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Ques: Who has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the United States-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) in 2025?

- A. Mukesh Ambani
- B. Gautam Adani
- C. Kumar Mangalam Birla
- D. Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- E. Sunil Bharti Mittal

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Kumar Mangalam Birla, the Indian billionaire and Chairman of the Aditya Birla Group, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the United States-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF).
- He will also serve on the Executive Committee of the Board.
- His appointment is aimed at strengthening US-India bilateral dialogue, trust, and collaboration.
- USISPF is a non-profit organization that promotes strategic and economic partnerships between India and the USA.

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- 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
- Sat Pal Bhanoo : additional charge of CEO & MD of LIC
- Shri T. Rabi Sankar : part-time member of the 16th Finance Commission (XVIFC)
- K. Prathapa Reddy : Chairman of Telangana Grameena Bank (TGB) (replacing Y. Sobha)
- Stefan Schaffer : Chief Executive officer (CEO) of Deutsche Bank India (Replaced Dilipkumar Khandelwal)
- Swarup Kumar Saha : Managing Director and CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank
- Raman Aggarwal : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC) - Representative body of NBFCs
- Mauritanian economist Sidi Ould Tah : 9th President of the African Development Bank (AfDB)





Ques: By what percentage did India's net direct tax collection fall between April 1 and July 10, 2025?

- A. 1.3%
- B. 0.5%
- C. 2.7%
- D. 3.8%
- E. 4.5%

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- According to the Income Tax Department, India's net direct tax collection fell by 1.3% between April 1 and July 10, 2025.
- Key Reasons for the Decline are 4% drop in corporate tax collection (Rs.2.00 lakh crore vs Rs.2.07 lakh crore last year) and 38% rise in refunds (Rs.1.02 lakh crore vs Rs.0.74 lakh crore last year)
- Non-corporate tax collections remained stable at Rs.3.45 lakh crore.
- The government has set a Rs.25.20 lakh crore target for FY25, aiming for 12.35% growth over FY24.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman highlighted the importance of voluntary compliance and a simplified tax system.

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Ques: The RBI's draft norms for the closure of shipping bills in EDPMS allow relaxed procedures for bills of what maximum value per shipping bill?

- A. Rs.5 lakh
- B. Rs.10 lakh
- C. Rs.15 lakh
- D. Rs.20 lakh
- E. Rs.25 lakh

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued draft guidelines for the closure of shipping bills in the Export Data Processing and Monitoring System (EDPMS).
- The EDPMS was introduced in February 2014 by the RBI to monitor realisation of export proceeds.
- These norms are meant to simplify compliance related to small-value exports.
- Under the draft rules, Authorised Dealer Category-I (AD) banks can follow a relaxed procedure for shipping bills valued up to Rs.10 lakh per bill (or equivalent in foreign currency).
- Exporters can provide a self-declaration for the realisation of proceeds and any reduction in the declared export value.
- These declarations are to be obtained on a quarterly basis.
- No penalties will be imposed for delays under this relaxation.
- The draft norms are issued under Sections 10(4) and 11(1) of FEMA, 1999.





Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- According to RBI guidelines, a Jan Dhan account is marked as “inoperative” if no customer-initiated transaction occurs for 24 consecutive months
- TZF Logistics Solutions, a subsidiary of logistics-tech firm BlackBuck, has received the Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) licence from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- RBI has disclosed that Rs.2000 denomination banknotes valued at Rs.6,099 crore are still in circulation, despite being withdrawn from active use on May 19, 2023.
- RBI has barred banks, NBFC-ULs, and certain other lenders from levying foreclosure or prepayment charges on floating rate loans extended to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) and on floating rate personal loans.
- RBI has granted in-principle approval to Saraswat Co-operative Bank (SCB) for the acquisition of the New India Co-operative Bank (NICB) under the voluntary amalgamation scheme for Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs)
- As per the RBI’s June 2025 Financial Stability Report, the Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) ratio of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) is projected to rise marginally from 2.3% in March 2025 to 2.5% by March 2027 under the baseline scenario
- According to the June 2025 edition of RBI’s Financial Stability Report (FSR), India's household debt as a percentage of GDP declined from 42.9% (June 2024) to 41.9% (December 2024).
- RBI has revised the operational hours for SDF and MSF. Effective July 1, 2025, these liquidity tools will now be available from 7:00 PM to 11:59 PM every day
- According to the RBI, India’s external debt rose by 10% to USD 736.3 billion at the end of March 2025, up from USD 668.8 billion in March 2024
- RBI has issued new guidelines to tighten the security of Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS) transactions and reduce fraud risks
- Panaji (Goa) based Instifi has received Certificate of Authorization (COA), a final authorization from RBI to operate as a licensed online Payment Aggregator (PA) under the Payments and Settlement Systems (PSS) Act, 2007
- As per the June 2025 bulletin of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), India has emerged as the top destination in the Global South for Greenfield investments in the digital economy
- RBI has extended call money market hours by 2 hours, now operating from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM



Ques: As per recent government and RBI discussions, how many Indian banks are currently ranked among the top 100 global banks by total assets?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- As per the latest discussions between the Government of India and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), currently two Indian banks are ranked in the top 100 global banks by total assets.
- These are State Bank of India (SBI) – Ranked 43rd and HDFC Bank – Ranked 73rd
- The government and RBI are exploring allowing NBFCs to enter banking, and merging existing public sector banks (PSBs) to create globally competitive large banks.
- The broader goal is to help India become the 3rd largest economy by 2027–28, and have at least two Indian banks in the global top 10.
- In 2019, the government reduced the number of PSBs from 27 to 12 by merging 10 banks into 4.
- Other current stats: India has 12 PSBs, 21 private banks, 11 small finance banks, 44 foreign banks, and 5 payment banks.

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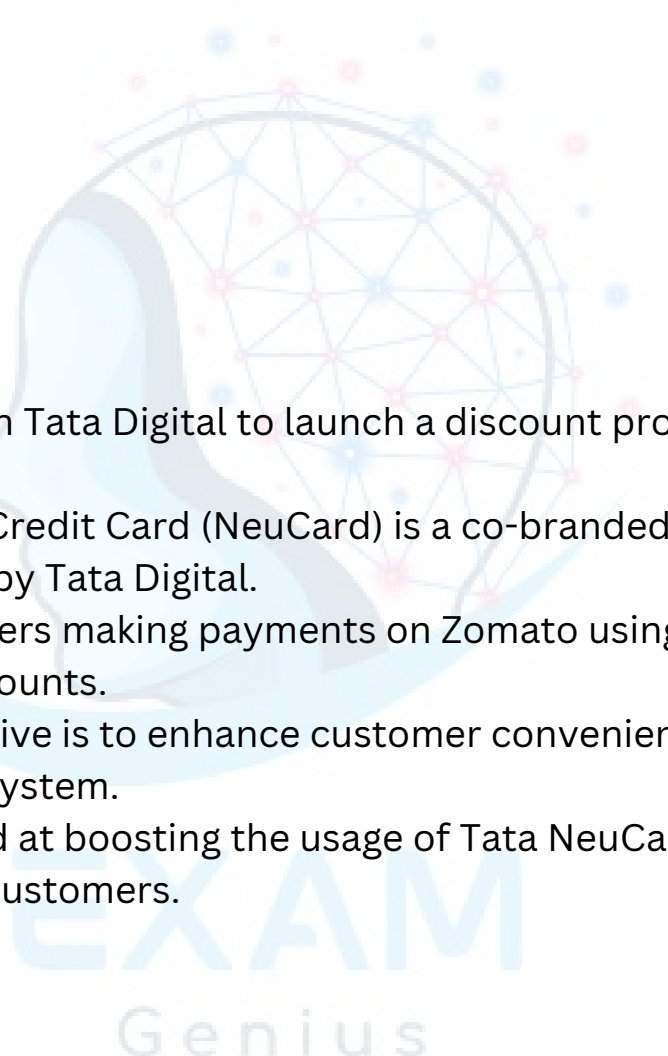
Ques: Which two companies have partnered to offer discounts to Tata NeuCard users on Zomato orders?

- A. Swiggy & ICICI Bank
- B. Zomato & Paytm
- C. Zomato & HDFC Bank
- D. Zomato & Tata Digital
- E. HDFC Bank & PhonePe

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Zomato has partnered with Tata Digital to launch a discount programme for Tata NeuCard users.
- The Tata Neu HDFC Bank Credit Card (NeuCard) is a co-branded card issued by HDFC Bank and supported by Tata Digital.
- Under this partnership, users making payments on Zomato using the NeuCard will get select promotional discounts.
- The objective of the initiative is to enhance customer convenience and strengthen Tata Digital's payment ecosystem.
- This collaboration is aimed at boosting the usage of Tata NeuCard while offering added benefits to Zomato customers.





Recently signed banking agreements

- CCIL-International Financial Services Centre Limited (CCIL IFSC) has signed an agreement with Standard Chartered Bank (SCB), to enable real-time settlement of USD transactions at Gujarat International Finance Technology (GIFT) City in Gandhinagar
- National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) signed an agreement with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) to launch India's first weather derivatives, with an initial focus on rainfall-based derivative products
- Karur Vysya Bank Limited and Kshema General Insurance Limited, have entered a strategic bancassurance alliance to introduce 'Kshema Kisan Sathi'
- AU Small Finance Bank has entered into a strategic partnership with LIC to distribute life insurance products including term plans, endowment plans, pension, and annuity schemes
- Unified Lending Interface (ULI) is an API-based, consent-driven digital platform developed by the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) in collaboration with the RBI to enhance India's digital credit infrastructure
- Equitas Small Finance Bank has entered into a bancassurance partnership with Edelweiss Life Insurance
- State Bank of India (SBI) has signed a strategic partnership with Financial Planning Standards Board (FPSB) India to include the globally recognized Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification in its employee development programs
- In order to introduce co-branded credit cards, Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) partnered strategically with SBI Cards and Payment Services Limited (SBI Card), a State Bank of India (SBI) subsidiary and one of India's top credit card issuers
- Prayoga Institute of Education Research has partnered with SBI Foundation and SBI Funds Management Pvt. Ltd. to expand its Kriya programme in 12 government schools in Raichur district, Karnataka
- Maruti Suzuki India has signed an MoU with Equitas Small Finance Bank, entering into a strategic vehicle financing partnership for customers.
- RuPay, supported by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has partnered with Japan-based JCB International to launch a limited-time 25% cashback offer
- Vedanta Aluminium signed an MoU with the Central Bank of India to provide collateral-free financing to MSMEs and OEMs through Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) in Korba, Chhattisgarh





Ques: Where did ISRO conduct the short-duration hot tests of the Gaganyaan Service Module Propulsion System (SMPS)?

- A. Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota
- B. ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri
- C. Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram
- D. Space Applications Centre, Ahmedabad
- E. U R Rao Satellite Centre, Bengaluru

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- ISRO successfully conducted two short-duration hot tests of the Gaganyaan Service Module Propulsion System (SMPS) at the ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC), Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu.
- The tests lasted 30 seconds and 100 seconds, validating the propulsion system's performance.
- The SMPS includes 5 Liquid Apogee Motors (LAM) and 16 Reaction Control System (RCS) thrusters.
- The Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC), Thiruvananthapuram, is leading the project.
- The Gaganyaan Mission is scheduled for launch in 2027, with the goal of sending Indian astronauts into Low Earth Orbit (LEO).

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Recent News Headlines Related to ISRO

- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed a Rs.511 crore Transfer of Technology (ToT) deal with ISRO to manufacture and operate Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLVs)
- ISRO and the Department of Space's Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) collaborated with the Astronautical Society of India to successfully test a model rocket launcher system with a payload in Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) & Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) signed MOU to transform the bank's transaction reconciliation processes. TCS will deploy its AI-powered solution TCS BaNCS™ for Reconciliations
- During ISRO's 101st mission, conducted using the reliable Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), a malfunction occurred in the third stage of the rocket
- ISRO & Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology (SCTIMST) Signed MoU for the 'Framework Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) on Cooperation in Space Medicine'
- ISRO used satellite technology under its CROP (Comprehensive Remote Sensing Observation on Crop Progress) project to monitor wheat crop conditions during the Rabi season
- ISRO has indigenously developed a Stellite-based nozzle divergent to replace imported Columbium in the fourth stage of the PSLV
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL), Chandigarh, have jointly developed two 32-bit microprocessors—Vikram 3201 and Kalpana 3201
- IIT Madras and ISRO have developed an indigenous microprocessor for space applications that can be utilized in command and control systems as well as other vital operations in space
- ISRO unveiled the latest edition of the Finite Element Analysis of Structures (FEAST) software during the 8th National Finite Element Developers' Meeting at the IIT Hyderabad
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched its new generation satellite, NVS-02, from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. The Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV-F15) carried the NVS-02



Ques: Which Indian agency carried out the rescue operation for the U.S. sailing vessel 'Sea Angel' near Andaman & Nicobar Islands?

- A. Indian Navy
- B. Indian Coast Guard
- C. National Disaster Response Force
- D. Indian Air Force
- E. Shipping Corporation of India

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) conducted a rescue operation for the U.S. sailing vessel 'Sea Angel', which was stranded approximately 52 nautical miles southeast of Indira Point, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- The ICG ship Rajveer was deployed, which established communication with the stranded crew and conducted an on-site assessment of the situation.
- The stranded yacht was safely towed and escorted to Campbell Bay Harbour, ensuring the safety of the crew and the vessel.

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Ques: Recently, how much worth of transformative projects were inaugurated by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Meghalaya?

- A. Rs.987.81 crore
- B. Rs.2,087 crore
- C. Rs.5,400 crore
- D. Rs.1,500 crore
- E. Rs.1,087.81 crore

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman recently inaugurated and laid foundation stones for various projects in Meghalaya, totaling Rs.1,087.81 crore.
- The event was held at LARITI – International Centre for Performing Arts and Culture, Shillong.
- She also praised Meghalaya for the efficient utilization of Rs.5,400 crore allocated under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment.
- Achievements highlighted includes 540+ km of roads constructed since 2014 and Fivefold increase in optical fiber coverage
- Successful implementation of schemes like Jal Jeevan Mission, PM Awas Yojana, PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, and Swachh Bharat Mission.
- CM Conrad K. Sangma emphasized that her visit is crucial for addressing local issues and planning for future development.

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Ques: According to Forbes America's Richest Immigrants 2025 report, which country is the top source of immigrant billionaires in the USA?

- A. China
- B. Israel
- C. Taiwan
- D. India
- E. Germany

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- India has emerged as the top country of origin for immigrant billionaires in the USA, with 12 India-born billionaires in the Forbes America's Richest Immigrants 2025 report.
- This is an increase from 7 Indian-origin billionaires in 2022.
- Jay Chaudhry, CEO of Zscaler, is the only Indian-origin billionaire in the Top 10, ranked 8th, with a net worth of USD 17.9 billion.
- The report covers 125 foreign-born billionaires from 43 countries, holding about USD 1.3 trillion, which is 18% of America's total billionaire wealth.
- The USA continues to be the global billionaire capital with 902 billionaires, holding a combined wealth of USD 6.8 trillion.
- India overtook Israel and Taiwan to become the No.1 source of immigrant billionaires in the USA.

Rank of Top 5 Immigrant Billionaires in USA in 2025 :

- 1 Elon Musk (South Africa)
- 2 Sergey Brin (Russia)
- 3 Jensen Huang (Taiwan)
- 4 Thomas Peterffy (Hungary)
- 5 Miriam Adelson and Family (Israel)
- 8 Jay Chaudhry (India)



India's Rankings in Different Indices

- FIFA rankings : Indian (133rd), Argentina (1st)
- 74th edition of the Statistical Review of World Energy 2025 was published by the London-based Energy Institute (EI) : India (4th), USA (1st)
- Geo Semi-Annual India FinTech Report (SEA TECH)-H1 2025, published by Tracxn Technologies Limited : India (3rd), United States (1st)
- world's most equal societies by World Bank : India (4th), Slovak Republic (1st)
- Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2025 : India (3rd), USA (1st)
- 10th edition of the Global Peace Index 2025 was released by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) : India (115th), Iceland (1st)
- 2025 SDG Index : India (99th), Finland (1st)
- QS World University Rankings 2026 : Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (1st), IIT Delhi (123rd)
- Global Liveability Index 2025 is published by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) : Copenhagen (Denmark) (1st)
- Global Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2025 published by the World Economic Forum (WEF) : India (71st)
- "Women in Politics: 2025" report : India (174th)
- Global Gender Gap Report Edition 19th Published by World Economic Forum (WEF) : India (131st), Iceland (1st)
- 2025 Global Data Center Market Comparison report : Mumbai (6th), Virginia, United States of America (USA) (1st)
- Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2025 : India (10th), Denmark (4th)
- World's Wealthiest Cities Report 2025 4th Edition Published by Henley & Partners : New York City, USA (1st), Mumbai, India (27th)
- Forbes' 2025 list of the world's highest-paid athletes : Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal) : Soccer
- 2025 Kantar BrandZ report : Apple (1st), TCS (45th)
- World Press Freedom Index 2025 was published by Reporters Without Borders (RSF) : India (151th), Norway (1st)
- Human Development Index (HDI) 2023 : India (130th)
- 2nd edition of the 2025 CareEdge State Rankings was published by CareEdge Ratings : Maharashtra (top) Gujarat (2nd)



Ques: What is the name of the new smart card being introduced by Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) to provide free bus travel to verified women and transgender residents?

- A. Shakti Card
- B. Mahila Mobility Card
- C. Saheli Smart Card
- D. Dilli Travel Pass
- E. Freedom Pass

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) is set to replace the existing pink ticket system with the 'Saheli Smart Card' for free bus travel.
- The Saheli Smart Card will be mandatory for women and transgender individuals aged 12 years or older to continue availing free rides in DTC and Cluster buses.
- This new system is intended to ensure that only verified Delhi residents benefit from the free travel scheme.
- The previous pink ticket system, introduced in 2019 by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government, did not require any ID or residence proof.
- The Saheli Card aims to bring more accountability and targeted benefits to Delhi residents.

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Ques : Who among the following is NOT one of the four personalities recently nominated by President Droupadi Murmu to the Rajya Sabha in 2025?

- A. Ujjwal Deorao Nikam
- B. Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- C. C Sadanandan Master
- D. Dr Meenakshi Jain
- E. Raghuram Rajan

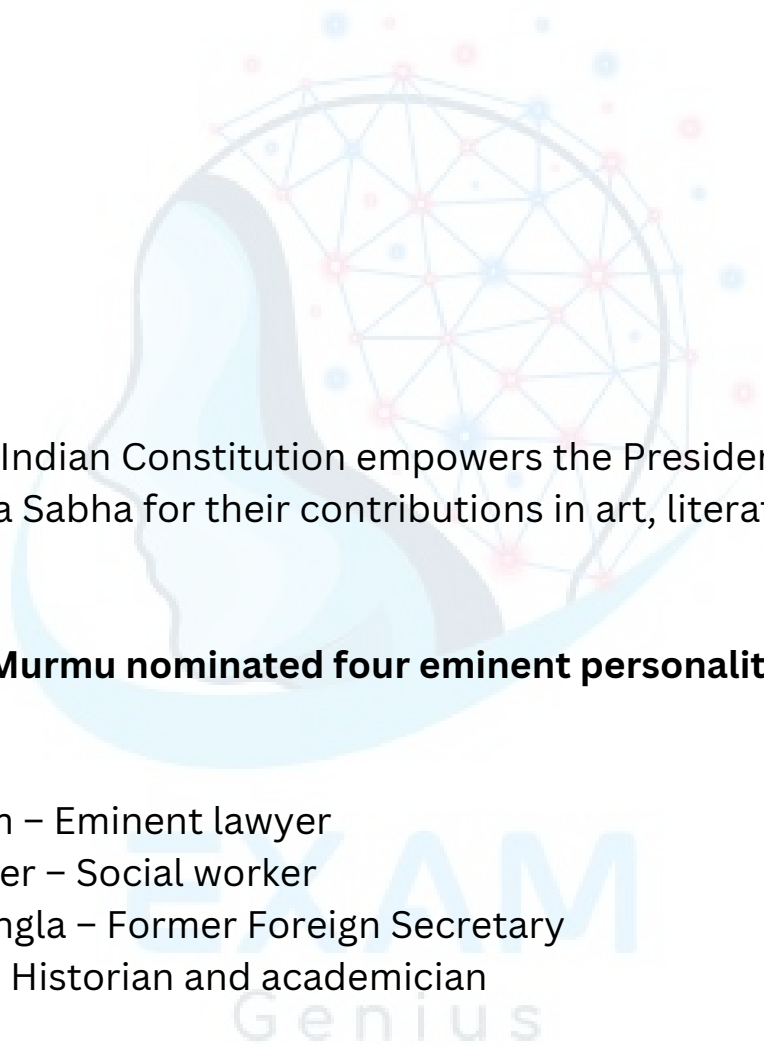
Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• Article 80 (3) of the Indian Constitution empowers the President to nominate 12 members to the Rajya Sabha for their contributions in art, literature, science, and social service.

President Droupadi Murmu nominated four eminent personalities to the Rajya Sabha in 2025:

- Ujjwal Deorao Nikam – Eminent lawyer
- C Sadanandan Master – Social worker
- Harsh Vardhan Shringla – Former Foreign Secretary
- Dr Meenakshi Jain – Historian and academician





Ques: How much subsidy has the Indian government proposed to boost rare earth magnets production?

- A. Rs.1,000 crore
- B. Rs.1,200 crore
- C. Rs.1,345 crore
- D. Rs.1,500 crore
- E. Rs.1,245 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Government of India has announced a Rs.1,345 crore subsidy scheme to promote rare earth magnet production.
- The scheme will enhance India's capabilities in critical mineral technologies and promote self-reliance.
- The announcement was made by Kamran Rizvi, Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industry, during a function in New Delhi.

Purpose of the scheme:

- To support the conversion of rare earth oxides into magnets, essential for electric vehicles (EVs) and advanced technologies.
- To establish processing facilities and reduce India's reliance on imports, particularly from China, which currently dominates global supply chains.





Ques: What is the name of India's first indigenous Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM) successfully test-fired by DRDO and the Indian Air Force?

- A. Agni Air
- B. Astra
- C. Akash
- D. Trishul
- E. Varunastra

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Astra is India's first indigenous Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM), successfully test-fired by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- The test included the use of an indigenously developed Radio Frequency (RF) seeker, proving its precision and technological reliability.
- Astra is designed to engage enemy aircraft beyond line-of-sight, with a strike range of over 100 km.
- It is currently integrated with the Su-30 MKI and planned for use with other platforms like Tejas, Mirage-2000, and MiG-29 (future upgrades).
- The missile is jointly developed by DRDO, IAF, and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), contributing to India's strategic defense capabilities.

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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
- ‘Adamya’ 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: Where was the 11th India Maize Summit held, and what is the maize production target set for 2047?

- A. Mumbai; 50 million tonnes
- B. New Delhi; 86 million tonnes
- C. Hyderabad; 75 million tonnes
- D. Bengaluru; 60 million tonnes
- E. Kolkata; 90 million tonnes

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The 11th India Maize Summit was held in New Delhi.
- It was organized by FICCI in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Maize Research (IIMR).
- The event was inaugurated by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- The current maize production in India is 42.3 million tonnes.
- The target is to increase maize production to 86 million tonnes by 2047, as part of long-term agricultural growth plans.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment, has announced the 'Youth Spiritual Summit' on the theme 'Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat'. This initiative aims to empower Bharat's Yuva Shakti and foster a drug-free society in New Delhi.
- All-India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi to Host 3- day national seminar 'Shalyacon 2025'. Celebrated annually on 15th July, Sushruta Jayanti commemorates the legendary Acharya Sushruta, revered as the Father of Surgery.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah is chairing the 27th Eastern Zonal Council Meeting in Ranchi, Jharkhand
- The Ministry of Culture, Government of India, will organize the International Conference on 'Reclaiming India's Knowledge Legacy Through Manuscript Heritage' from 11th to 13th September 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- 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 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



Ques : Which new online portal has been launched by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for DDRS and DDRC proposals?

- A. grants-msje.gov.in
- B. grants.depwd.gov.in
- C. e-sarthi.gov.in
- D. divyangportal.gov.in
- E. ddrs-online.gov.in

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) has launched a new dedicated portal: <https://grants.depwd.gov.in>.
- It is for submitting and processing proposals under the Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) and the District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRC) Scheme.
- The old e-Anudaan portal (grants-msje.gov.in) has been discontinued for DDRS and DDRC-related processes.
- DDRS provides financial assistance to voluntary organizations working for the education and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities.
- The scheme started in 1999 and was revised and renamed in 2003.

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Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals

- The Government of India has recently added 7 products from Bihar to the e-NAM (National Agriculture Market) platform to promote online trading
- ATLAS (Asteroid Terrestrial-impact Last Alert System) is an early warning system developed by the University of Hawaii and funded by NASA
- The Coal Ministry is launching a new initiative named RECLAIM, a structured community engagement and development framework for mine closure and repurposing
- C-FLOOD stands for Unified Flood Inundation Forecasting System, developed by C-DAC Pune, CWC, Department of Water Resources, and the Ministry of Jal Shakti
- RailOne is an all-in-one mobile application launched by Indian Railways to integrate key passenger services such as ticket booking (unreserved/platform), live train tracking, e-catering, grievance redressal, porter and taxi booking, etc
- The ECoR Yatra app, launched by the East Coast Railway, is an Android-based mobile application designed to serve as a digital guide for devotees attending the Rath Yatra in Puri, Odisha
- The Sugamya Bharat App (SBA) is a flagship initiative of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, launched in 2021
- The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has launched 'Pratibha Setu', a strategic platform to connect non-recommended but meritorious candidates with verified employers like ministries, PSUs, autonomous bodies, and private firms
- Swiggy has launched a new app called Crew to enter the premium lifestyle and travel concierge services segment
- The Directorate General of Taxpayer Services, Mumbai Zonal Unit (DGTS MZU) showcased "ATITHI", a mobile application developed for international travellers to pre-file customs declarations
- The Urban Development and Housing Department of the Government of Madhya Pradesh has launched 'E-Nagarपालिका 2.0', a web-based single platform for all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the state
- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has launched CROPIC – Collection of Real Time Observations & Photo of Crops. It is a mobile app-based initiative that uses AI-powered image recognition to analyse photographs of standing crops



Ques: Till which date has the tenure of Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan been extended?

- A. 30 September 2024
- B. 31 December 2025
- C. 22 August 2026
- D. 23 August 2024
- E. 1 January 2026

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Govind Mohan, a 1989-batch IAS officer of the Sikkim cadre, is the current Union Home Secretary.
- His tenure, which was initially set to end on 30 September 2024, has now been extended till 22 August 2026.
- He took over as Union Home Secretary on 23 August 2024, after serving as the Culture Secretary.
- Normally, the Home Secretary's term is for two years, but exceptions like this extension are sometimes made for administrative continuity.

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Ques: Who has been conferred with the ‘Hem Bahadur Malla Award 2080’ in Nepal?

- A. Hari Prasad Sharma
- B. Kalyan Shrestha
- C. Prakashman Singh Raut
- D. Sushila Karki
- E. Deepak Raj Joshee

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The ‘Hem Bahadur Malla Award 2080’ has been conferred on Kalyan Shrestha, the former Chief Justice of Nepal.
- The award was presented by the current Chief Justice Prakashman Singh Raut at a ceremony held in Kathmandu.
- The award includes a cash prize of NPR 200,000 and a certificate of honour.
- Kalyan Shrestha served as the 25th Chief Justice of Nepal, known for his contributions to the country’s judiciary.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Chintha Raveendran Award for 2025 : Sarankumar Limbale
- 2025 United Nations Population Award (Individual Category) : Varsha Deshpande, a women's rights advocate from Satara, Maharashtra
- India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA) Industry Excellence Award 2025 under the category of State Leadership – Battery Manufacturing : Telangana
- 2025 PEN Pinter Prize : Leila Aboulela
- 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





Ques: Where was the Uttar Pradesh Agritech Innovation Hub and the Agritech Startup & Technology Showcase inaugurated?

- A. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agriculture & Technology, Meerut
- B. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
- C. IIT Kanpur
- D. Lucknow University
- E. CSA University of Agriculture, KanPur

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The Uttar Pradesh Agritech Innovation Hub and the Agritech Startup & Technology Showcase was inaugurated at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agriculture and Technology (SVPUAT), Meerut.
- The inauguration was done by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Minister of State for Education & Skill Development Jayant Chaudhary.
- The hub aims to transform farmers into entrepreneurs by promoting tech-enabled agriculture.
- The Meerut facility will serve as a regional hub for agricultural technology, with technical support from IIT Ropar.
- This initiative is expected to boost innovation, startups, and agritech solutions in Uttar Pradesh.

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Ques: Recently, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched infrastructure projects worth how much in Meghalaya?

- A. Rs.800 crore
- B. Rs.1,000 crore
- C. Rs.1,200 crore
- D. Rs.1,500 crore
- E. Rs.2,000 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched and laid foundation stones for infrastructure and development projects worth over Rs.1,500 crore in Meghalaya.

Key projects included:

- 72 digital libraries
- Umiam Lake redevelopment project worth Rs.99.99 crore under the SASCI Scheme to promote tourism and conservation
- Mawkhan Football Stadium with Rs.732 crore allocation and a capacity of 40,000 spectators
- MICE Infrastructure (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences & Exhibitions) at Mawkhan worth Rs.99.99 crore to boost business tourism
- Working Women's Hostels in Shillong, Jowai, Byrnihat & Tura worth Rs.132 crore for safe and affordable accommodation
- CBIC Integrated Complex at Umsawli to streamline tax and customs operations





Ques: Who won the Wimbledon 2025 Men's Singles Title?

- A. Carlos Alcaraz
- B. Novak Djokovic
- C. Alexander Zverev
- D. Jannik Sinner
- E. Daniil Medvedev

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- World No.1 Jannik Sinner won the Wimbledon 2025 Men's Singles Title, defeating two-time defending champion Carlos Alcaraz in the final.
- With this victory, Sinner becomes the first Italian player to win a Wimbledon singles title.
- This is Sinner's fourth Grand Slam title: 2024 Australian Open, 2024 US Open, 2025 Australian Open (title defense against Alexander Zverev) and 2025 Wimbledon (his first grass-court major win)

In other Wimbledon 2025 highlights:

- Cash-Glasspool became the first all-British pair since 1936 to win the men's doubles title.
- Kudermetova and Mertens won the women's doubles title.
- Verbeek and Siniakova clinched the mixed doubles title.





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- The 23-year-old Harikrishnan is from Chennai Becomes India's 87th Grandmaster. India's 86th Grandmaster is L.R. Srihari while the 85th was P. Shyaamnikhil
- The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) has awarded India the hosting rights for two major shooting events : Combined World Cup in 2027 and Junior World Championships in 2028
- 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
- 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
- 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





Ques: What is the name of the security operation launched by the Indian Army for the safe conduct of the Amarnath Yatra 2025?

- A. Operation Trinetra
- B. Operation Amarnath
- C. Operation SHIVA
- D. Operation Suraksha
- E. Operation Raksha

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indian Army has launched Operation SHIVA 2025 to provide security during the Shri Amarnath Yatra in Jammu & Kashmir.
- Over 8,500 troops have been deployed due to increasing threats from Pakistan-backed terror outfits in the Kashmir region.
- Operation SHIVA is a high-altitude annual security operation, ensuring the safe and smooth conduct of the pilgrimage.
- The operation is conducted in coordination with the civil administration, Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), and disaster response teams to maintain security and manage emergencies.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Operations :

- Operation Kalanemi : Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami directed the State Police to launch the operation to target fake saints and individuals impersonating sadhus
- Operation Fire Trail : launched by the DRI to crack down on illicit imports of Chinese firecrackers, posing environmental, legal, and safety risks
- Operation Bihali : counter-terror operation conducted in Udhampur district, Jammu & Kashmir, targeting Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terrorists
- Operation Chakra V : Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has launched across five states – Rajasthan, Delhi, Haryana, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh – to combat cybercrimes and digital arrest scams involving mule bank accounts
- Operation Deep Manifest : Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) launched to crack down on the illegal routing of Pakistani-origin goods via third countries like Dubai, violating India's import policy
- Operation Midnight Hammer : U.S. military executing airstrikes on three key Iranian nuclear sites—Fordow, Natanz, and Isfahan using B-2 stealth bombers and long-range missiles
- Operation Sindhu : launched by the Government of India in June 2025 to evacuate Indian nationals stranded in Iran due to escalating tensions with Israel
- Operation True Promise 3 : Iran launched for escalating military strikes on Israel for the third consecutive day
- Operation Rising Lion : Israel launched an air operation on 13th June 2025, targeting Iran's nuclear and military infrastructure
- Operation Secure : a global cybercrime crackdown led by Interpol from January to April 2025
- Operation Olivia : annual conservation initiative by the Indian Coast Guard in collaboration with the Odisha Forest Department to protect the Olive Ridley turtles during their nesting period from December to May
- Operation Black Forest : conducted in Kurraguttalu Hills on the Chhattisgarh–Telangana border is one of India's largest anti-Naxal operations, 31 Maoists were killed
- Operation Gideon Chariots : Israel launched to pressure Hamas into releasing the remaining hostages



Ques: Which two teams from Europe qualified for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 on the final day of the Europe Qualifiers?

- A. Scotland and Netherlands
- B. Germany and Italy
- C. Italy and Netherlands
- D. Ireland and Scotland
- E. Germany and Scotland

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- On the final day of the Europe Qualifiers for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026, Italy and the Netherlands secured their spots.
- Italy qualified for the first time ever in T20 World Cup history, advancing based on their superior net run rate.
- The Netherlands won their match to secure qualification.
- The 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup will be co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka.
- So far, 15 teams have qualified for the tournament.
- The remaining 5 spots will be filled by teams from the Asia EAP Qualifier (3 teams) and the Africa Qualifier (2 teams).

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Ques: Who won the Wimbledon 2025 Women's Singles Title?

- A. Amanda Anisimova
- B. Aryna Sabalenka
- C. Coco Gauff
- D. Iga Swiatek
- E. Elena Rybakina

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Iga Swiatek, world number 4, won her maiden Wimbledon title in 2025, defeating Amanda Anisimova with a dominant scoreline of 6-0, 6-0 in the final held in London.
- This victory marks Swiatek's sixth Grand Slam title overall and her first Wimbledon singles crown.
- She also achieved her 100th Grand Slam match win with this triumph.
- Swiatek becomes the first Polish player in history to win a Wimbledon singles title.
- The winner's prize money was £3,000,000 (approx. \$4.07 million USD), reflecting an 11% increase from 2024.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

The Indian Institute of Public Health (IIPH), Hyderabad, along with its Bengaluru and Bhubaneswar campuses, has been granted the status of an institution, deemed to be a university

Railways has decided to install CCTV cameras in all coaches. The Union Minister for Railways gave the go ahead to install CCTV cameras in all 74,000 coaches and 15,000 locos.

The Rotary Club of Colombo West along with Rotary Club of Kochi west, marked seven years of its flagship medical initiative, 'Save a Kid's Life' in Colombo - launched in 2017.

Nigeria's former president, Muhammadu Buhari, who led Africa's most populous country from 2015 to 2023, died in London

The Arthunkal police station in Alappuzha has received the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) 9001:2015 certification from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

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