in five Indian states West Bengal, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya and Jharkhand
- Neeraj Chopra, reigning world javelin champion, won the inaugural Neeraj Chopra Classic 2025 held at Sree Kanteerava Stadium, Bengaluru
- The first-ever Khelo India Water Sports Festival (KIWSF) 2025 will be held at Dal Lake in Srinagar from August 21 to 23, 2025
- At the Dromia Sprint and Relay Meet in Vari, Greece, sprinter Animesh Kujur recorded 10.18 seconds, becoming the first Indian to go under 10.2 seconds in the 100-meter event.
- Novak Djokovic became only the third player in Wimbledon history to reach 100 victories - after Martina Navratilova and Roger Federer
- World Champion Dommaraju Gukesh won the rapid title at the SuperUnited Rapid & Blitz tournament in Zagreb, Croatia
- Zeynep Sonmez became the first Turkish player in the professional era to reach the third round of a Grand Slam at Wimbledon





Ques: Where was India's first private Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal inaugurated recently?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India (DFCCIL) inaugurated India's first private Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal near Surat, Gujarat.
- The terminal is called the New Sanjali Terminal, developed by the Sawariya Shakti Group over 120 acres of private land.
- It is part of the Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal policy (Schedule-1) aimed at promoting private investment in logistics infrastructure.
- The terminal is strategically located between New Sanjali station (freight corridor) and Panoli station (Indian Railways).
- This initiative supports the Gati Shakti National Master Plan for enhancing multi-modal connectivity in India.

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Ques: Which Indian state launched the 'Mukhya Mantri Sehat Yojana' providing free and cashless medical treatment of up to Rs.10 lakh per year for every family?

- A. Haryana
- B. Delhi
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Punjab
- E. Bihar

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Punjab government launched the Mukhya Mantri Sehat Yojana, a universal health cover initiative.
- Under the scheme, every family in the state, regardless of income, will receive free and cashless medical treatment up to Rs.10 lakh per year.
- This is an increase from the earlier limit of Rs.5 lakh per family.
- The scheme will be operational from October 2, 2025.
- Camps will be organised across the state to enroll beneficiaries for the scheme.

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Ques: What is the purpose of the Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND) Scheme?

- A. To privatize broadcasting services
- B. To promote private radio stations
- C. To provide financial support to Prasar Bharati for infrastructure and content development
- D. To establish private news networks
- E. To regulate media advertisements

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND) Scheme is a Central Sector Scheme aimed at providing financial support to Prasar Bharati (which includes All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD)).
- Cabinet Approves BIND scheme with an outlay of Rs.2539.61 crore.
- It covers infrastructure expansion, upgradation of broadcasting equipment, content development, and civil works related to broadcasting services.
- Under the scheme, an Akashvani Kendra will be established in Ujjain to enhance public broadcasting outreach.





Ques: Who won the 2025 PEN Pinter Prize for her writing on migration, faith, and the lives of women?

- A. Arundhati Roy
- B. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- C. Leila Aboulela
- D. Margaret Atwood
- E. Jhumpa Lahiri

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sudanese-Scottish author Leila Aboulela was awarded the 2025 PEN Pinter Prize.
- She was recognised for her powerful writing on themes like migration, religion, and the experiences of women.
- Her notable works include *The Translator* (1999), *Minaret* (2005), and *River Spirit* (2023).
- The PEN Pinter Prize, named after Nobel Laureate Harold Pinter, honors writers who show an "unflinching, unswerving" gaze upon the world.
- The award was established in 2009 and has previously been given to authors such as Salman Rushdie and Arundhati Roy.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Namibia's highest civilian honour, the "Order of the Most Ancient Welwitschia Mirabilis" : Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- 'Grand Collar of the National Order of the Southern Cross' highest civilian honour of Brazil : Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- 21st P. Kesavadev Awards : Shashi Tharoor and diabetologist Banshi Saboo
- NASA-NSS Space Settlement Design Contest 2025 : S.R.N. Mehta CBSE School in Kalaburagi, Karnataka
- Mental Health Award 2025 : Saima Wazed
- 'Key to the City of Buenos Aires' : Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- The Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago : Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- New York City honour : Radhanath Swami, a globally respected spiritual teacher and senior monk of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON)
- National honour of Ghana - Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana : Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi
- 'Dharma Chakravarti' : Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Sankalp se Siddhi Infrastructure Honour' at the ET Edge Supply Chain Management Fest-2025 : Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)
- 2025 Shakti Bhatt Prize : Zara Chowdhary for her debut memoir 'The Lucky Ones'
- 2025 Bloomberg Philanthropies Global Tobacco Control Award : India under the 'O' category, which stands for "Offer help to quit tobacco use"
- 'Special Mention Award' at the Digital Payments Award 2024-25 : India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)
- Knighthood by King Charles III : David Robert Joseph Beckham
- Skytrax's World Airline Awards 2025 : Qatar Airways
- Jury Award for Best Commissioned Film at the Annecy International Animation Festival 2025 : "Desi Oon", created by renowned Indian animation filmmaker Shri Suresh Eriyat
- 'The Champion of Digital Media Awards South Asia 2025' : The Hindu
- James Beard Awards : Vijay Kumar
- Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) honour : Leena Nair
- Srimanta Sankardeva Award by Government of Assam : Dr. Sonal Mansingh
- Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III is the highest civilian honour of Republic of Cyprus : Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Leopard award at this year's Locarno Film Festival : American filmmaker Alexander Payne



Ques : How Many mines received the Seven-Star Rating for sustainable mining practices from the Ministry of Mines in 2025?

- A. 4
- B. 5
- C. 1
- D. 2
- E. 3

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Mines conferred the Seven-Star Rating, the highest recognition for sustainable mining practices, to three mines in 2025.
- Naokari Limestone Mine of UltraTech Cement in Chandrapur, Maharashtra was awarded for exceptional green mining efforts.
- Noamundi Iron Ore Mine of Tata Steel in Jharkhand received the 7-star rating for its outstanding sustainability measures.
- Kammatharu Iron Ore Mine of Sandur Manganese & Iron Ores Limited in Karnataka was also honored with the Seven-Star Rating.
- In total, 98 mines were recognized in the ceremony: 3 with 7-star ratings and 95 with 5-star ratings.

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Ques: What is the name of the book authored by Arvind Yadav on the 14th Dalai Lama, set to be released in September 2025?

- A. Path of Peace
- B. Eternal Light
- C. Light of Wisdom
- D. The Lama's Legacy
- E. Spirit of Tibet

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Senior journalist and author Arvind Yadav has written a biography titled "Eternal Light: The Life and Times of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama."
- The book is scheduled for release in September 2025.
- It covers the life journey, teachings, and global influence of the Dalai Lama.
- The book also highlights Tibetan culture, the struggle for peace, compassion, and non-violence, central to the Dalai Lama's philosophy.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- 'One in a Billion' : Sonal Holland
- Confessions of a Shakespeare Addict : Retired IPS officer V.S. Ravi
- The Sour Mango Tree: Selected Works : Palyaada Lankesh (translated by Dr nataraj hulyar)
- Swasthya Ke Prahari : Lalit Shaurya
- 'Ambedkar ke Sandesh' : compiled by D.S. Veeraiah
- The One: Cricket, My Life and More : Former Indian Cricketer Shikhar Dhawan
- 'Mujib's Blunders: The Powers and the Plot Behind His Killing' : Manash Ghosh
- A Billion Butterflies: A Life in Climate and Chaos Theory : Dr. Jagadish Shukla
- "History That India Ignored" : Prem Prakash, Chairman of Asian News International (ANI)
- 'New World: 21st Century Global Order in India' : senior BJP leader Ram Madhav
- "Zan! Zendegi! Azadi!" (Woman! Life! Freedom!) : Chowra Makaremi
- "Varalaru Koorum Tamil Nattu Kaasugal (Coins that Speak Tamil Nadu History) : Thangam Thennarasu, Minister for Finance, Tamil Nadu and Arumuga Sitharaman, a noted numismatic researcher
- A Different Kind of Power : Jacinda Kate Laurell Ardern
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- "The Man Who Became Cinema: Dilip Kumar" : Ashok Chopra
- 'Story of Schisms and Isms – Kerala from the Twilight of Monarchy to the Present' : R. Mohan, a former IRS officer
- "Kashmir Insurgency – Deconstructing the State Response Revisiting 1989–90" : Colonel Yoginder Kandhari (Retd.), an Indian Army(IA) veteran
- "Life's Magic Moments" : Ruskin Bond





Ques: Which state announced the development of Asia's largest jungle safari in the Aravalli Hills?

- A. Haryana
- B. Gujarat
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Madhya Pradesh
- E. Uttar Pradesh

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Government of Haryana has announced the development of Asia's largest jungle safari in the Aravalli Hills.
- The project will cover 10,000 acres, with 6,000 acres in Gurugram and 4,000 acres in Nuh, Haryana.
- The aim is to boost eco-tourism and promote wildlife conservation.
- The Aravalli Range, one of the oldest mountain ranges in India, spans Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Delhi, covering 1.15 million hectares.

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Ques: Who is the author of the book "Honest John: A Life of John Matthai"?

- A. Syloo Matthai
- B. Rajmohan Gandhi
- C. Bakhtiar K. Dadabhoy
- D. Jairam Ramesh
- E. Gurcharan Das

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The book "Honest John: A Life of John Matthai" is authored by Bakhtiar K. Dadabhoy.
- It chronicles the life of John Matthai, India's first Railway Minister and second Finance Minister after independence.
- The biography highlights his policy decisions, political contributions, and role in shaping India's early economy.
- The book also features a foreword by Syloo Matthai, providing a personal perspective on John Matthai's life and legacy.

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Ques: What is the title of the book written by retired Army officer S.N. Ahmed, paying tribute to the postcard era?

- A. Patra Ki Kahani
- B. Das Paise ka Postcard
- C. Yaadon ka Patra
- D. Antim Chitthi
- E. Sandeh Ka Safar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The book titled Das Paise ka Postcard has been authored by retired Army man S.N. Ahmed.
- It is a nostalgic tribute to the era when postcards were a primary mode of communication in India.
- The title reflects the price of a postcard (10 paise) during that time.

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Ques: Who inaugurated the ASMITA Weightlifting League in Modinagar?

- A. Anurag Thakur
- B. Smriti Irani
- C. Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- D. Mansukh Mandaviya
- E. Bhupender Yadav

Answer : Option D

Explanation:

- Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the ASMITA Weightlifting League at the Weightlifting Warriors Academy in Modinagar.
- The league is focused on promoting women's participation in weightlifting, with 42 girls competing in 8 weight categories over two days.
- Under the broader ASMITA initiative (Adolescent Girls' Sports Motivation Initiative), the government aims to organize 852 competitions in 15 sports disciplines in FY 2024-25, targeting 70,000 female athletes.
- Last year, 550 competitions were held with around 53,000 women participants.

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News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment implements the National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) Scheme
- Union Minister Jitendra Singh reaffirmed that India aims to expand its bioeconomy to \$300 billion by 2030
- The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MIB) launched the “Kalaa Setu – Real-Time Language Tech for Bharat” Challenge under its WaveX Startup Accelerator Platform
- The Finance Ministry has extended the deadline to choose between Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) and National Pension System (NPS) to September 30, 2025, from the earlier deadline of June 30, 2025
- Dr. Jitendra Singh, the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy, and Space, opened a brand-new Tea Lounge called "Sahkar" and a cutting-edge digital studio called "Shrishti" at the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) headquarters
- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has proposed amendments to the Policy Guidelines for Television Rating Agencies, originally issued in 2014, to reflect India's changing TV viewership habits
- Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy unveiled the Aluminium Vision Document at the International Conference on Sustainable and Responsible Mining in Hyderabad
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) rejoined the Unicode Consortium as a Supporting Member, making India and the United States the only two governments with voting rights in the international body that standardizes text and emoji encoding across digital platforms
- The Department of Financial Services (DFS) under the Ministry of Finance organized the Digital Payments Awards 2024–25 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, to recognize institutions advancing India's digital payment ecosystem
- Ericsson's cutting-edge antenna manufacturing facility at VVDN's Global Innovation Park in Manesar was launched by Union Minister of Communications and Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (DONER), Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia



Ques: How many Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) drones has India approved for procurement to enhance border surveillance?

- A. 47
- B. 60
- C. 78
- D. 100
- E. 87

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Indian government has fast-tracked the procurement of 87 MALE drones worth Rs.20,000 crore.
- These drones operate at medium altitudes (up to ~35,000 feet) and can fly for over 30 hours continuously.
- Their primary use includes Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) and limited combat roles.
- The drones will be 60% indigenous, developed under the Make in India initiative.
- Previously, India relied on Israeli-made drones, but the new procurement boosts self-reliance in defense technology.

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Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- 'Nistar' is the first indigenously designed and constructed Diving Support Vessel (DSV) delivered to the Indian Navy
- ERASR stands for Extended Range Anti-Submarine Rocket, designed to combat enemy submarines from Indian Navy ships
- INS Udaygiri is the second stealth frigate built under Project 17A, following the legacy of the Shivalik-class ships of Project 17
- The THAAD (Terminal High Altitude Area Defense) system is a US-developed missile defense system designed to intercept and destroy short-, medium-, and intermediate-range ballistic missiles during their terminal flight phase
- The H-2A rocket lifted off from the Tanegashima Space Center in southwestern Japan, carrying the GOSAT-GW satellite as part of Tokyo's effort to mitigate climate change.
- Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, the second Indian after Rakesh Sharma to go on a space mission, carried a white baby swan soft toy named "Joy" on the Axiom-4 ISS mission
- Eris is a 25-metre tall, three-stage orbital rocket developed by Gilmour Space Technologies, a private aerospace firm based in Gold Coast, Australia
- 'Adamyia' is the first Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) under the eight FPV Project at Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)
- Axiom Space, the U.S.-based private company behind Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4) featuring Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, has signed an agreement with Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace
- INS Nilgiri, the first stealth frigate under Project 17A, has officially joined the Eastern Naval Command at Visakhapatnam and is now part of the Eastern Sword – Sunrise Fleet
- The Tomahawk is a long-range, subsonic cruise missile developed by the United States Navy, used primarily for precision land-based strikes
- India has initiated preliminary development of a conventional variant of its Agni-V ICBM, equipped with a 7.5-tonne warhead
- INS Teg is a stealth Talwar-class guided missile frigate of the Indian Navy, deployed in the South West Indian Ocean Region
- The Indian Navy will commission INS Tamal, a stealth multi-role frigate, on July 1, 2025, in Kaliningrad, Russia



Ques: According to Houlihan Lokey's report, which IPL franchise is the most valuable in 2024?

- A. Mumbai Indians
- B. Chennai Super Kings
- C. Royal Challengers Bengaluru
- D. Kolkata Knight Riders
- E. Punjab Kings

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- According to the Houlihan Lokey report, Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) became the most valuable IPL franchise in 2024, with a brand value of \$269 million.
- RCB surpassed other popular teams like Mumbai Indians and Chennai Super Kings in brand valuation.
- The overall IPL valuation rose to \$18.5 billion, with the brand value reaching \$3.9 billion.
- The significant increase in RCB's value is due to factors like increased viewership, sponsorship deals, and notably, their first IPL title win in 2024.

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Ques: Which country will become the 21st member of the eurozone by adopting the euro from January 1, 2026?

- A. Romania
- B. Bulgaria
- C. Serbia
- D. Hungary
- E. Poland

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The European Union ministers have granted final approval for Bulgaria to adopt the euro from January 1, 2026.
- Bulgaria will replace its current currency, the Bulgarian Lev, with the euro (EUR).
- This makes Bulgaria the 21st member of the eurozone, which is the group of EU countries using the euro as their official currency.
- The euro is the second most used currency in the world after the US dollar.
- Croatia was the most recent country to join the eurozone, adopting the euro on January 1, 2023.

About Bulgaria :

- Capital : Sofia
- Currency : Bulgarian Lev
- PM : Rosen Dimitrov Zhelyazkov

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Ques: Where will the 7th Regional Committee Meeting of ISA for the Asia-Pacific region be held in July 2025?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Kathmandu
- C. Dhaka
- D. Colombo
- E. Jakarta

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The International Solar Alliance (ISA) will conduct its 7th Regional Committee Meeting for the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region in Colombo, Sri Lanka, from July 15 to 17, 2025.
- The focus of the meeting is to accelerate solar energy deployment and promote investment-ready, scalable energy solutions in the Asia-Pacific region.
- The event will facilitate collaboration between governments, private sector leaders, and energy experts to develop innovative solar solutions for the future.
- This meeting is part of ISA's ongoing efforts to make solar energy affordable, reliable, and accessible across member countries.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The 17th BRICS Summit was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 6–7 July 2025. The theme of the summit was: "Strengthening Global South Cooperation for a More Inclusive and Sustainable Governance"
- The third edition of the National Conference on Responsible Business Conduct (NCRBC) 2025 was inaugurated in New Delhi. Organised by the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs
- The Development Commissioner (Handlooms) under the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, officially launched the "Handloom Hackathon 2025", a national competition aimed at modernizing India's handloom sector
- The third edition of the Bharat Mobility Global Expo (BMGE) is scheduled to be held from 4th to 9th February 2027 in the National Capital Region (NCR) of Delhi
- The 7th Annual International Conference of the Innovative Physicians Forum – IPF MEDICON 2025 in New Delhi
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah chaired the "Manthan Baithak" with Ministers of Cooperation from all States and Union Territories to commemorate the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) 2025
- The 62nd Sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) i.e. (SB62) or also known as 2025 Bonn Climate Change Conference was held in Bonn, Germany. It is a bi- annual meeting.
- The first-ever ASEAN-India Cruise Dialogue was inaugurated by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW), at Chennai Port
- The 21st Steering Committee Meeting of Project Elephant was chaired by Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav and held at the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy in Dehradun
- The Hong Kong Convention (HKC) is a global treaty developed under the International Maritime Organization (IMO).
- The Netherlands hosted the NATO Summit 2025 in its capital city The Hague, marking the first time since NATO's formation in 1949 that the country hosted the summit
- Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Working Group Meeting on Maritime Security (IWG-MARSEC) hosted by Indian Navy at New Delhi



Ques: What is the name of the initiative launched by NESTS and UNICEF India to support holistic development among EMRS students?

- A. PRAGATI
- B. UDAAN
- C. TALASH
- D. GATI
- E. RISE

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- TALASH (Tribal Aptitude, Life Skills and Self-Esteem Hub) is a national initiative launched by the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) in collaboration with UNICEF India.
- It supports the holistic development of students in Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) across 28 States and 8 Union Territories.
- The program includes psychometric assessments, career counselling, and life skills modules to empower tribal students with confidence, self-awareness, and career clarity.

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Ques: Whose 125th birth anniversary is being officially commemorated with a postage stamp and coin release from July 6, 2025 to July 6, 2027?

- A. Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- B. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- C. Syama Prasad Mookerjee
- D. Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- E. Lala Lajpat Rai

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Department of Posts released a postage stamp and coin to mark the 125th birth anniversary of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee.
- The official two-year commemoration (2025–2027) was announced by the Ministry of Culture.
- Born on 6 July 1901 in Kolkata, Mookerjee was a noted educationist, barrister, and freedom fighter.
- He founded the Bharatiya Jana Sangh in 1951, which later evolved into the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).
- He was nicknamed "The Lion of Parliament" for his powerful speeches on national issues.

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Ques: What is the new condition set by the Bihar Cabinet for women to claim the 35% reservation in state government jobs?

- A. Age relaxation
- B. Minimum education qualification
- C. Domicile certificate mandatory
- D. Income ceiling
- E. Marital status proof

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Bihar Cabinet, chaired by CM Nitish Kumar, has made it compulsory for women to produce a Bihar domicile certificate to avail the 35% reservation in state government jobs, which was introduced in 2016.
- Earlier, women from outside Bihar could also apply under this quota.
- Now, only Bihar resident women will be eligible for the reservation.
- Women from other states can still apply but will be considered under the general category.
- Additionally, the Cabinet has approved setting up the Bihar Youth Commission to promote self-reliance, skill development, and employment among the youth

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Ques: What is the theme of World Population Day 2025 observed on July 11?

- A. Investing in Teenage Health
- B. Rights and Choices are the Answer
- C. Empowering youth for sustainable future
- D. Empowering young people to create the families they want in a fair and hopeful world
- E. Reproductive Health and Gender Equality

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The theme of World Population Day 2025 is “Empowering young people to create the families they want in a fair and hopeful world.”
- World Population Day was established in 1989 by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme.
- The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution in December 1990 to continue observing this day annually.
- The first observance took place on 11 July 1990 in over 90 countries

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Important days :

- 28 June : National Insurance Awareness Day 2025
- 29 June : National Statistics Day 2025 (Theme of Statistics Day 2025: “75 Years of National Sample Survey”)
- 29 June : International Day of the Tropics
- 30 June : International Day of Parliamentarism (Theme : Achieving gender equality, action by action) (commemorates the founding of the InterParliamentary Union (IPU) on June 30, 1889)
- 30 June : International Asteroid Day
- 30 June : Hul Diwas (to honor Sidho and Kanhu Murmu, the tribal leaders who led the Santhal Hul (rebellion) in 1855 at Bhognadih, now in Jharkhand)
- 1 July : National Chartered Accountants Day
- 1 July : National Postal Worker Day
- 1 July : Canada Day
- 1 July : National Doctor’s Day (Theme for 2025: “Behind the Mask: Who Heals the Healers?”)
- 1 July : 8th Goods and Services Tax Day 2025 (Theme 2025 GST-Simplifying Taxes: Empowering Citizens)
- 2 July : World Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) Day
- 2 July : World Sports Journalists Day (Theme 2025 Championing Fair Play: Reporting with Integrity and Impact)
- 3 July : International Plastic Bag Free Day 2025
- 5 July (First Saturday of July): International Day of Cooperatives (Theme: “Cooperatives: Driving Inclusive and Sustainable Solutions for a Better World.”)
- 6 July : World Zoonoses Day
- 6 July : World Rural Development Day (WRDD) (Theme: Rural Empowerment - Global Impact)
- 7 July : Global Forgiveness Day
- 7 July : World Kiswahili Language Day
- 7 July : World Bioproduct Day (Theme "World Bioproduct Day – The BioE3 Way")
- 10 July : Global Energy Independence Day
- 10 July : National Fish Farmers day
- 11 July : World Horse Day (THEME: Honoring a Timeless Partner)





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Puri, a popular shrine and tourism destination in Odisha, would be transformed into a municipal corporation, according to Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi's announcement. Puri will join Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Sambalpur, Berhampur, and Rourkela as Odisha's sixth municipal corporation.

The Kerala Fisheries department has awarded Kasaragod district the Fisheries department Excellence Award 2025, recognising its achievements in the fisheries sector under the Popular Fish Farming Project.

Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya kicksoff ASMITA Weightlifting League in Modinagar, Uttar Pradesh. ASMITA (Achieving Sports Milestone by Inspiring Women) is part of Khelo India's gender neutral mission Started in 2021.

Vidarbha Industries Power Ltd (VIPL), a 600 MW coal-based thermal project, was acquired by Adani Power Ltd (APL) for ₹4,000 crore. Located in Maharashtra's Butibori, Nagpur district, VIPL consists of two 300 MW domestic coal-fired facilities.

Priya Nair, who already serves as President of Unilever's Beauty and Well-Being division, will take over as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) on August 1, 2025, the company revealed.

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