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**Ques: Which bank has partnered with VinFast Auto in India to provide auto and inventory financing for its exclusive dealer network?**

- A. ICICI Bank
- B. Axis Bank
- C. HDFC Bank
- D. State Bank of India
- E. Kotak Mahindra Bank

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- VinFast Auto, a subsidiary of Vietnam's electric vehicle manufacturer VinFast, has partnered with HDFC Bank in India.
- The partnership will provide auto loans and inventory financing to VinFast's exclusive dealer network.
- It aims to help dealers with vehicle procurement and stock management, improving operational efficiency.
- This collaboration will also support VinFast's electric vehicle market expansion strategy in India.

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**Ques: Why did the Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE) suspend motor insurance operations of Oriental Insurance Company (OIC) in Dubai?**

- A. Due to financial losses
- B. Due to non-compliance with regulatory requirements
- C. Due to a merger with another company
- D. Due to low customer base
- E. Due to cyber security issues

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE) suspended OIC's motor insurance operations in Dubai due to non-compliance with regulatory requirements.
- OIC had to deposit a statutory bank guarantee of AED 100 million but was denied additional time by CBUAE to obtain board and regulatory approvals.
- OIC has decided to place its Dubai operations in run-off mode; the branch began operations in 1960 and generated a total business of Rs 296 crore in 2024.
- The suspension reflects the strict regulatory environment in the UAE to ensure compliance and financial stability in the insurance sector.

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**Ques: What was the year-on-year growth in net profit of Public Sector Banks in Q1 FY26?**

- A. 8.2%
- B. 9.5%
- C. 10.6%
- D. 11.8%
- E. 12.4%

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Public Sector Banks recorded a 10.6% year-on-year growth in net profit in April–June 2025 (Q1 FY26).
- Net profit rose to ₹44,218 crore from ₹39,974 crore in the same quarter last year.
- Growth was driven by improved operational efficiency and stable asset quality.
- The performance highlights the resilience of the PSB sector despite macroeconomic challenges

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**Ques: As of 2025, what is the government's stake in Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)?**

- A. 90%
- B. 93.85%
- C. 94.61%
- D. 96.5%
- E. 89.27%

**Answer: Option D**

**Explanation:**

- The Government of India currently holds 96.5% stake in LIC, after selling 3.5% during its IPO in 2022.
- As per SEBI regulations, LIC must comply with the 10% minimum public shareholding rule by 16 May 2027.
- The Centre plans deeper divestments in LIC and five public sector banks (Indian Overseas Bank, Punjab & Sind Bank, UCO Bank, Central Bank of India, and Bank of Maharashtra) to reduce government stake below 75% by August 2026.
- Only Bank of Maharashtra is expected to meet the August 2026 target on time.

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**Ques: The first International Manuscript Heritage Conference in India will commemorate which historic event?**

- A. Mahatma Gandhi's Dandi March
- B. Rabindranath Tagore's Nobel Prize
- C. Swami Vivekananda's Chicago Address
- D. First Indian Census
- E. Establishment of Nalanda University

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The first-ever International Manuscript Heritage Conference will be held in September 2025 in India.
- It will commemorate the 132nd anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's historic 11 September 1893 Chicago address at the Parliament of the World's Religions.
- The conference will bring together scholars, historians, manuscript experts, and cultural practitioners to explore, preserve, and promote India's manuscript heritage.
- Key themes include decipherment of ancient scripts, manuscript conservation and restoration, digitization tools, cultural diplomacy, and legal frameworks for preservation.

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**Ques: Which award did Terminal 2 of Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport win in 2025?**

- A. International Green Building Award
- B. International Architectural Award in Transport Category
- C. World Travel Award
- D. Global Airport Excellence Award
- E. UNESCO Heritage Architecture Award

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Terminal 2 (T2) of Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, also known as Guwahati International Airport, won the International Architectural Award 2025 in the Transport Category.
- The award is conferred by The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design, in collaboration with The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies, and Metropolitan Arts Press Limited.
- The airport, operated by Adani Airport Holdings Limited, connects Northeast India to the rest of the country and international destinations.
- The architectural design of T2 draws inspiration from the resilience of bamboo and the grace of the foxtail orchid, symbolizing Assam's cultural and natural heritage.

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**Ques: What is the purpose of the National Sports Governance Bill passed in Lok Sabha?**

- A. To provide free sports facilities to all citizens
- B. To regulate various sports administrators and federations in India
- C. To promote traditional sports only
- D. To privatize all sports federations
- E. To merge all sports federations under one body

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- The National Sports Governance Bill, moved by Sports Minister Mansukh Mandviya, seeks to regulate various sports administrators in India.
- It constitutes a National Sports Board (NSB) to oversee all sports federations, including India's richest sports body, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
- Alongside, the National Anti-Doping Amendment Bill 2025 provides greater operational independence to India's Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) in accordance with World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) guidelines.
- These Bills aim to improve governance, transparency, and accountability in Indian sports administration.

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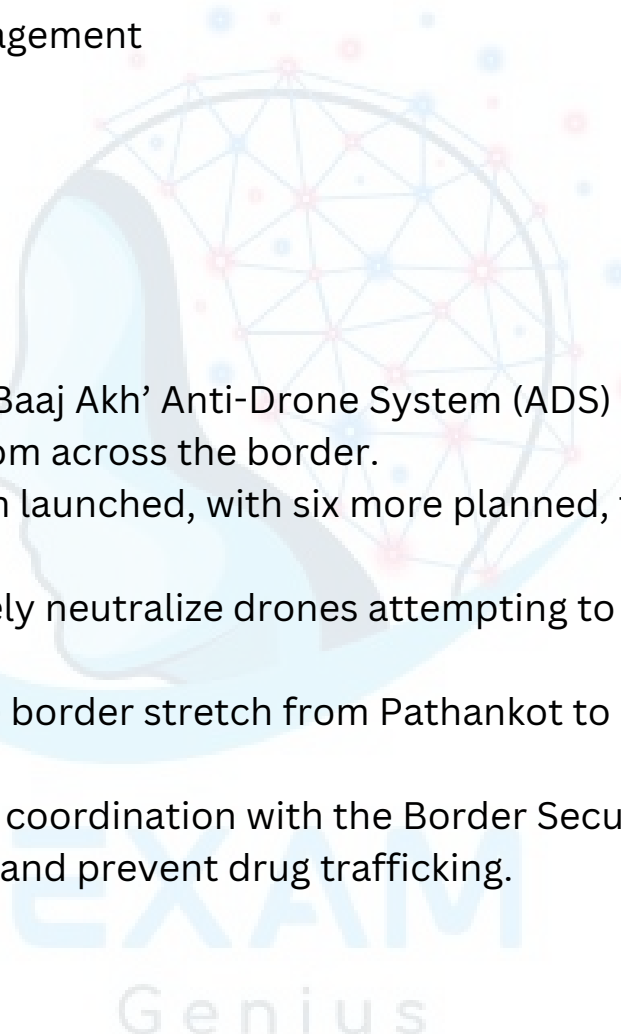
**Ques: What is the purpose of Punjab's newly launched 'Baaj Akh' Anti-Drone System?**

- A. To monitor weather patterns
- B. To curb cross-border drug smuggling
- C. To enhance agricultural productivity
- D. To track wildlife movement
- E. To assist in disaster management

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Punjab has launched the 'Baaj Akh' Anti-Drone System (ADS) from Tarn Taran to curb the supply of drugs from across the border.
- Three ADS units have been launched, with six more planned, to prevent smuggling via drones.
- The system will immediately neutralize drones attempting to enter the state from across the border.
- Deployment will cover the border stretch from Pathankot to Fazilka as a second line of defense.
- The system will operate in coordination with the Border Security Force (BSF) to strengthen border security and prevent drug trafficking.





**Ques: Which Indian Naval Ship recently completed a port call at Casablanca, Morocco?**

- A. INS Tushil
- B. INS Sunayak
- C. INS Tamal
- D. INS Vikrant
- E. INS Kolkata

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- INS Tamal, the Indian Navy's newest stealth frigate, completed a port call at Casablanca, Morocco during her return voyage to India.
- INS Tamal is the third Indian Naval Ship in the last two years to visit Casablanca, after INS Tushil and INS Sunayak.
- India's Ambassador to Morocco, Sanjay Rana, visited the ship and interacted with both the Moroccan naval leadership and the Indian crew.
- As part of departure activities, INS Tamal conducted a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with the Royal Moroccan Navy Ship Mohammed VI.
- The visit strengthens naval cooperation between India and Morocco and showcases India's maritime diplomacy.

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**Ques: As of August 2025, how many unorganised workers have registered on the e-Shram portal?**

- A. 25.87 crore
- B. 28.56 crore
- C. 30.98 crore
- D. 32.10 crore
- E. 29.45 crore

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The e-Shram portal was launched on 26 August 2021 by the Ministry of Labour & Employment to create a National Database of Unorganised Workers (NDUW) linked with Aadhaar.
- As of 5 August 2025, registrations crossed 30.98 crore.
- The portal's "One-Stop-Solution" integrates 14 welfare schemes such as PMSVANidhi, PMJJBY, PMFBY, MGNREGS, PMAY, PM-KISAN, ONORC, and PMMVY.
- It also connects with PM-SYM, NCS, SIDH, UMANG, DigiLocker, myScheme, and OGD.
- The Platform Aggregator module launched on 12 December 2024 brings 12 gig economy platforms (Zomato, Blinkit, Urban Company, Uber, Ola, Amazon, Swiggy, Rapido, Zepto, Ecom Express, Uncle Delivery) under one umbrella for social security access.

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**Ques: What is the mascot of the 71st Nehru Trophy Boat Race (NTBR) depicting?**

- A. A kingfisher flying over water
- B. A drongo (Kakkathampuratti) rowing a canoe
- C. A dolphin jumping out of the lake
- D. A snake boat racing
- E. A fisherman casting Lnet

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- The mascot of the 71st Nehru Trophy Boat Race (NTBR) depicts a drongo, locally called Kakkathampuratti, rowing a canoe.
- It was designed by S. Anupama from Vattayal in Alappuzha.
- NTBR is one of the pioneer snake boat races in Kerala, held on Punnamada Lake in Alappuzha.
- The event's name was inspired by Jawaharlal Nehru's visit to Kerala in 1952.
- The 71st edition of the race is scheduled for August 30.

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**Ques: Which country has been declared free of sleeping sickness by WHO?**

- A. Uganda
- B. Kenya
- C. Tanzania
- D. Nigeria
- E. Ghana

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- WHO has certified Kenya as having eliminated human African trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness) as a public health challenge.
- Kenya is the 10th country to reach this critical milestone.
- The disease is caused by protozoan parasites transmitted through infected tsetse flies and is endemic in sub-Saharan Africa.
- Symptoms include fever, headaches, joint pain, and in advanced stages, neurological issues such as confusion, disrupted sleep, and behavioral changes.
- Human African trypanosomiasis is the second neglected tropical disease to be eliminated in Kenya, after Guinea worm disease was declared eradicated in 2018.

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**Ques: Flipkart recently launched the ‘Gourmet’ category under which service?**

- A. Flipkart Express
- B. Flipkart Now
- C. Flipkart Minutes
- D. Flipkart Plus
- E. Flipkart Fresh

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Flipkart has launched the ‘Gourmet’ category under its quick commerce platform – Flipkart Minutes.
- The category offers over 650 products from more than 130 brands.
- Products are sourced from international destinations like South Korea, Italy, France, and the USA.
- This move is aimed at catering to the growing demand for premium and imported food products in India.

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**Ques: Where is the Indian Army organizing the drone competition Surya Dronnathan 2025?**

- A. Leh, Ladakh
- B. Sumdo, Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh
- C. Gangtok, Sikkim
- D. Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- E. Jaipur, Rajasthan

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Indian Army's Surya Command, in collaboration with the Drone Federation of India, is organizing Surya Dronnathan 2025 at Sumdo in the Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh.
- The competition aims to leverage cutting-edge indigenous technology and foster a strong ecosystem of innovation in the defense sector.
- Participants navigate one of the country's highest drone obstacle courses at an altitude of 10,700 feet from August 10 to 24, 2025.
- The event is held in two phases: Phase 1 – August 10–15, 2025, and Phase 2 – August 20–24, 2025.
- Surya Command, also known as the Central Command, is one of the seven commands of the Indian Army, headquartered in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

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**Ques: Which global tech companies has BSNL signed MoUs with for advanced skilling programs?**

- A. Ericsson India, Qualcomm, Cisco, Nokia
- B. Intel, IBM, Microsoft, Huawei
- C. Samsung, Google, TCS, Infosys
- D. Oracle, Dell, HP, Lenovo
- E. Apple, Sony, Ericsson, Cisco

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- BSNL signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with four global tech companies: Ericsson India Pvt. Limited, Qualcomm Technologies Inc., Cisco Systems, and Nokia Solutions and Networks India Pvt. Limited.
- The program aims to train over 2,000 students annually, with Phase 1 investments exceeding Rs. 1 crore.
- Advanced skilling programs will focus on 5G, Artificial Intelligence (AI)/Machine Learning, networking, and digital technologies at Bharat Ratna Bhim Rao Ambedkar Institute of Telecom Training (BRBRAITT) in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
- Each company will contribute uniquely:

Ericsson India: Establish a dedicated 5G Centre of Excellence and provide hands-on training.

Qualcomm: Focus on advanced 5G and AI training for students, BSNL trainers, and government stakeholders.

Cisco Systems: Enhance skills in networking, cybersecurity, and IT infrastructure.

Nokia Solutions & Networks: Support development of 5G CoE and AI/ML Lab, training 300 students annually.







**Ques: The recent gain in mangrove cover in West Bengal is largely attributed to which programmes?**

- A. Green India Mission & ICZM
- B. MISHTI & CAMPA-MGNREGS
- C. CRZ & Project Tiger
- D. National Afforestation Programme & REDD+
- E. Blue Carbon Initiative & ICZM

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- As per Indian State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2013 & 2023, West Bengal's mangrove cover increased from 2,097 sq. km to 2,119.16 sq. km — a gain of 22.16 sq. km over the last decade.
- The growth is credited mainly to MISHTI (Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats and Tangible Income) and CAMPA-MGNREGS convergence supporting afforestation and eco-restoration.
- Other contributing measures include Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) notifications, the Conservation and Management of Mangroves and Coral Reefs Scheme, and Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) in coordination with the West Bengal government.
- Project Tiger in the Sundarban Tiger Reserve also helps protect the habitat for the Royal Bengal Tiger.





**Ques: What is the key feature of the Indian Railways' experimental Round Trip Package scheme?**

- A. Free meals on return journey
- B. 20% rebate on the base fare of the return journey
- C. Complimentary travel insurance
- D. Priority boarding for festive season travelers
- E. Free Wi-Fi on trains

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Indian Railways has launched an experimental Round Trip Package scheme offering a 20% rebate on the base fare of the return journey.
- The initiative aims to spread out passenger traffic, reduce last-minute booking pressure, and make travel more convenient during the festive season.
- Bookings for the scheme open on August 14, 2025, for onward journeys between October 13–26, 2025, with return journeys scheduled between November 17–December 1, 2025.
- This scheme is designed to encourage advance planning and smoother travel during peak travel periods.

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**Ques: What is the theme of International Youth Day 2025?**

- A. Youth for Climate Action
- B. Local Youth Actions for the SDGs and Beyond
- C. Empowering Rural Youth
- D. Youth and Technology
- E. Global Youth Leadership

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- International Youth Day is observed annually on August 12, as declared by the UN General Assembly in 1999.
- The first celebration took place on August 12, 2000.
- The theme for 2025 is Local Youth Actions for the SDGs and Beyond, focusing on youth contributions towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.
- National Youth Day, also called Vivekananda Jayanti, is celebrated on January 12 to mark the birthday of Swami Vivekananda.

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The 16th edition of the Air Chief Marshal LM Katre Memorial Lecture was held at the HAL Management Academy Auditorium, Bengaluru.

Kerala State Financial Enterprises (KSFE) became the first miscellaneous non-banking financial company (NBFC) in India to surpass a business turnover of Rs 1 lakh crore, doubling its business from Rs 50,000 crore within four years.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off Amritsar – Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Vande Bharat Train.

The Patriotic Film Festival, which is being organised by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the National Film Development Corporation, has begun in New Delhi at Siri Fort Auditorium.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 184 newly constructed Type-VII multi-storey flats for Members of Parliament at Baba Khark Singh Marg in New Delhi. The four towers are named Krishna, Godavari, Kosi, and Hooghly.

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