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Ques: Which two Cyprus-based firms announced a Rs.10,000 crore investment in the Indian shipping industry in 2025?

- A. Maersk Line & COSCO
- B. Interiorient Navigation & Danship & Partners
- C. MSC Shipping & CMA CGM
- D. Evergreen Marine & HMM Co Ltd
- E. NYK Line & K Line

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Interiorient Navigation Co Limited and Danship & Partners Limited, two major shipping firms based in Cyprus, announced a Rs.10,000 crore investment in India's shipping industry in 2025.
- This is the largest Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the Indian shipping sector since the Government of India allowed 100% FDI in shipping in 2005.
- The investment announcement came after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Cyprus in June 2025, strengthening bilateral trade and maritime cooperation.

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Ques: Which Taiwanese bank has recently applied to set up an IFSC Banking Unit in GIFT City?

- A. Fubon Bank
- B. Taiwan Bank
- C. E.SUN Bank
- D. Mega Bank
- E. CTBC Bank

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- CTBC Bank, Taiwan's largest privately owned bank, has applied to the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) to set up an IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) in GIFT City, Gujarat.
- The bank plans to establish operations in Brigade Towers, GIFT SEZ area, with a space of over 3,100 sq. ft.
- This move follows the January 2025 approval from Taiwan's Financial Supervisory Commission for CTBC to expand into India.
- Other foreign banks such as Taipei Fubon Bank, Mashreq Bank (UAE), and Abu Dhabi Bank have also shown interest in setting up IBUs in GIFT City.
- As of March 2025, there are 29 IBUs in GIFT City, managing cumulative assets of \$88.5 billion.
- Taiwanese banks are focusing on India due to the growing electronics and semiconductor trade, positioning India as a strategic hub.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Interim MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank?

- A. Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma
- B. Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat
- C. Sanjay Kaul
- D. Tapan Ray
- E. Rajesh KuLmar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat, who was serving as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Karnataka Bank, has been appointed as the Interim Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- His term will be for three months or until the appointment of a regular MD & CEO, whichever is earlier.
- He replaces Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma, the previous MD & CEO.

About Karnataka Bank :

- Established : 1924
- HQ : Mangalore, Karnataka
- Tagline : Your Family Bank Across India

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

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





Ques: Which new credit rating agency has RBI allowed banks to use for rating non-resident corporations in IFSCs under amended Basel III norms?

- A. CRISIL
- B. ICRA
- C. CareEdge Global IFSC Limited
- D. Fitch Ratings
- E. Moody's

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has amended the Basel III Capital Regulations to expand credit rating options for Scheduled Commercial Banks (excluding Local Area Banks, Payments Banks, and Regional Rural Banks).
- Banks are now allowed to use ratings from M/s CareEdge Global IFSC Limited for assigning risk weights to their claims on non-resident corporations located in International Financial Services Centres (IFSC).
- Previously, banks could only use ratings from Fitch, Moody's, and Standard & Poor's for such purposes.

The RBI has defined a rating-risk weight mapping for CareEdge Global IFSC Ltd as follows:

- AAA – 20% risk weight
- AA – 30%
- A – 50%
- BBB – 100%
- BB & below – 150%





Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- RBI has issued draft guidelines for the closure of shipping bills in the Export Data Processing and Monitoring System (EDPMS)
- 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





Ques: What is the name of the national-level competition launched by NSO and the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell to promote data innovation?

- A. Data Challenge India
- B. Viksit Bharat Hackathon
- C. Statathon – A Data Journey Towards Viksit Bharat
- D. Digital Census Innovation Drive
- E. Bharat Data Quest

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The National Statistical Office (NSO) in collaboration with the Innovation Cell of the Ministry of Education launched a national competition called “Statathon – A Data Journey Towards Viksit Bharat.”
- The Statathon aims to encourage innovative solutions and the use of emerging technologies to transform India's official statistics system.
- It is organized under the Data Innovation Lab (DI Lab) initiative of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- The event commemorates 75 years of the National Sample Survey (NSS).
- Grand Finale: Winners will get Rs.1,00,000 and runner-ups Rs.50,000 in each problem category.

Competition Structure:

- Phase 1: 50 teams shortlisted for mentorship.
- Phase 2: 25 teams will receive Rs.50,000 each for solution development.





Ques: What is the global rank of India's National Stock Exchange (NSE) in IPO fundraising during the first half of 2025?

- A. 1st
- B. 2nd
- C. 3rd
- D. 4th
- E. 5th

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- According to S&P Global Market Intelligence, India's National Stock Exchange (NSE) ranked 4th globally in terms of IPO fundraising during H1-CY25 (January to June 2025).
- NSE raised USD 5.51 billion, contributing 8.9% of the total global IPO proceeds of USD 61.95 billion.
- NSE also led globally in the number of IPOs, hosting 73 IPOs, surpassing the Nasdaq Global Market's 66 IPOs.
- Overall, India saw 119 IPOs (Mainboard + SME) raising Rs.51,150 crore in H1-CY25, up from Rs.37,682 crore via 157 IPOs in H1-CY24.

Top 3 in terms of Initial Public Offering (IPO) fundraising during the 1st Half of Calendar Year 2025 :

- 1 Nasdaq Global Market (USA) - USD 12.96 billion
- 2 New York Stock Exchange - USD 8.62 billion
- 3 Nasdaq Global Select Market - USD 7.37 billion
- 4 National Stock Exchange - USD 5.51 billion





India's Rankings in Different Indices

- 2024 Economic Impact Trends (EIR) Report was published by the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC), London : India (8th), USA (1st)
- FIFA rankings : Indian (133rd), Argentina (1st)
- 74th edition of the Statistical Review of World Energy 2025 was published by the London-based Energy Institute (EI) : India (4th), USA (1st)
- Geo Semi-Annual India FinTech Report (SEA TECH)-H1 2025, published by Tracxn Technologies Limited : India (3rd), United States (1st)
- world's most equal societies by World Bank : India (4th), Slovak Republic (1st)
- Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2025 : India (3rd), USA (1st)
- 10th edition of the Global Peace Index 2025 was released by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) : India (115th), Iceland (1st)
- 2025 SDG Index : India (99th), Finland (1st)
- QS World University Rankings 2026 : Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (1st), IIT Delhi (123rd)
- Global Liveability Index 2025 is published by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) : Copenhagen (Denmark) (1st)
- 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: How much investment has BITS Pilani planned for setting up the new AI+ campus at Amaravati?

- A. Rs.1,000 crore
- B. Rs.2,000 crore
- C. Rs.2,319 crore
- D. Rs.1,319 crore
- E. Rs.2,500 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- BITS Pilani will invest a total of Rs.2,319 crore to expand its presence and academic offerings.
- Out of this, Rs.1,000 crore is allocated for setting up a new AI+ campus at Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.
- The Phase-1 of the Amaravati campus will accommodate 3,000 students, while Phase-2 will add capacity for 4,000 more.
- The remaining Rs.1,319 crore will be used under Project 'Vistaar' to modernize existing campuses in Pilani, Goa, and Hyderabad.
- The new campus will focus on Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Innovation, Strategy, and Language technologies through Master's and Ph.D. programs.
- Student intake is expected to rise from 18,700 currently to 26,000 by the 2030-31 academic year.
- The initiative aims to create next-gen innovation hubs, promote sustainable infrastructure, and foster global collaborations.





Ques: Which Indian state became the first to support the Cruise Bharat Mission by framing a dedicated Cruise Shipping Policy?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Gujarat has become the first state in India to support the Cruise Bharat Mission (CBM) by initiating the formulation of its Cruise Shipping Policy.
- The goal is to boost coastal tourism and enhance cruise tourism infrastructure in the state.
- Three proposed cruise clusters in Gujarat, Padala Island – Rann of Kutch, Porbandar – Veraval – Diu and Dwarka – Okha – Jamnagar
- Cruise Bharat Mission (CBM) was launched on September 30, 2024, by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal (Ports, Shipping and Waterways).
- Mission Objective is to Increase sea cruise tourism in India tenfold by 2029.

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Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and world :

- Vasant Vihar Dispensary at the SECL Headquarters, Bilaspur, was formally inaugurated as Coal India's first dispensary to be operated entirely by women.
- Nvidia became the first company to cross a \$4 trillion market valuation, marking a historic achievement in the tech and AI sectors
- Dholera Special Investment Region (Dholera SIR), located in Gujarat, is India's first greenfield smart industrial city under the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) project
- The Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India (DFCCIL) inaugurated India's first private Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal near Surat, Gujarat
- 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
- 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



Ques: Which organization has developed India's first cost-effective advanced Carbon Fibre Foot Prosthesis under the Make-in-India initiative?

- A. ISRO & AIIMS Delhi
- B. DRDO-DRDL & AIIMS Bibinagar
- C. BARC & IIT Bombay
- D. HAL & NIMHANS Bengaluru
- E. CSIR & AIIMS Raipur

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India's first Make-in-India cost-effective advanced Carbon Fibre Foot Prosthesis was indigenously designed and developed by DRDO's Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL) in collaboration with AIIMS Bibinagar, Telangana.
- The product is called ADIDOC (AIIMS Bibinagar – DRDL, DRDO Indigenously Developed Optimised Carbon Foot Prosthesis).
- It has been biomechanically tested for loads up to 125 kg, ensuring safety and durability.
- The new prosthesis costs less than Rs.20,000, compared to imported prosthetic feet that cost around Rs.2 lakh.
- This innovation promotes affordable healthcare technology and supports the Make-in-India initiative.

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Recent News Headlines Related to DRDO

- Defence Research and Development Organization has developed India's first indigenous Photonic Radar, marking a significant milestone in India's air defence technology, with ultra-high resolution, stealth detection, and immunity to electronic jamming
- India is developing the Extended Trajectory-Long Duration Hypersonic Cruise Missile (ETLDHCM) under DRDO's Project Vishnu, marking a significant leap in defence technology
- DRDO is developing three variants of the Kusha air defence system – M1, M2, and M3. Among them, Kusha M3 will have the longest range, capable of intercepting threats at more than 400 km
- DRDO has inaugurated the Quantum Technology Research Centre (QTRC) spearheaded by the Solid State Physics Laboratory (SSPL) and is aligned with India's National Quantum Mission.
- The Defence Materials Stores and Research & Development Establishment (DMSRDE), Kanpur, a laboratory under DRDO, has successfully developed a nanoporous multilayered polymeric membrane designed for high-pressure seawater desalination
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the DRDO Missile Test Range at Nagayalanka, Krishna district, Andhra Pradesh, with an investment of around Rs 1,460 crore
- The Multi-Influence Ground Mine (MIGM) is an advanced underwater naval mine developed by DRDO, led by the Naval Science & Technological Laboratory, Visakhapatnam
- DRDO successfully conducted maiden flight trials of the Stratospheric Airship Platform at the Sheopur trial site in Madhya Pradesh
- DRDO successfully conducted release trials of the Long-Range Glide Bomb (LRGB) 'Gaurav' from a Su-30 MKI aircraft
- The DRDO successfully test-fired the Vertically Launched Short-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VLSRSAM) for the Indian Navy
- DRDO successfully tested an indigenous life support system for Tejas light combat aircraft pilots at high altitude.



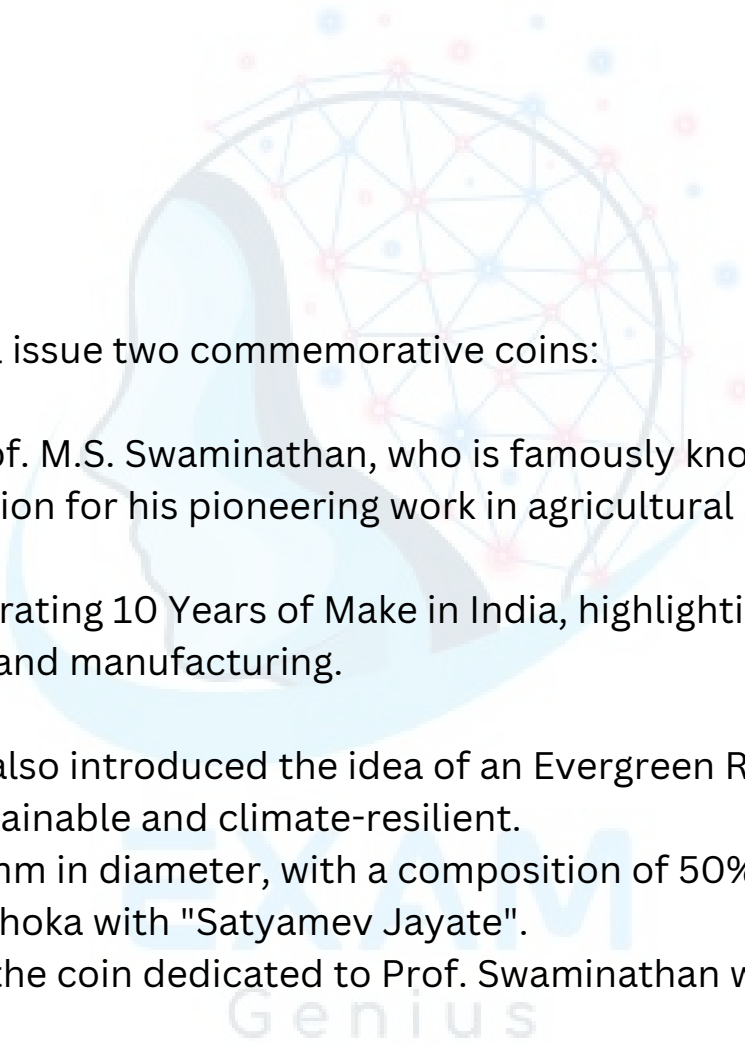
Ques: The Government is set to issue a commemorative coin in honor of which Indian personality known as the Father of Green Revolution?

- A. Verghese Kurien
- B. M.S. Swaminathan
- C. M. Visvesvaraya
- D. N.T. Rama Rao
- E. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The government will issue two commemorative coins:
 1. One in honor of Prof. M.S. Swaminathan, who is famously known as the Father of India's Green Revolution for his pioneering work in agricultural advancements and food security.
 2. The other for celebrating 10 Years of Make in India, highlighting sectors like science, technology, and manufacturing.
- Prof. Swaminathan also introduced the idea of an Evergreen Revolution, aiming to make agriculture sustainable and climate-resilient.
- The coin will be 44 mm in diameter, with a composition of 50% silver, and feature the Lion Capital of Ashoka with "Satyamev Jayate".
- The reverse side of the coin dedicated to Prof. Swaminathan will have his image.





Ques: What is the name of the scheme launched by the Department of Telecommunications to promote telecom awareness through student volunteers?

- A. Digital Doot Scheme
- B. Sanchar Mitra Scheme
- C. Cyber Yoddha Scheme
- D. Telecom Sevak Yojana
- E. Digital Rakshak Programme

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) launched the Sanchar Mitra Scheme to engage student volunteers as “Digital Ambassadors” (Sanchar Mitras).
- The scheme focuses on promoting Telecom awareness, Digital literacy, Cyber fraud prevention, Electromagnetic Field (EMF) radiation safety and Responsible use of mobile services
- The first outreach session under this scheme was conducted at BSNL Bhawan, Guwahati, Assam.
- The initiative aims to create a digitally aware and safe society, especially among students and youth, by empowering them with telecom and cyber safety knowledge.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The Government of India has announced a Rs.1,345 crore subsidy scheme to promote rare earth magnet production
- The Assam Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, approved the Gaja Mitra Scheme to address human-elephant conflict
- The Assam Cabinet approved the Assam Goods and Services Tax (Reimbursement for Indigenous Bell Metal Industries) Scheme, 2025. The bell metal workers of Sarthebari will pay the GST, and their SGST amount will be reimbursed to them
- On 11th July 2025, the Government of India launched the first-ever incentive scheme for e-trucks under the PM E-DRIVE initiative, led by Heavy Industries Minister H. D. Kumaraswamy
- 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
- 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)).
- The CMPRATIGYA (Chief Minister – Promotion of Readiness, Awareness and Technical Insights for Guiding Youth Advancement) scheme was launched by Bihar CM Nitish Kumar
- Andhra Pradesh Launches 'Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Vidyarthi Mitra Kits' for providing schools kits to over 35 lakh school-going students free of cost.
- The Government of Andhra Pradesh launched the Digi Lakshmi Scheme under the Mission for Elimination of Poverty in Municipal Areas (MEPMA)
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme, focusing on employment generation, employability, and social security
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Scheme with a corpus of Rs. 1 lakh Crore
- SPREE 2025 (Scheme to Promote Registration of Employers/Employees) has been relaunched by ESIC from July 1 to December 31, 2025. The scheme was originally introduced in 2016, aiming to expand ESI coverage across India





Ques: Where was India's second longest cable-stayed bridge, the Sigandur Bridge, recently inaugurated?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Karnataka
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Kerala
- E. Andhra Pradesh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the Sigandur Bridge in Karnataka, making it India's second longest cable-stayed bridge.
- The Sigandur Bridge (Ambaragodlu-Kalasavalli Bridge) is built over the Sharavati river backwaters in Sagar taluk, Shivamogga district, Karnataka.
- Length: 2.44 km
- Width: 16 meters
- The bridge significantly reduces the distance between Sagara town and Sigandur, where the Chowdeshwari Temple is located.
- India's longest cable-stayed bridge is the Sudarshan Setu, located in the Gulf of Kutch, Gujarat, connecting Bet Dwarka with Okha coast.
- Sharavati River is a west-flowing river in Karnataka. It is Famous for Jog Falls, one of India's highest waterfalls (253 m).
- Major tributaries: Nandihole, Haridravathi, Mavinahole, Hilkunji, Yennehole, Hurlihole, and Nagodihole.





Recent Headlines Related to Inauguration :

- 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
- Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy (Ministry of Steel and Ministry of Heavy Industries) inaugurated the new office of MSTC Limited at Narojinagar, World Trade Center, New Delhi
- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the Dholpur Science Centre in Dholpur, Rajasthan, one of India's aspirational districts
- Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Union Minister of Communications and Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (DONER) inaugurated the VTU-VRIF-TCOE Hub and Spoke of Excellence in Bengaluru
- Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) opened its first international office in Dubai, marking its entry into the Middle East region
- Union Minister Pralhad Joshi inaugurated a Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) manufacturing facility at Bidadi Industrial Area, Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath laid the foundation stone for India's first green data centre at Sahibabad, Ghaziabad with an estimated investment of around Rs 1,000 crore.
- The National Turmeric Board Headquarters has been established in Nizamabad, Telangana, and was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the centenary celebration of the historic dialogue between Mahatma Gandhi and Sree Narayana Guru at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- Tech major Google opened Google Safety Engineering Centre, India (GSEC India) in Hyderabad. A first such facility in the Asia-Pacific region and fourth globally of Google
- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated India's largest Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal at Maruti Suzuki India Limited's Manesar plant in Haryana
- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated Rashtrapati Tapovan and Rashtrapati Niketan in Dehradun, Uttarakhand





Ques: As per the recent announcement, what will be the new monthly assistance amount under the Ladli Behna Scheme in Madhya Pradesh from October 2025?

- A. Rs.1000
- B. Rs.1250
- C. Rs.1500
- D. Rs.2000
- E. Rs.2500

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Ladli Behna Scheme is a flagship women empowerment initiative of the Madhya Pradesh Government providing monthly financial aid to women.
- Currently, the scheme provides Rs.1,250 per month to eligible women.
- As announced by CM Mohan Yadav, from October 2025, this monthly assistance will be increased to Rs.1,500.
- Additionally, 12.7 million women beneficiaries will receive a special Rs.250 Rakhi gift ahead of Raksha Bandhan.
- The scheme aims to empower women financially, promote social welfare, and reduce gender inequality in the state.

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Ques: Which global fashion brand is partnering with Maharashtra artisans to produce Kolhapuri-inspired sandals?

- A. Gucci
- B. Louis Vuitton
- C. Prada
- D. Armani
- E. Versace

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Prada, the Italian luxury fashion brand, faced backlash for using Kolhapuri chappal designs in its Spring/Summer 2026 men's collection without crediting Indian artisans.
- In response, Prada has decided to collaborate with local artisans in Maharashtra to launch a 'Made in India' Kolhapuri-inspired leather sandal line.
- The partnership will be coordinated by the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (MACCIA).
- Prada will also send a technical team to Maharashtra to ensure adherence to Geographical Indication (GI) tag standards and ethical sourcing practices.
- The initiative aims to support long-term collaboration with the Kolhapuri artisan community, respecting their cultural heritage.

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Ques: Where did Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurate the ‘North-East Conclave 2025’?

- A. IIT Guwahati
- B. IIM Shillong
- C. NIT Manipur
- D. Tripura University
- E. Assam University

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the ‘North-East Conclave 2025’ at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Shillong, Meghalaya.
- During the event, she also laid the foundation stone for the first campus of the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) in the North-East region.
- The two-day conclave was organized by the IICA under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MoCA).
- The theme of the event was “From Ideation to Incorporation”, focusing on nurturing corporate and entrepreneurial growth in the North-East.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The 11th India Energy Storage Week (IESW) was held at the India International Convention & Expo Centre (IICC), Yashobhoomi, New Delhi
- The Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI) successfully hosted the second edition of its annual industry business meet, SYNCHN 2025, at its campus.
- Union Minister of State Pankaj Chaudhary, Ministry of Finance inaugurated the Trade Facilitation Conference 2025 in New Delhi. The conference was themed "Scientific Excellence for Seamless Trade"
- The 2nd BIMSTEC Ports Conclave is being held in Visakhapatnam on 14th and 15th July 2025. Theme: "Navigating the Future: Blue Economy, Innovation and Sustainable Partnerships"
- 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)
- 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





Ques: Where was India's first-ever water technology park 'Aqua Tech Park' inaugurated in 2025?

- A. Bengaluru, Karnataka
- B. Kochi, Kerala
- C. Bagibari, Sonapur, Assam
- D. Hyderabad, Telangana
- E. Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's first-ever water technology park, named 'Aqua Tech Park', was inaugurated at Bagibari in Sonapur, Assam by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.
- The park aims to boost fish production and promote aquaculture-based livelihood opportunities in Assam.
- The project was developed jointly by Kolong-Kopili (NGO), NABARD, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA), Assam's Department of Fisheries and Selco Foundation

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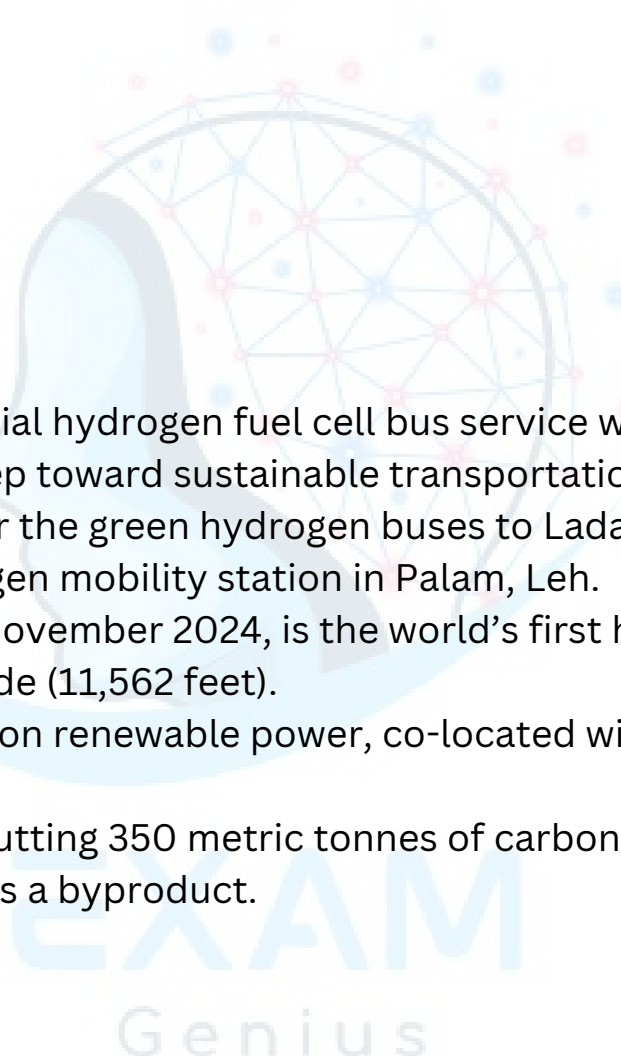
Ques: Where was India's first-ever commercial hydrogen fuel cell bus service launched?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Ladakh
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Uttarakhand
- E. Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India's first-ever commercial hydrogen fuel cell bus service was launched in Leh, Ladakh, marking a major step toward sustainable transportation.
- NTPC Limited handed over the green hydrogen buses to Ladakh SIDCO in a formal ceremony at NTPC's hydrogen mobility station in Palam, Leh.
- This station, launched in November 2024, is the world's first hydrogen fuelling station at such a high altitude (11,562 feet).
- The station operates fully on renewable power, co-located with a 1.7 MW solar plant.
- The initiative will help in cutting 350 metric tonnes of carbon emissions and will also produce pure oxygen as a byproduct.





Ques: Which global organization recently released a technical brief recognizing India's leadership in integrating AI with traditional medicine?

- A. World Health Organisation (WHO)
- B. World Economic Forum
- C. UNESCO
- D. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- E. International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The World Health Organisation (WHO) released a technical brief titled “Mapping the Application of Artificial Intelligence in Traditional Medicine”.
- The brief recognises India's leadership in integrating AI with traditional medicine, especially through the AYUSH systems (Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, Homeopathy).

India's key initiatives highlighted:

- Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) – Established in 2001 by CSIR and the Ministry of AYUSH, it is the world's first digital library to safeguard traditional knowledge.
- SAHI Portal (2021): Showcases Ayurvedic historical records, developed by CCRAS-National Centre of Indian Medical Heritage, Hyderabad.
- NAMASTE Portal (2017): Promotes electronic health records in AYUSH.
- AYUSH Research Portal (2011): Shares research on traditional medicine.





Ques: Where was the 75th Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra (PMDK) inaugurated?

- A. Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- B. Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- C. Badaun, Uttar Pradesh
- D. Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- E. Agra, Uttar Pradesh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 75th Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra (PMDK) was inaugurated at the Government Medical College, Badaun, Uttar Pradesh.
- It was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Shri B.L. Verma.
- PMDK is a one-stop service centre providing assessment, counselling, distribution, and post-distribution care for Divyangjan (persons with disabilities) and senior citizens.
- The centre distributes assistive devices and appliances free of cost under two schemes ADIP Scheme (Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances) and Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) (for elderly beneficiaries)
- Devices provided include Tricycles, wheelchairs, hearing aids, walkers, artificial limbs, and mobility support accessories.
- The initiative aligns with the government's mission of empowerment and inclusion of Divyangjan and senior citizens.





Ques: India recently signed a fertiliser supply deal with which country's company for 3.1 million MT of DAP annually?

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Russia
- C. China
- D. UAE
- E. Iran

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Indian companies IPL, KRIBHCO, and CIL have signed a 5-year fertiliser deal with Saudi Arabia's Ma'aden for an annual supply of 3.1 million metric tonnes of DAP (Di-Ammonium Phosphate).
- The deal was signed during the visit of Union Fertilizer Minister JP Nadda to Saudi Arabia.
- The agreement aims to address India's DAP shortage, especially after China imposed restrictions on DAP exports.
- DAP is the second-most used fertiliser in India after urea, essential for agricultural productivity.
- The contract also includes a provision to extend the deal for another 5 years after the initial term.
- India has already imported 1.905 MMT of DAP in FY25, marking a 17% rise compared to FY24.





Ques: Who among the following is popularly known as the "Kingmaker" in Indian politics and proposed the famous 'Kamaraj Plan'?

- A. C. Rajagopalachari
- B. K. Kamaraj
- C. Morarji Desai
- D. Lal Bahadur Shastri
- E. Jagjivan Ram

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- K. Kamaraj (15 July 1903 – 2 October 1975) is widely known as the "Kingmaker" in Indian politics.
- He was the President of the Indian National Congress (INC) from 1964 to 1967.
- He also founded the Indian National Congress (Organisation) after the party split.
- Served as the Chief Minister of Madras State (now Tamil Nadu) in 1954.
- Awarded Bharat Ratna posthumously in 1976, India's highest civilian honor.
- In 1963, he proposed the 'Kamaraj Plan', advising senior Congress leaders to resign from government posts to focus on party organisation.

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Ques: How many medals did Indian cueists win at the inaugural Billiards Championships 2025 held in Mauritius?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 6
- E. 2

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The inaugural Billiards Championships 2025 were held in Mauritius from July 2-6, 2025.
- Athletes from 36 Commonwealth nations participated, competing in Snooker, 10-Ball Pool, Heyball, and Blackball.
- India's medal tally : Total Medals: 5 (1 Gold + 2 Silver + 2 Bronze)
- 1 Gold to Vidya Pillai (Women's Heyball)
- 2 Silver : Shivam Arora (Men's Heyball) and Chitra Magimairaj (Women's 10-ball Pool)
- 2 Bronze : Keerthana Pandian (Women's 6-red Snooker) and Anupama Ramachandran (Women's 6-red Snooker)

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Hockey Jharkhand Clinch 5th Straight Sub-Junior Women's Title, defeated Odisha by 1-0. The final match was played at the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh AstroTurf Hockey Stadium in Ranchi, Jharkhand
- 10th Junior National Rugby 7s Championship 2025. Bihar claimed the U18 Boys' title by defeating defending champions Odisha. Bihar also won the U18 Girls' title
- In Athletics, India's Ancy Sojan claimed third place in the women's long jump at the Lignano Meeting, a World Athletics Continental Tour Bronze event held in Italy .
- Chelsea (England) defeated Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) (France) 3-0 to win the FIFA Club World Cup 2025
- World No.1 Jannik Sinner won the Wimbledon 2025 Men's Singles Title, defeating two-time defending champion Carlos Alcaraz in the final
- 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
- 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
- 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



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Yakten, a village in Sikkim's Pakyong district, was officially inaugurated as India's first digital nomad village under Project 'Nomad Sikkim'

Marking an important milestone in the transformative leadership program of DAKSH (Development of Aspiration, Knowledge, Succession & Harmony), IIM Ahmedabad hosted the inaugural ceremony of the 6-day classroom immersion program. The ceremony was facilitated by Capacity Building Commission (CBC) and Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE)

Handball Association of India (HAI) & Prasar Bharati signed MOU to provide wider broadcast coverage of handball events and foster greater public interest and player participation

ICC Men's and ICC Women's player of the month for June 2025 are Aiden Markram (South Africa) and Hayley Matthews (West Indies) respectively

United Arab Emirates-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) Council in partnership with the Embassy of the UAE in India, hosted an exclusive "Start-up Sundowner" event in Mumbai

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