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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Executive Director (ED) of Axis Bank for a term of three years?

- A. Neeraj Gambhir
- B. Sandeep Bakhshi
- C. Arjun Chowdhry
- D. Amitabh Chaudhry
- E. Shikha Sharma

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Neeraj Gambhir has been appointed as the Executive Director (ED) of Axis Bank for a three-year term starting from August 4, 2025, or the date of RBI approval, whichever is later.
- He was previously serving as Group Executive – Treasury, Markets & Wholesale Banking since May 2020.
- Arjun Chowdhry, Group Executive (Affluent Banking, Cards), resigned to pursue entrepreneurial ventures.
- Chowdhry joined Axis Bank in March 2023, after Axis acquired Citibank India's consumer business, where he was previously heading operations.

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

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





Ques: When was NSDL Payments Bank Limited included in the Second Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934?

- A. July 17, 2025
- B. July 10, 2025
- C. June 19, 2025
- D. July 01, 2025
- E. June 30, 2025

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) included NSDL Payments Bank Limited in the Second Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934 through a notification dated June 19, 2025.
- This inclusion makes NSDL Payments Bank a scheduled bank, allowing it to access various RBI liquidity facilities.
- The inclusion was subsequently published in the Gazette of India on July 10, 2025 (Part III – Section 4).
- This status enhances the bank's operational scope and regulatory standing within the Indian banking system.

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Ques: Which major UK bank became the first to exit the Net Zero Banking Alliance (NZBA) in 2025?

- A. Barclays
- B. Lloyds Bank
- C. NatWest
- D. Standard Chartered
- E. HSBC

Answer: Option E

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- HSBC, one of the world's largest banks and a founding member of the Net Zero Banking Alliance (NZBA), became the first UK lender to exit the coalition in 2025.
- The NZBA was launched in 2021 under the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI).
- The alliance aimed to align the banking sector's activities with net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.
- NZBA had expanded to include 144 banks from 44 countries, with HSBC playing a major role as a founding member.
- HSBC's withdrawal has sparked global discussions on the banking sector's role in climate commitments.

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Ques: Which bank has been adjudged the World's Best Consumer Bank for 2025 by Global Finance?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- State Bank of India (SBI) has been named the World's Best Consumer Bank for 2025 by Global Finance magazine.
- The award recognizes SBI's leadership in digital banking, including : Vernacular voice banking, Personalized AI-powered services and 24x7 onboarding in rural and semi-urban areas
- The decision was based on inputs from global corporate finance experts, analysts, and bankers.
- The award will be presented during the IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings in Washington D.C. on October 18, 2025.

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Recent News Headlines Related to SBI :

- State Bank of India (SBI) will raise up to Rs.20,000 crore in FY26 through Basel III-compliant Additional Tier 1 (AT1) and Tier 2 bonds
- State Bank of India (SBI) plans to raise Rs.25,000 crore via Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) in FY26
- According to a survey by SBI research, India accounted for around 6.7% of the incremental growth in the global economy in FY25, with the State Bank of India (SBI) alone responsible for 1.1% of the increase
- To support India's Net Zero 2070 goals, SBI launched a Solar Rooftop Programme aimed at solarising 4 million homes by FY2027
- The State Bank of India (SBI) has decided to classify the loan account of Reliance Communications Ltd (RCom) as "fraud" under RBI guidelines
- SBI inaugurated Global Trade Finance Centres in Kolkata and Hyderabad to boost domestic and international trade services
- In FY25, SBI reported a record profit of Rs.70,901 crore, maintaining its position as the most profitable Indian company for the third consecutive year
- For FY 2024–25, SBI paid a dividend of Rs.8,076.84 crore to the central government
- SBI Life Insurance Company Limited and Vidyaniti LLP have jointly acquired a 4.25% stake in the National Highways Infra Trust (NHIT) for Rs.1,100.61 crore
- State Bank of India (SBI) reported a net profit of USD 9.2 billion (Rs.77,561 crore) in FY 2024–25
- The State Bank of India (SBI) has launched two major initiatives—'Next LEAP' and 'SuPer SBI: Great to Greater'—aimed at employee engagement and skill development
- According to the State Bank of India (SBI), India's retail inflation, measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), is expected to remain below 3% in Q1 FY26 (April to June 2025)
- The State Bank of India (SBI) has announced a final dividend of Rs.15.90 per equity share for the financial year ending March 31, 2025
- The State Bank of India (SBI) will deploy 'Grahak Mitras' at 4,500 branches (which is 20% of its total 22,740 branches) to promote alternative banking channels
- A report by SBI projects India's retail inflation to remain between 3.9% and 4.0% in the first half (April–September) of FY 2025-26
- State Bank of India (SBI) has officially ended its special Amrit Kalash Fixed Deposit scheme from April 1, 2025



Ques: Which country co-chaired the recent high-level meeting of the Group of Friends for Accountability for Crimes Against Peacekeepers at the UN?

- A. United States
- B. China
- C. India
- D. Russia
- E. Japan

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- India co-chaired the high-level meeting of the Group of Friends for Accountability for Crimes Against Peacekeepers at the United Nations Headquarters, New York.
- Co-chairing nations included India, Bangladesh, Egypt, France, Morocco, and Nepal.
- Purpose: To reaffirm global commitment towards ensuring accountability for crimes committed against UN peacekeepers.
- India is the largest cumulative troop contributor to UN peacekeeping missions with over 3 lakh personnel deployed over the past 70 years.
- 182 Indian peacekeepers have sacrificed their lives in UN missions worldwide.
- The Group of Friends (GoF) was established in December 2022, during India's presidency of the UN Security Council.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The 2nd Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting on Agriculture between India and Argentina was held
- Union Minister of Textiles Shri Giriraj Singh held a series of highlevel meetings with major Japanese companies and inaugurated the 16th India Trend Fair 2025 in Tokyo
- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the 'North-East Conclave 2025' at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Shillong, Meghalaya
- 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





Ques: Who topped the Aventus Wealth–Hurun India U30 List 2025 as the youngest entrepreneurs?

- A. Nikhil Kamath
- B. Aadit Palicha and Kaivalya Vohra
- C. Ritesh Agarwal
- D. Bhavish Aggarwal
- E. Peyush Bansal

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Aventus Wealth–Hurun India U30 List 2025 is the 1st edition, released jointly by Aventus Wealth Management and Hurun India.
- The list recognizes 79 entrepreneurs aged 30 or under who are transforming India's business landscape across various sectors.
- Aadit Palicha and Kaivalya Vohra, both aged 22, topped the list. They are co-founders of Zepto, a leading quick commerce platform in India.
- Zepto has raised USD 1.95 billion in 10 funding rounds and has built a team of around 3,000 employees.
- The list includes 66 first-generation entrepreneurs and 13 next-generation business leaders.
- BITS Pilani leads in alumni count with 8 entries, followed by IIT Roorkee and IIT Delhi, each with 6 alumni.
- Only 6 women entrepreneurs were featured in the 2025 list.

Top 5 Aventus Wealth–Hurun India U30 List 2025 :

- 1 Kaivalya Vohra
- 2 Aadit Palicha
- 3 Mihir Menda
- 4 Shashwat Nakrani
- 5 Chaitanya Jalan





India's Rankings in Different Indices

- QS Best Student Cities 2026 was published by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) : Mumbai (Maharashtra) (98), Seoul (South Korea) (1st)
- 2024 Economic Impact Trends (EIR) Report was published by the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC), London : India (8th), USA (1st)
- FIFA rankings : Indian (133rd), Argentina (1st)
- 74th edition of the Statistical Review of World Energy 2025 was published by the London-based Energy Institute (EI) : India (4th), USA (1st)
- Geo Semi-Annual India FinTech Report (SEA TECH)-H1 2025, published by Tracxn Technologies Limited : India (3rd), United States (1st)
- world's most equal societies by World Bank : India (4th), Slovak Republic (1st)
- Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2025 : India (3rd), USA (1st)
- 10th edition of the Global Peace Index 2025 was released by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) : India (115th), Iceland (1st)
- 2025 SDG Index : India (99th), Finland (1st)
- QS World University Rankings 2026 : Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (1st), IIT Delhi (123rd)
- Global Liveability Index 2025 is published by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) : Copenhagen (Denmark) (1st)
- 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)





Ques: What is the name of the annual maritime exercise between India and Singapore, in which the Indian Navy is participating for the 32nd time in 2025?

- A. MILAN
- B. SIMBEX
- C. Malabar
- D. VARUNA
- E. INDRA NAVY

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) jointly organize the Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX), which is one of India's longest continuous maritime exercises.
- It was first held in 1994 as "Exercise Lion King."
- It will take place in Singapore later this month.
- Indian Naval Assets: Participating are indigenous warships like INS Delhi, INS Satpura, INS Kiltan, and INS Shakti, all commanded by Rear Admiral Sushil Menon.
- Related Exercises with Singapore : Exercise AGNI WARRIOR – Indian Army & Singapore Armed Forces and Exercise Bold Kurukshetra – Bilateral army exercise between India & Singapore

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Recent News Headlines Related to Defence Exercise :

- Talisman Sabre 2025 is the 11th edition of a major bilateral military exercise led by Australia, started on July 13, 2025. It is the largest bilateral military drill between Australia and the United States, held biennially since 2005
- The Indian Army conducted a military exercise titled 'Prachand Shakti' in Meerut. It was organised by the Charging RAM Division at the Kharga Corps Field Training Area
- The Japan Coast Guard Ship Itsukushima arrived at Chennai Port as part of a Global Ocean Voyage Training. The port call will culminate in a joint sea exercise named 'Jaa Mata' (meaning See you later) on July 12, 2025
- ConvEx-3 (2025) is a full-scale international emergency preparedness exercise focused on nuclear or radiological emergencies with potential cross-border impacts
- The 53rd edition of NATO's premier multinational maritime-focused exercise, BALTOPS 25, was launched in Latvia
- Tiger Claw is the first-ever joint exercise between the Special Forces of the Indian Air Force (Garud) and the United States Air Force Special Forces
- The 8th edition of Exercise Shakti 2025, a biennial bilateral military exercise between India and France, will be held at La Cavalerie, France, from June 18 to July 1, 2025
- The India-U.K. joint naval Passage Exercise (PASSEX) took place in the North Arabian Sea on June 9–10, 2025. The Indian Navy was represented by INS Tabar (a stealth frigate), a submarine, and a P-8I maritime patrol aircraft
- The 22nd edition of the multinational exercise 'Khaan Quest' is being held in Mongolia from June 14 to 28, 2025. It was first initiated in 2003 by the USA and Mongolia, and has been a multinational event since 2006
- The 17th edition of the India–Mongolia joint military exercise Nomadic Elephant was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- Iran and Azerbaijan launched the "Aras-2025" joint special forces military exercise. It was conducted from May 18 to 21, 2025, involving Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and Azerbaijani troops
- Golden Dragon 2025 is a joint military exercise between China and Cambodia. The exercise is held at the Ream Naval Base in Sihanoukville, Cambodia's southern coast
- The Indian Army and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) jointly conducted Exercise Raahat in Assam, focusing on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) operations





Ques: What rare astronomical phenomenon was observed in Ladakh in May 2024 due to a series of Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs)?

- A. Solar Eclipse
- B. Meteor Shower
- C. Lunar Occultation
- D. Supernova Explosion
- E. Aurora or Northern Lights

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- In May 2024, rare northern lights (aurora borealis) were observed in Ladakh, caused by a series of powerful Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) from the Sun.
- CMEs are huge blasts of magnetized plasma from the Sun's corona, capable of causing geomagnetic storms when they interact with Earth's atmosphere.
- The event involved a chain of six interacting CMEs, unprecedented in the last 20 years.
- This phenomenon was studied by Dr. Wageesh Mishra and his team at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) using data from NASA and ESA missions.
- Observations were made from the Indian Astronomical Observatory in Hanle, Ladakh.
- The CMEs triggered auroras, which are usually rare in India, making this event significant

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Ukraine, replacing Denys Shmyhal?

- A. Yulia Svyrydenko
- B. Yulia Tymoshenko
- C. Mykhailo Fedorov
- D. Volodymyr Zelenskiy
- E. Olga Stefanishyna

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Yulia Anatoliivna Svyrydenko, previously Ukraine's First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy, has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Ukraine, following her approval by the Verkhovna Rada on 17 July 2025
- She succeeds Denys Shmyhal, Ukraine's longest-serving prime minister, who now becomes the Defense Minister
- At 39 years old, Svyrydenko becomes the second female PM of Ukraine, after Yulia Tymoshenko
- Her appointment reflects a major cabinet reshuffle led by President Zelenskiy, aimed at enhancing economic growth and strengthening defense and reform capacity amid wartime

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Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President :

- First female President of Suriname : Jennifer Simons (Replaced Chandrikapersad Santokhi)
- 34th Prime Minister (PM) of Mongolia : Gombojav Zandanshatar
- 14th President of South Korea : Lee Jae-myung (Replaced Yoon Suk-yeol)
- 7th President of Poland : Karol Nawrock (Replaced Andrzej Duda)
- 119th Prime Minister (PM) of Portugal : Luis Filipe Montenegro Cardoso de Moraes Esteves
- President of Romania : Nicusor Dan
- 48th President of Ecuador : Daniel Noboa
- Prime Minister of Sudan : Kamil al-Taib Idris
- President of Togo : Jean-Lucien Kwassi Lanyo Savi de Tové (Replaced Faure Gnassingbe)
- Prime Minister of Yemen : Salem Saleh Bin Braik (replacing Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak)
- Prime Minister of Australia : Anthony Albanese
- Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago : Kamla Persad-Bissessar (replaced Stuart Young)
- Prime Minister (PM) of Serbia : Djuro Macut (Replaced Milos Vucevic)
- President of Ecuador : Daniel Noboa
- President of Gabon : Junta chief Brice Oligui Nguema
- Prime Minister (PM) of Tunisia : Sarra Zaafrani Zenzri (2nd Women)
- first female President of Namibia : Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah
- Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago : Stuart Richard Young (Replaced Dr. Keith Rowley)
- Prime Minister of Canada : Mark Carney (Replaced Justin Trudeau)
- 65th President of Uruguay : Yamandú Orsi (Replaced Luis Lacalle Pou)
- President of Greece : Constantine Tassoulas (Replaced Katerina Sakellariopoulou, Greece's first female president)
- Prime Minister of Vanuatu : Jotham Napat (Replaced Charlot Salwai)
- Interim President of Romania : Ilie Bolojan (Replaced Klaus Iohannis)
- Prime Minister of Lebanon : Nawaf Salam (Replaced Najib Mikati)
- Prime minister of Belgium : Bart De Wever
- Interim President of Syria : Ahmed alSharaa (Replaced Bashar al-Assad)





Ques: Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) received the first set of wing assemblies for which aircraft from L&T?

- A. Sukhoi Su-30 MKI
- B. Rafale
- C. LCA Mk1A
- D. LCH Prachand
- E. Mirage 2000

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd) received the first set of wing assemblies for the LCA Mk1A from Larsen & Toubro (L&T), Coimbatore.
- This milestone highlights a significant public-private partnership in India's defence manufacturing sector.
- HAL plans to increase wing production from 4 to 12 sets per year using advanced automation.
- HAL CMD DK Sunil called this a milestone in Aatmanirbhar Bharat, promoting indigenous defence production.

Other private contributors for the LCA Mk1A project include:

- **Lakshmi** Machine Works – Air Intake Assemblies
- Alpha Tocol – Rear Fuselage
- Tata Advanced Systems – Fin & Rudder Assemblies
- VEM Technologies – Centre Fuselage





Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- The Indian Army successfully tested the Akash Prime air defence system on July 16, 2025, in the Ladakh sector
- India has officially submitted a Letter of Request (LoR) to the United States for the co-production of Javelin Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGMs) in India
- India received the second GE F404-IN20 engine from General Electric Aerospace (USA) for the Tejas Mk1A Light Combat Aircraft programme
- Israel launched Dror-1, a geostationary communication satellite constructed by Israel Aerospace Industries and the Israeli Space Agency, into space from Cape Canaveral in Florida, United States.
- 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 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
- '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





Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and world :

- On the Mandavi River, Goa introduced the country's first RoRo (roll-on/roll-off) ferry service
- Yaktan, a village in Sikkim's Pakyong district, was officially inaugurated as India's first digital nomad village under Project 'Nomad Sikkim'
- India's first-ever water technology park, named 'Aqua Tech Park', was inaugurated at Bagibari in Sonapur, Assam by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma
- India's first-ever commercial hydrogen fuel cell bus service was launched in Leh, Ladakh, marking a major step toward sustainable transportation
- Gujarat has become the first state in India to support the Cruise Bharat Mission (CBM) by initiating the formulation of its Cruise Shipping Policy
- 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
- Kerala's first skin bank will be inaugurated at the Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram



Ques: What new service did UIDAI launch on 9th June 2025 to maintain the accuracy of the Aadhaar database?

- A. Aadhaar Virtual ID Generation
- B. Aadhaar Data Update Service
- C. Reporting of Death of a Family Member
- D. Aadhaar-PAN Linking Portal
- E. NRI Aadhaar Registration Service

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India) launched the “Reporting of Death of a Family Member” service on the myAadhaar Portal on 9th June 2025.
- This service is currently available in 24 States/UTs that are using the Civil Registration System (CRS) for death registrations.
- The initiative helps UIDAI obtain death records directly and deactivate Aadhaar numbers after due validation, ensuring the Aadhaar database remains accurate.
- So far, around 1.17 crore Aadhaar numbers have been deactivated after confirmation of death.
- Aadhaar is a 12-digit unique digital identity, randomly generated and never reassigned to another person after deactivation or death.
- UIDAI is also continuing the exercise of Aadhaar deactivation for non-CRS States and UTs.

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Ques: What major electoral reform has been proposed by the UK Labour Government in 2024?

- A. Voting age increased to 21
- B. Voting age reduced to 16
- C. Ban on digital voting
- D. Mandatory voter ID for all
- E. Voting limited to UK-born citizens

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The UK Labour Government has proposed reducing the voting age from 18 to 16, marking the biggest electoral reform since 1969.
- The reform seeks to align voting rights with Welsh and Scottish legislatures, where voting from age 16 is already allowed.
- The proposal is expected to benefit the Labour Party, as younger voters typically support centre-left policies.

The plan includes:

- Preventing foreign election interference by regulating political donations.
- Banning shell companies from influencing elections.
- Starting voter registration at age 14, potentially adding 7–8 million new voters

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Ques: Which institution's scientists were awarded the Rashtriya Krishi Vigyan Puraskar 2025 for Innovation & Technology in Agriculture?

- A. ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi
- B. ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore
- C. ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Kochi
- D. Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bengaluru
- E. ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore scientists received the Rashtriya Krishi Vigyan Puraskar – 2025 in the category of Innovation & Technology in Agriculture & Allied Sciences.
- The award was presented by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan on 16 July 2025, during the 97th ICAR Foundation Day.
- The team developed a Soil Moisture Indicator (SMI)—a portable device that helps farmers monitor soil moisture and plan irrigation efficiently.

Other awardees:

- Dr. Kajal Chakraborty – Honored for marine biotechnology and fisheries work.
- Dr. Aniesrani Delfiya D.S. – Received the NAAS Young Scientist Award for contributions in agricultural engineering and technology.





Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- National Geospatial Practitioner Award 2025 : Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)
- Open-Source GIS Cohort Award : Bhadrachalam district in Telangana
- Kalinga Ratna Award-2024 : Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan
- literary award, 'Sarala Samman' : Shri Bijaya Nayak
- Poligras Magic Skill Award for Year 2024-25 : Indian Women's Hockey team forward player, Deepika Sehrawat
- International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) 9001:2015 certification : Arthunkal police station in Alappuzha
- 'Hem Bahadur Malla Award 2080' : Kalyan Shrestha
- 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





Ques: Which city has been awarded India's cleanest city title in the 9th edition of the Swachh Survekshan 2024-25?

- A. Indore
- B. Navi Mumbai
- C. Surat
- D. Prayagraj
- E. Visakhapatnam

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Indore (Madhya Pradesh) has been declared India's cleanest city for the 8th consecutive year in the 9th Swachh Survekshan 2024-25.
- The awards were conferred by President Droupadi Murmu in New Delhi.
- Surat (Gujarat) and Navi Mumbai (Maharashtra) secured the 2nd and 3rd positions respectively.
- Best Ganga Town award was given to Prayagraj.
- Best Cantonment Board: Secunderabad Cantonment
- Best Saifai Mitra Surakshit Shehar: GVMC Visakhapatnam, Jabalpur, and Gorakhpur.
- Theme: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle
- Super Swachh League category introduced for the first time.
- The survey covered over 4900 cities under the Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban (SBM-U).
- Total 78 awards were given in this edition.

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Ques: What is the recently launched helpline number for waste pickers under the NAMASTE scheme?

- A. 14472
- B. 14473
- C. 14500
- D. 14475
- E. 14470

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Union Minister of State B.L. Verma (Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment) launched the helpline number 14473 for waste pickers.
- The launch took place during 'National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) Day' celebrations in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- The Minister also distributed PPE kits and Ayushman Cards to Sewer and Septic Tank Workers (SSWs) and waste pickers.
- An AR/VR training module for occupational safety training of SSWs was also launched.
- NAMASTE is a Central Sector Scheme, started in August 2022, jointly by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MSJE) and Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs.
- The scheme aims to eliminate hazardous manual cleaning of sewers and septic tanks and improve the safety and dignity of sanitation workers in urban India.
- Total budget outlay: Rs.349.73 crore for FY24 to FY26.
- It is implemented by the National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) under MSJE.





Ques: From which location did India successfully test-fire the Prithvi-II and Agni-I ballistic missiles in July 2025?

- A. Pokhran Range
- B. Wheeler Island
- C. Balasore Air Base
- D. Integrated Test Range, Chandipur
- E. Sriharikota Launch Pad

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- On July 2025, India successfully test-fired the nuclear-capable Prithvi-II and Agni-I ballistic missiles from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur (Odisha).
- The tests were conducted under the Strategic Forces Command to validate operational readiness and technical performance.
- Both missiles are part of the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP) launched in 1983 under the leadership of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. The IGMDP aimed to develop five missiles: Prithvi, Agni, Trishul, Akash, and Nag.

Prithvi-II Missile:

- Range: ~350 km
- Payload: Up to 500 kg (conventional and nuclear)
- Guidance: Advanced inertial navigation
- Deployment: Road-mobile launcher

Agni-I Missile:

- Range: 700–900 km
- Payload: Up to 1,000 kg (conventional and nuclear)
- Inducted: Early 2000s in the Indian Army





Ques: What is the name of India's first domestic Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurance entity being set up?

- A. Bharat Marine Club
- B. India Shipping Assurance
- C. India Club
- D. Maritime Security Corporation
- E. Coastal Care Alliance

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Indian government is establishing its first Protection and Indemnity (P&I) entity, named India Club.
- This will provide third-party insurance for Indian ships, especially those operating in coastal and inland waterways.
- The initiative reduces India's dependence on the London-based International Group of P&I Clubs, which currently covers over 90% of global shipping lines.
- Shipping Secretary T.K. Ramachandran announced that the scheme will involve domestic insurance companies, promoting self-reliance in marine insurance.

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Ques: Which advanced attack helicopter is India set to receive from the US after a 15-month delay?

- A. CH-47 Chinook
- B. AH-64E Apache
- C. MI-35
- D. UH-60 Black Hawk
- E. Ka-52 Alligator

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- India is set to receive the first batch of AH-64E Apache attack helicopters from the USA, after a 15-month delay.
- These helicopters will be deployed at Jodhpur for border security operations.
- The AH-64E Apache is developed by Boeing (USA) and is considered one of the most advanced multi-role combat helicopters in the world.
- The Apache series has been in service with the US Army since 1984 (starting with the AH-64A Apache).
- The AH-64E is equipped for high-intensity, network-centric warfare, making it a lethal and strategic asset for modern military operations.

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A Rare 'Grandala' electric-blue bird was recently spotted in Sainj Valley, Himachal Pradesh. Scientific Name: Grandala coelicolor. It is classified as 'Least Concern' under the IUCN Red List.

India and Kuwait signed a revised Memorandum of Understanding to expand their bilateral flying rights increasing the weekly seat quota by 50%, from 12,000 to 18,000 seats for each side.

The Third Regional Consultative Meeting on "Ease of Doing Research & Development (R&D)" was held at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir.

Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIMK) launched the 'Gyanodaya' Centre for Pedagogical Innovation and Publishing. Gyanodaya will run its own manuscript platform named 'Pandulipi'.

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has announced that from August 1, 2025, all domestic households in the state will receive 125 units of free electricity per month. In addition, the state has set a target to install 10,000 megawatts of solar power within the next 3 years.

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