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Ques : Who was the highest-paid bank CEO in India during Financial Year 2024–25, as per the bank’s annual report released in July 2025?

- A. Sashidhar Jagdishan
- B. Uday Kotak
- C. Shyam Srinivasan
- D. Ashok Vaswani
- E. Amitabh Chaudhry

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Ashok Vaswani, MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank, received the highest total compensation of Rs.12.95 crore in FY 2024–25, making him the top-paid bank chief in India.
- He joined as CEO on January 1, 2024.
- He was also granted 18,580 ESOPs worth over Rs.4 crore.
- Sashidhar Jagdishan, MD & CEO of HDFC Bank, earned Rs.12.08 crore (12% hike from FY24) and received 2.12 lakh ESOPs worth over Rs.42.4 crore – making him the second-highest-paid bank CEO in FY25.

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Ques: Who has launched the Securities Market Hackathon at the Global Fintech Fest 2025?

- A. RBI
- B. IRDAI
- C. SEBI
- D. NABARD
- E. PFRDA

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has launched the Securities Market Hackathon at the Global Fintech Fest 2025.
- The hackathon was organized in collaboration with BSE, CDSL, NSDL, and KFinTech.
- Theme: “Driving Innovation and Tech-Oriented Solutions in the Securities Market”.
- The goal is to bring together innovative minds to develop digital-first solutions for real-world challenges in the securities market.
- SEBI aims to enhance efficiency, transparency, and inclusivity in India’s securities market through this tech-driven initiative.

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Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) launched the Venture Capital Fund (VCF) Settlement Scheme 2025
- Mobikwik Securities Broking Private Limited (MSBPL), a wholly owned subsidiary of One Mobikwik Systems, has secured regulatory approval from SEBI
- SEBI took strict action against Jane Street, a US-based proprietary trading firm, for manipulating Bank Nifty expiry prices
- SEBI has approved the e-KYC Setu System, developed by NPCI in collaboration with UIDAI, for Aadhaar-based digital KYC.
- SEBI has introduced a secure platform called CeFCoM (Centralized Fee Collection Mechanism) to ensure that investors make payments only to SEBI-registered investment advisers and research analysts, reducing the risk of financial fraud and unauthorized collections
- SEBI has directed that NSE's weekly index derivatives contracts will now expire on Tuesday instead of the earlier Thursday
- National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) has received SEBI's approval to launch monthly electricity futures contracts
- SEBI introduced a comprehensive framework for the issuance and listing of ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) debt securities, effective June 5, 2025
- SEBI is introducing a validated UPI handle "@valid" for investor-facing intermediaries such as brokers, research analysts, and investment advisors
- SEBI imposed a Rs.3 lakh penalty on Motilal Oswal Financial Services for violating stock brokers' regulations
- HDB Financial Services, a subsidiary of HDFC Bank, has received SEBI approval to launch an IPO worth Rs.12,500 crore, the largest NBFC IPO in India
- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, in collaboration with SEBI, launched a new pilot initiative titled "NiveshakShivir"
- Jio BlackRock Asset Management (AMC) has received final approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to start its mutual fund business
- SEBI has barred the Managing Directors (MDs) of Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs) from being members of their audit committees to ensure independence and transparency in audits



Ques: Which company recently received final SEBI approval to launch its mutual fund (MF) business and became the youngest AMC in India?

- A. Zerodha Asset Management
- B. Navi Mutual Fund
- C. Groww Mutual Fund
- D. The Wealth Company Asset Management Holdings
- E. Paytm Mutual Fund

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Wealth Company Asset Management Holdings Pvt. Ltd. has received final approval from SEBI to start its mutual fund operations.
- It will now operate under the brand The Wealth Company MF.
- It has become the youngest Asset Management Company (AMC) in India's MF industry.
- As of July 2025, nearly 50 AMCs are functioning in the Indian mutual fund space, which is valued at Rs.74.41 trillion.

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Ques : Which organization has recently signed an MoU with Avanti Fellows to provide IIT-JEE and NEET coaching to tribal students of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs)?

- A. NCERT
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. CBSE
- D. NIOS
- E. NESTS

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- NESTS (National Education Society for Tribal Students), under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, signed an MoU with Avanti Fellows.
- Aim: To deliver free coaching for JEE & NEET to EMRS students.
- A Centre of Excellence (CoE) will be established at EMRS Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, with 80 selected students via entrance exam.
- This is a step toward inclusive and quality education for tribal youth in India.

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- India and Kuwait signed a revised MOU to expand their bilateral flying rights increasing the weekly seat quota by 50%, from 12,000 to 18,000 seats for each side
- Jio Financial Services Limited (JFSL) & Allianz Europe B.V. Entered into a binding agreement to form a 50:50 domestic reinsurance Joint Venture (JV) to serve the dynamic and highgrowth insurance sector in India
- 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
- 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
- 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 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 Indian Navy has signed an agreement with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for the implementation of the National Maritime Domain Awareness (NMDA) Project
- BHASHINI (Bhasha Interface for India) Division) has signed a MOU with the Government of Puducherry to empower citizens through language technology and foster governance that speaks every language, including Tamil, Malayalam, Telugu and other regional Indian Languages.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu, Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL), and IIT Madras have partnered to launch the Hyundai HTWO Innovation Centre at IIT Madras' satellite campus in Thaiyur, near Chennai
- Indian Railways has partnered with Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL) to install Machine Vision Based Inspection System (MVIS)
- KareXpert Technologies Private Limited, a Reliance Jio-backed healthcare technology company, signed an MoU with Telecom Egypt to develop and launch a national digital healthcare platform in Egypt



Ques: As per the OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook 2025–2034, which country is projected to become the world’s largest cotton producer by 2034?

- A. China
- B. Brazil
- C. India
- D. USA
- E. Pakistan

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook 2025–2034 projects that India will overtake China and become the world’s largest cotton producer by 2034.
- India’s cotton production is expected to grow at 2% annually, mainly due to yield improvements, not expansion in cultivated area.
- India will contribute 30% of the global increase in cotton output by 2034, followed by Brazil (27%) and USA (23%).
- According to the International Cotton Advisory Committee, India’s cotton production for 2024–25 is estimated at 25.68 million tonnes.

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Ques: Who launched the National Standards for Civil Service Training Institutes (NSCSTI) 2.0 under Mission Karmayogi?

- A. Shri Rajnath Singh
- B. Shri Narendra Modi
- C. Dr. Jitendra Singh
- D. Shri Amit Shah
- E. Dr. S. Jaishankar

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launched National Standards for Civil Service Training Institutes (NSCSTI) 2.0, a major reform under Mission Karmayogi, aiming to enhance the training quality of civil service institutions across India.
- Developed by: Capacity Building Commission (CBC)
- It reflects feedback from over 160 CSTIs, ensuring inclusiveness and practicality.

Key features include:

- Reduction of evaluation metrics from 59 to 43
- Integration of hybrid learning, AI tools, and digital platforms
- Applicability across Central, State, and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)

About Mission Karmayogi :

- Launched : September 2020
- Aims : To build a future-ready public service that blends global thinking with Indian values
- With over 4 million government employees registered and 1.5 crore certifications issued across more than 1,400 courses on the iGOT platform, this initiative marks a significant step towards improving the capabilities of public servants





Ques: Which state assembly is set to implement AI-based cameras for real-time monitoring of MLAs' performance and attendance?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly is set to become the first in India to deploy AI-based facial recognition cameras to monitor MLAs' attendance, presence, performance, and topics spoken.
- The system will begin as a pilot project in the Monsoon Session and is expected to be fully rolled out in the Winter Session.
- It will include audio-body movement analysis, instant alerts for suspicious activity, and detailed MLA profiles (name, gender, party, constituency, DOB, etc.).
- The initiative has been described by MLA Satish Mahana as a step toward greater transparency and accountability in legislative functioning.

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Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and world :

- The Government of Gujarat has launched India's first-ever Tribal Genome Sequencing Project in Gandhinagar
- On the Mandavi River, Goa introduced the country's first RoRo (roll-on/roll-off) ferry service
- Yakten, 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



Ques : INS Sandhayak recently made its maiden hydrographic mission to which country, marking the first visit by an Indian hydrographic vessel there?

- A. Indonesia
- B. Singapore
- C. Vietnam
- D. Malaysia
- E. Philippines

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- For its first hydrographic mission to Malaysia, the Indian Navy Ship (INS) Sandhayak, the country's domestically constructed Survey Vessel (Large) (SVL), docked at Port Klang, Malaysia.
- Bilateral marine links are strengthened as this is the first time a hydrographic vessel from India has visited Malaysia.
- INS Sandhayak, the Indian Navy's (IN) state-of-the-art hydrographic survey vessel, was put into service in February 2024.
- It is the lead ship of Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Limited's Sandhayak-class SVL, the first of four contemporary SVL ships.

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Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- India is set to receive the first batch of AH-64E Apache attack helicopters from the USA, after a 15-month delay
- On July 2025, India successfully test-fired the nuclear-capable Prithvi-II and Agni-I ballistic missiles from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur (Odisha)
- HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd) received the first set of wing assemblies for the LCA Mk1A from Larsen & Toubro (L&T), Coimbatore
- 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.





Ques : Which Indian cultural heritage site was inscribed as the 44th UNESCO World Heritage Site of India during the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee (WHC) held in Paris, France in 2025?

- A. Hoysala Temples of Karnataka
- B. Maratha Military Landscapes
- C. Kakatiya Rudreshwara Temple
- D. Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysalas
- E. Satpura Tiger Reserve

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Paris, France hosted the 47th meeting of the World Heritage Committee of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
- Twenty-one cultural, four natural, and one mixed site were among the 26 new sites that the committee added to the UNESCO World Heritage List.
- It also authorized the expansion of two already-existing sites, bringing the overall number of World Heritage Sites in 170 countries to 1,248.
- The 44th World Heritage Site of India is the Maratha Military Landscapes of India.
- Twelve ancient forts make up the Maratha Military Landscape, a cultural heritage monument that includes one in Tamil Nadu and eleven in Maharashtra.
- In Maharashtra and Tamilnadu, the twelve forts are: Salher, Shivneri, Lohgad, Raigad, Rajgad, Pratapgad, Panhala, Vijaydurg, Khanderi, Suvarnadurg, and Sindhudurg.
- Representatives from 21 states, chosen by their General Assembly from among the 196 State Parties to the Convention, make up the WHC, which convenes once a year.
- The World Heritage Convention, which was ratified in 1972, is under its jurisdiction.
- The World Heritage Convention of 1972 protects the sites listed on the list; the 48th session of the WHC will take place in Busan, Republic of Korea.





Ques : Which dairy company has acquired Osam Dairy for Rs.271 crore?

- A. Amul
- B. Dodla Dairy
- C. Nandini
- D. Heritage Foods
- E. Mother Dairy

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Dodla Dairy, a 30-year-old company, has acquired 100% stake in Ranchi-based Osam Dairy for Rs.271 crore.
- Osam Dairy has a procurement network of 25,000+ dairy farmers, processes 1.1 lakh litres of milk per day, and has 1,000 collection centres & 19 chilling centres.
- This acquisition helps Dodla Dairy expand towards pan-India operations, especially in eastern India.
- InCred Capital was the exclusive financial advisor for the deal.
- Osam's former CEO Abhinav Shah welcomed the deal as growth-enabling.

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Ques: Which state's KITE initiative was recognized by UNICEF as a global best practice in responsible EdTech?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- KITE (Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education) is the technology arm of Kerala's General Education Department.
- It promotes ethical and inclusive use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in public schools using Free and Open-Source Software (FOSS).
- UNICEF recognised KITE as a global best practice in responsible EdTech.

Key features:

- Equity: Equal access for all students.
- Privacy: Student data is protected.
- Teacher Training: Thousands of teachers trained in digital tools.
- Skill Development: Students learn coding, animation, robotics via Little KITES IT Clubs.
- Safe Platforms: Kerala develops its own educational software





Ques : Under which scheme were the Sant Kabir Handloom Award and National Handloom Awards 2024 presented by the Ministry of Textiles?

- A. PM Mitra Yojana
- B. SAMARTH Scheme
- C. National Handloom Development Programme
- D. Skill India Mission
- E. Atmanirbhar Handloom Scheme

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Sant Kabir Handloom Award and National Handloom Awards 2024 are conferred by the Ministry of Textiles.
- These awards are part of the Handloom Marketing Assistance (HMA) component under the National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP).
- 24 awardees have been selected : 5 Sant Kabir Awards (for lifetime achievement) and 19 National Handloom Awards (for excellence in design, weaving, innovation)
- The awards recognize Handloom weavers, designers, marketers, Start-up ventures and producer companies

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Rashtriya Krishi Vigyan Puraskar – 2025 in category of Innovation & Technology in Agriculture & Allied Sciences : ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore scientists
- 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)





Ques: India's group standard for which crop was appreciated at the Codex Executive Committee meeting in Rome in July 2025?

- A. Rice
- B. Wheat
- C. Millet
- D. Maize
- E. Pulses

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's group standard for whole millet grains, which was approved at CAC47 in 2024, received appreciation at the 88th Codex Executive Committee meeting (CCEXEC88) held in Rome from 14–18 July 2025.
- India, along with Mali, Nigeria, and Senegal, is leading the development of this standard.
- India is also co-chairing new work proposals for fresh turmeric and broccoli standards.
- Additionally, India actively contributed to discussions on the Codex Strategic Plan 2026–2031 and recommended SMART KPIs.
- FAO acknowledged India's capacity-building efforts for neighbouring countries like Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Timor Leste.
- India has chaired the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) since its inception in 2014.
- The Indian delegation included officials from MoHFW and FSSAI, ensuring strong representation of national interests.





Ques: Which country recently completed the ratification of the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) between India and EFTA?

- A. Switzerland
- B. Norway
- C. Liechtenstein
- D. Iceland
- E. Sweden

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Switzerland has officially completed the ratification process of the India-EFTA TEPA, paving the way for the agreement to come into effect by October 2025.
- EFTA Members: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland
- The agreement was signed on March 10, 2024, in New Delhi, after 16 years of negotiations (started in 2008).
- Aims to reduce trade barriers, enhance market access, and promote sustainable development
- EFTA will invest USD 100 billion in India over the next 15 years
- Switzerland is the 12th largest investor in India. Its investment has increased from Swiss Franc (CHF) 551 million (approximately Rs.5,935 crore) in 2000 to CHF 10 billion (Rs. 1,07,736 crore) in 2024.





Ques : What is the proposed new name of Islampur town in Sangli district as announced by the Maharashtra government in 2025?

- A. Shivapur
- B. Ramnagari
- C. Ishwarpur
- D. Sanglipur
- E. Harinagar

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Maharashtra government has proposed renaming Islampur (Sangli district) to Ishwarpur.
- Announcement made by Food & Civil Supplies Minister Chhagan Bhujbal in the Legislative Assembly.
- The proposal has received Cabinet approval and will now be sent to the Union Government for final clearance.
- This move is part of Maharashtra's ongoing initiative to rename cities and towns.

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Ques: What is the name of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation's (KSRTC) initiative launched to assist visually impaired passengers?

- A. Dhwanispandana Yojane
- B. Drishtimitra Yojane
- C. Vayusparsha Yojane
- D. Sweekriti Yojane
- E. Swavalamban Travel Scheme

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has launched the 'Dhwanispandana Yojane' to promote inclusive public transportation.
- The scheme is designed to help visually impaired passengers travel independently.
- Under this initiative, audio announcement systems have been installed in 200 buses in Mysuru city.
- The devices are activated by a remote key carried by visually impaired passengers, which announces the route number and bus details, allowing them to identify the correct bus on their own.

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Ques : Which country has been awarded the hosting rights for the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) Finals in 2027, 2029, and 2031?

- A. Australia
- B. India
- C. England
- D. South Africa
- E. New Zealand

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The hosting rights for the upcoming three ICC World Test Championship (WTC) Finals, which are set for 2027, 2029, and 2031, have been given to the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB).
- This declaration, which was delivered during the ICC Annual Conference 2025 in Singapore, confirmed the ECB's track record of effectively overseeing prior finals, like as those in 2021, 2023, and 2025.
- The ICC also welcomed two new Members, with Timor Leste Cricket Federation and Zambia Cricket Union included as Associate Members, taking the ICC's total membership to 110.

List of World Test Championship (WTC) Finals :

- 2021 : The Rose Bowl, Southampton (Host) New Zealand (Winner)
- 2023 : The Oval (Host) Australia (Winner)
- 2025 : Lord's (Host) South Africa (Winner)





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- MI New York clinched the 2025 Major League Cricket (MLC) title by defeating Washington Freedom by 5 runs in a thrilling final at Grand Prairie Stadium, Dallas
- 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
- 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
- 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



Ques : Which Indian mobile application won the WSIS Prizes 2025 Champion Award in the category “Cultural Diversity and Identity, Linguistic Diversity and Local Content”?

- A. eGram Swaraj
- B. Digital India App
- C. MyGov India
- D. Meri Panchayat
- E. Gram Uday

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Meri Panchayat App is an m-Governance platform developed by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and NIC under MeitY.
- The app enhances digital inclusion, transparency, and grassroots governance.
- Award: WSIS Prizes 2025 Champion Award
- Category: Cultural Diversity and Identity, Linguistic Diversity and Local Content
- Event: WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025, held in Geneva, Switzerland (July 7–11, 2025)
- Organized by: ITU, co-organized by UNESCO, UNDP, UNCTAD
- Award presented to Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Lalan Singh), Union Minister of Panchayati Raj

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Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals

- UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India) launched the “Reporting of Death of a Family Member” service on the myAadhaar Portal on 9th June 2025
- The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) has launched a new dedicated portal: <https://grants.depwd.gov.in>
- 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



Ques : Which two institutions signed an MoU to roll out structured and uniform education for Children with Intellectual Disabilities (CwID) across India?

- A. NCERT and NCPCR
- B. NIEPID and Jai Vakeel Foundation
- C. NIEPID and NIOS
- D. NCPEDP and CBSE
- E. NITI Aayog and National Trust

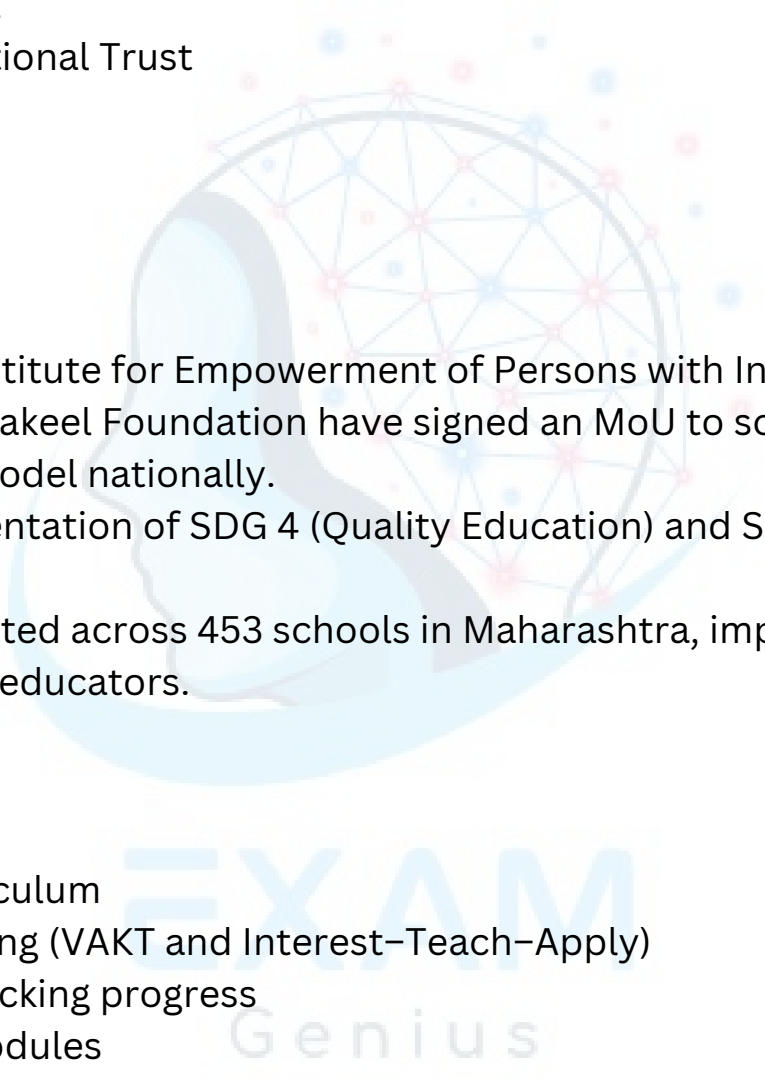
Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- NIEPID (National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities) and Jai Vakeel Foundation have signed an MoU to scale the Disha Abhiyan education model nationally.
- It supports implementation of SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities).
- Originally implemented across 453 schools in Maharashtra, impacting 18,000+ students and 2,600+ educators.

This model includes:

- NIEPID DISHA Curriculum
- Multisensory Learning (VAKT and Interest–Teach–Apply)
- Digital Portal for tracking progress
- Teacher Training Modules





Ques : From which month will the Indian Army begin receiving India-made AK-203 rifles?

- A. October
- B. November
- C. December
- D. January
- E. February

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Indian Army will start receiving AK-203 rifles made in India from December 2025.
- These are being manufactured by Indo-Russian Rifles Pvt. Ltd. (IRRPL) with full technology transfer from Russia's Kalashnikov.
- Total: 6.01 lakh rifles, under a Rs.5,000 crore deal (2021).
- Named "Sher" by Indian soldiers, these rifles are Lightweight (3.8 kg without magazine) and Superior to AK-47 in accuracy, reliability, and ergonomics
- Other users interested: CAPF, State Police, Friendly Nations
- Production to finish by 2030, 2 years ahead of schedule.

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Ques : Under the PM-VIKAS scheme, how many candidates will be trained at IIIT Kottayam as part of the skill training and women entrepreneurship development project launched by MoMA?

- A. 300
- B. 450
- C. 600
- D. 150
- E. 500

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Union MoS George Kurian (Ministry of Minority Affairs) launched the initiative under Pradhan Mantri Virasat ka Samvardhan (PM-VIKAS) scheme at IIIT Kottayam, Kerala.

A total of 450 candidates from minority communities will be trained:

- 150 youth in Internet of Things (IoT)
- 300 women in leadership and entrepreneurship development

About PM-VIKAS scheme :

- Launched : 2022
- Launched by : Ministry of Minority Affairs
- Aims at the holistic development and socio-economic upliftment of minority communities





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Directorate General of Foreign Trade showcased its digital initiative “Trade Connect” Electronic(e)-Platform at the two major Business-to-Business trade exhibitions 71st India International Garment Fair and the 16th Toy Biz International Expo 2025, held in New Delhi

Archaeological Survey of India which works under the Ministry of Culture has officially declared Lungphun Ropui located in Lianpui village in southeast of Champhai district in Mizoram, as Monument of National Importance under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act

During the second day of his official visit to Japan, the Minister held a series of high-level meetings with major Japanese companies and inaugurated the 16th India Trend Fair 2025.

Uttar Pradesh Relief Commissioner’s Office and the UNDP signed a MOA to implement Disaster Risk Reduction programmes, with an aim to enhance institutional capacity of UP and create a multi tiered disaster management system. The Government of UP has allocated a budget of Rs.19.99 crores for 3 years

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