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Ques: Who has been nominated as Director on the RBI Central Board in July 2025?

- A. T. V. Somanathan
- B. Ajay Seth
- C. Anuradha Thakur
- D. Tarun Bajaj
- E. Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Anuradha Thakur, Secretary in the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, has been nominated as a Director on the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- She replaces Ajay Seth, who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
- Her nomination is effective from July 24, 2025, and will continue until further orders.

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Ajay Seth : Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- Neeraj Gambhir : Executive Director (ED) of Axis Bank for 3 years
- 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)





Ques : KredX partnered with which bank to enhance digital trade finance using the TReDS platform?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- KredX signed a strategic partnership with Canara Bank to improve digital trade finance via its Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platform called Domestic Trade Exchange (DTX).
- DTX, approved by the RBI, supports over 50 registered financiers and offers instant working capital access to suppliers while helping enterprise buyers manage cash flows.
- KredX also signed an MoU with the Ministry of MSME to integrate its platform with the Udyam registration database for broader access and efficiency.

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Recently signed banking agreements

- Shriram Life Insurance Company (SLIC) has partnered with ESAF Small Finance Bank to distribute life insurance products
- The Department of Posts and NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL), the international arm of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), signed a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) to collaborate on transforming inward remittances to India
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has signed a MOU with the Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development to promote the Bima Sakhi Yojana
- Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group (SMFG) and SBI Holdings announced a joint venture to offer wealth management services targeting affluent individuals in Japan
- Liberty General Insurance and ACKO said they have become insurance partners for the American electric carmaker in India.
- Zomato has partnered with Tata Digital to launch a discount programme for Tata NeuCard users. The Tata Neu HDFC Bank Credit Card (NeuCard) is a co-branded card issued by HDFC Bank and supported by Tata Digital
- CCIL-International Financial Services Centre Limited (CCIL IFSC) has signed an agreement with Standard Chartered Bank (SCB), to enable real-time settlement of USD transactions at Gujarat International Finance Technology (GIFT) City in Gandhinagar
- National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) signed an agreement with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) to launch India's first weather derivatives, with an initial focus on rainfall-based derivative products
- Karur Vysya Bank Limited and Kshema General Insurance Limited, have entered a strategic bancassurance alliance to introduce 'Kshema Kisan Sathi'
- AU Small Finance Bank has entered into a strategic partnership with LIC to distribute life insurance products including term plans, endowment plans, pension, and annuity schemes
- Unified Lending Interface (ULI) is an API-based, consent-driven digital platform developed by the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) in collaboration with the RBI to enhance India's digital credit infrastructure
- Equitas Small Finance Bank has entered into a bancassurance partnership with Edelweiss Life Insurance



Ques: As per IRDAI's new directive, how many Gram Panchayats are to be covered by insurers over the next two years?

- A. 50,000
- B. 25,000
- C. 1,00,000
- D. 75,000
- E. 60,000

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- IRDAI has directed all life, general, and standalone health insurance companies to cover 75,000 Gram Panchayats over a two-year period.
- In FY 2025–26, insurers must cover 25,000 villages, and in FY 2026–27, this will increase to 50,000 Gram Panchayats.
- The minimum coverage target is 15% of lives/assets/vehicles per Gram Panchayat in FY26, rising to 25% in FY27 (10% for newly added Panchayats).
- This move is part of the rural, social sector, and motor third-party obligations to boost insurance inclusion in rural India.

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Ques : Which Indian bank's Hong Kong branch was fined HK\$850,000 (around Rs.9.3 crore) by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority in 2025?

- A. State Bank of India
- B. Punjab National Bank
- C. Bank of Baroda
- D. Indian Overseas Bank
- E. Canara Bank

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) imposed a penalty of HK\$850,000 (~Rs.9.3 crore) on the Hong Kong branch of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB).
- The fine was for violations related to money laundering and counter-terrorist financing regulations.
- Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) was founded in 1937, and its headquarters is in Chennai. The current MD & CEO of IOB is Ajay Kumar Srivastava.

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Ques: As of March 31, 2025, how many unique corporate borrowers have been classified as wilful defaulters by India's public sector banks?

- A. 1,210
- B. 1,489
- C. 1,629
- D. 1,745
- E. 1,890

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- As per the Ministry of Finance, 1,629 unique corporate borrowers have been classified as wilful defaulters by public sector banks, with total outstanding loans of Rs.1.62 lakh crore as of March 31, 2025.
- Legal measures invoked include the SARFAESI Act, Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRTs), Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), and criminal proceedings.
- Defaulters are denied additional credit and barred from launching new ventures for five years.
- The RBI's Master Directions require banks to share monthly lists of wilful defaulters (loan size \geq Rs.25 lakh) with all Credit Information Companies (CICs).
- These lists are publicly available on platforms like CIBIL.
- The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has declared 9 individuals as Fugitive Economic Offenders, confiscating assets worth Rs.15,298 crore under PMLA and Rs.749 crore under FEOA 2018.
- Total Rs.25,806 crore has been restituted to victim banks and rightful claimants in bank fraud cases.





Ques: As per the latest Morning Consult survey (July 2025), which leader has the highest global approval rating?

- A. Lee Jae-myung
- B. Javier Milei
- C. Narendra Modi
- D. Donald Trump
- E. Justin Trudeau

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- According to Morning Consult's Global Leader Approval Tracker (data from July 4–10, 2025), Prime Minister Narendra Modi topped the list with a 75% approval rating.
- He was followed by South Korea's President Lee Jae-myung at 59% and Argentina's President Javier Milei at 57%.
- US President Donald Trump stood at 8th position with only 44% approval.
- PM Modi also became the second-longest serving Indian Prime Minister after Jawaharlal Nehru, completing 4,079 days in office.

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Ques : Which Act was amended by the Government in 2023 to curb digital piracy in the creative sector?

- A. Copyright Act, 1957
- B. Information Technology Act, 2000
- C. Cinematograph Act, 1952
- D. Indian Penal Code, 1860
- E. Digital Media Regulation Act, 2021

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Government amended the Cinematograph Act, 1952 in 2023 to tackle digital piracy.
- New provisions like Section 6AA and 6AB prohibit unauthorized recording and transmission of films.
- The amendment also introduced strict punishments – minimum 3 months imprisonment and Rs.3 lakh fine, which can extend to 3 years imprisonment and fine up to 5% of the gross production cost.
- Section 7(1B)(ii) empowers the Government to issue directions to intermediaries hosting pirated content.

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Ques: Who is the author of the book 'The Rise of the Hitman' based on Rohit Sharma's journey?

- A. Boria Majumdar
- B. R. Kaushik
- C. Harsha Bhogle
- D. Rajdeep Sardesai
- E. Sanjay Manjrekar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The book "The Rise of the Hitman: The Rohit Sharma Story" is authored by R. Kaushik.
- It is a biography of Indian cricketer Rohit Sharma.
- The foreword has been written by his wife Ritika Sajdeh.
- The book is published by Rupa Publications.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- The New World: 21st Century Global Order and India : Ram Madhav
- "Eternal Light: The Life and Times of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama." : Arvind Yadav
- Das Paise ka Postcard : retired Army man S.N. Ahmed
- "Honest John: A Life of John Matthai" : Bakhtiar K. Dadabhoy
- 'One in a Billion' : Sonal Holland
- Confessions of a Shakespeare Addict : Retired IPS officer V.S. Ravi
- The Sour Mango Tree: Selected Works : Palyaada Lankesh (translated by Dr nataraj hulyar)
- Swasthya Ke Prahari : Lalit Shaurya
- 'Ambedkar ke Sandesh' : compiled by D.S. Veeraiah
- The One: Cricket, My Life and More : Former Indian Cricketer Shikhar Dhawan
- 'Mujib's Blunders: The Powers and the Plot Behind His Killing' : Manash Ghosh
- A Billion Butterflies: A Life in Climate and Chaos Theory : Dr. Jagadish Shukla
- "History That India Ignored" : Prem Prakash, Chairman of Asian News International (ANI)
- 'New World: 21st Century Global Order in India' : senior BJP leader Ram Madhav
- "Zan! Zendegi! Azadi!" (Woman! Life! Freedom!) : Chowra Makaremi
- "Varalaru Koorum Tamil Nattu Kaasugal (Coins that Speak Tamil Nadu History) : Thangam Thennarasu, Minister for Finance, Tamil Nadu and Arumuga Sitharaman, a noted numismatic researcher
- A Different Kind of Power : Jacinda Kate Laurell Ardern
- "The Stars Light the Way" : Sucheta Raj Khanna
- India's Finance Ministers III: Different Strokes (1998-2014) : A.K. Bhattacharya's
- Guardians of Heritage : Senthilkumar Chandrasekaran
- "Karnad Kaleidoscope" : Muralidhara Khajane
- 'Modi's Niti Shastra: The World's His Oyster : Senior Advocate Dr. Adish C. Aggarwala
- "Will India Get Rich Before it Turns 100?" : Prosenjit Datta
- Portrait of a Genius : Jayanta Bhuyan
- "The Man Who Became Cinema: Dilip Kumar" : Ashok Chopra



Ques: Where will the grand statues of Chola emperors Rajaraja Chola and Rajendra Chola be erected as announced by PM Modi?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- PM Narendra Modi announced the installation of grand statues of Chola emperors Rajaraja Chola and Rajendra Chola in Tamil Nadu.
- The announcement was made at the Gangaikonda Cholapuram temple in Ariyalur district.
- The statues aim to honour the Chola dynasty's significant contributions to Indian history, culture, architecture, trade, and governance.
- The Cholas had trade relations with regions such as Sri Lanka, Maldives, and Southeast Asia, and laid the foundation for early democratic principles.

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Ques: Which state recently increased the monthly pension for journalists to Rs.15,000 under the Journalist Samman Pension Scheme?

- A. Bihar
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Madhya Pradesh
- E. Odisha

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Bihar government, under Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, has revised the Journalist Samman Pension Scheme, increasing the monthly pension from Rs.6,000 to Rs.15,000 for eligible accredited journalists with a minimum of 20 years of experience.
- In case of the journalist's death, the dependent spouse will now receive Rs.10,000 per month, up from the previous Rs.3,000.
- This scheme was originally launched in 2019 to support senior journalists at the district or state level.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) launched 'Veer Parivar Sahayata Yojana', a scheme to strengthen legal aid for defence personnel and their families, during the North Zone Regional Conference held in Srinagar
- Under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), state governments have defaulted over Rs.6,450 crore in crop insurance settlements between FY21 and FY25
- The Palna Scheme, launched on April 1, 2022, under the Samarthya vertical of Mission Shakti, aims to bridge the childcare gap. It provides day-care and crèche facilities for children aged 6 months to 6 years across all States and Union Territories
- As of March 2025, under the Jal Jeevan Mission, Uttar Pradesh has reported the highest number of rural household tap water connections with 237.89 lakh connections
- The second phase of the PM Internship Scheme (PMIS) will commence on August 1. The target for FY26 is 7 lakh interns, which is six times higher than the FY25 target
- 'Shaktishree' is a special initiative launched by the Odisha Government for the safety and well-being of girl students across 16 universities and 730 government and aided colleges under the Higher Education Department
- The revamped Stand-Up India scheme, launching in September 2025, doubles the loan limit from Rs.1 crore to Rs.2 crore
- 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
- The ADEETIE scheme was launched by the Ministry of Power. It stands for "Assistance in Deploying Energy Efficient Technologies in Industries & Establishments."
- The Union Cabinet approved the PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDKY) with an annual outlay of Rs.24,000 crore for the period of 6 years
- Ladli Behna Scheme is a flagship women empowerment initiative of the Madhya Pradesh Government providing monthly financial aid to women
- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) launched the Sanchar Mitra Scheme to engage student volunteers as "Digital Ambassadors" (Sanchar Mitras)
- The Government of India has announced a Rs.1,345 crore subsidy scheme to promote rare earth magnet production





Ques: 'MATSYA-6000', India's first manned submersible, is being developed under which project?

- A. Sagar Vikas Mission
- B. Deep Ocean Mission
- C. Blue Revolution Project
- D. Ocean Quest Program
- E. Coastal Exploration Initiative

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre and the National Institute of Ocean Technology have signed an MoU for developing 'MATSYA-6000', a human-occupied submersible vessel.
- It is being developed under the 'Samudrayaan Project', which is part of India's Deep Ocean Mission led by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).
- This mission aims to send a three-member crew up to a depth of 6,000 metres to explore deep-ocean resources.
- The submersible includes a 2,260 mm spherical personnel capsule made from Titanium alloy (Ti6Al4V – ELI grade) with 80 mm wall thickness, designed to endure extreme pressure (up to 600 bar) and cold temperatures (as low as -3°C).

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- Australia and the United Kingdom (UK) have signed a 50- year commitment to the AUKUS defence treaty despite the United States' ongoing review of the pact. It is a security and defense partnership between Australia, the UK, and the US, announced in September 2021.
- The India-UK trade deal allows duty-free access to a \$23 billion UK market, benefiting MSMEs across labour-intensive sectors
- As per the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), 75,000 Indian skilled professionals will be allowed to work in the UK annually. They will be exempt from contributing to UK social security for 3 years
- The India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) grants 95% of Indian agricultural and processed food products duty-free access to the \$37.5 billion UK market
- Under the India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA), Araku Valley Coffee has received duty-free access to the United Kingdom market
- The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a Rs.2,000 crore contract with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for the supply of Air Defence Fire Control Radars.
- India and the United Kingdom signed a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) at Chequers Estate, UK.
- Maruti Suzuki India Limited & Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) to drive and support technology-driven solutions in automobile manufacturing and mobility space
- 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
- 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
- NESTS (National Education Society for Tribal Students), under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, signed an MoU with Avanti Fellows



Ques: Which Hindi author's book Once Elephants Lived Here won the PEN Translates award?

- A. Krishna Sobti
- B. Uday Prakash
- C. Geetanjali Shree
- D. Nirmal Verma
- E. Mridula Garg

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Hindi author Geetanjali Shree, who earlier won the International Booker Prize, received the PEN Translates award for her book Once Elephants Lived Here.
- The book was translated into English by Daisy Rockwell, who had also translated Shree's Booker-winning novel Tomb of Sand.
- The PEN Translates award is given by the London-based PEN human rights organisation, which selected 14 titles in 13 languages from 11 global regions.
- The book explores themes of memory, loss, and displacement, reflecting Indian storytelling traditions.
- This recognition highlights the global literary presence of Hindi and Indian regional languages.

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Ques: SHAURYA BHARAT Car Rally was organized in collaboration with which organization to honour the Armed Forces and promote environmental awareness?

- A. PHDCCI & Indian Air Force
- B. Indian Army
- C. DRDO
- D. NCC
- E. Ministry of Defence

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Progress Harmony Development Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) in collaboration with the Indian Air Force (IAF) is conducting the SHAURYA BHARAT Car Rally.
- The rally is being held under the aegis of the Directorate of Adventure, covering around 800 km from Air Force Station New Delhi to Adampur, via Ambala.
- A total of 112 participants from the three Services, Indian Coast Guard, DRDO, and NCC are involved.
- The rally is supported by 40 sponsored Tata vehicles, primarily Electric Vehicles (EVs).
- Its goal is to commemorate "Operation Sindoor", honour armed forces' bravery, and promote the theme "Rashtra ka Maan, Shaurya ke Saath, Paryavaran ka Vikas".

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Ques: Which animal has Bannerghatta Biological Park exported for the first time in its history?

- A. Tigers
- B. Cheetahs
- C. Asian Elephants
- D. Jaguars
- E. Gorillas

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Bannerghatta Biological Park in Bengaluru exported animals for the first time in its history.
- It sent four Asian elephants (Suresh, Gowri, Shruthi, and Tulsi) to Himeji Central Park in Japan.
- The exchange was part of a multi-species wildlife exchange programme.
- In return, Bannerghatta Park will receive cheetahs, jaguars, pumas, chimpanzees, and black-capped capuchins.

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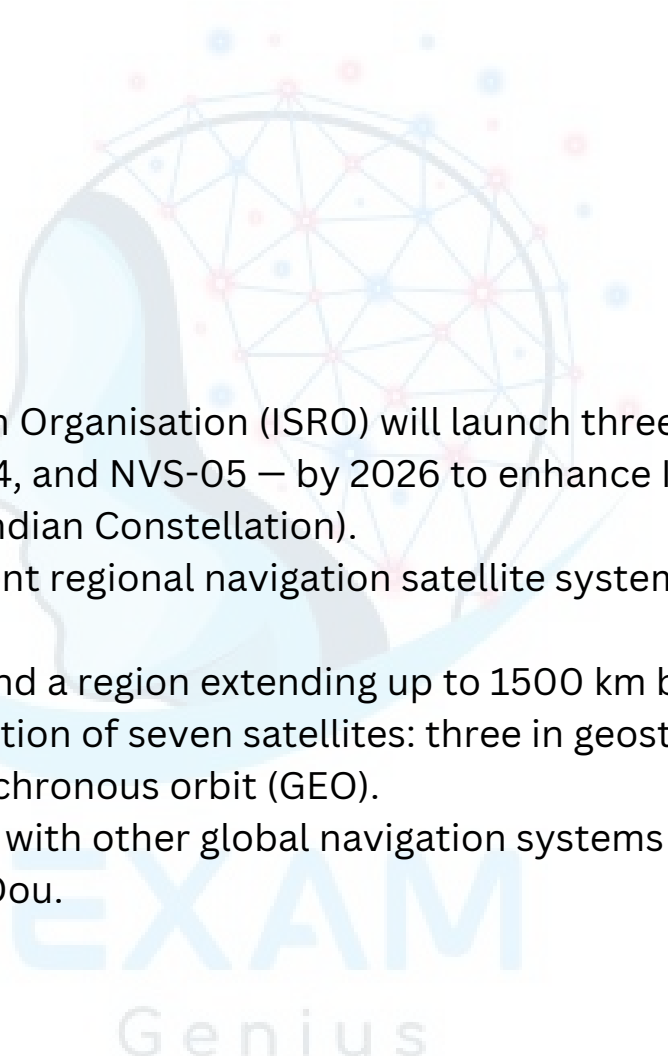
Ques: ISRO will launch three more NavIC satellites by 2026 to strengthen which navigation system?

- A. GAGAN
- B. IRNSS
- C. GPS India
- D. AstroNav
- E. Bharat SatNav

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch three more navigation satellites — NVS-03, NVS-04, and NVS-05 — by 2026 to enhance IRNSS, also known as NavIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation).
- NavIC is India's independent regional navigation satellite system, developed by ISRO.
- The system covers India and a region extending up to 1500 km beyond its borders.
- NavIC includes a constellation of seven satellites: three in geostationary orbit (GSO) and four in inclined geosynchronous orbit (GEO).
- It ensures interoperability with other global navigation systems such as GPS, GLONASS, Galileo, and BeiDou.





Recent News Headlines Related to ISRO

- NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar) is the first joint satellite developed by NASA and ISRO
- ISRO successfully conducted two short-duration hot tests of the Gaganyaan Service Module Propulsion System (SMPS) at the ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC), Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed a Rs.511 crore Transfer of Technology (ToT) deal with ISRO to manufacture and operate Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLVs)
- ISRO and the Department of Space's Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) collaborated with the Astronautical Society of India to successfully test a model rocket launcher system with a payload in Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) & Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) signed MOU to transform the bank's transaction reconciliation processes. TCS will deploy its AI-powered solution TCS BaNCS™ for Reconciliations
- During ISRO's 101st mission, conducted using the reliable Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), a malfunction occurred in the third stage of the rocket
- ISRO & Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology (SCTIMST) Signed MoU for the 'Framework Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) on Cooperation in Space Medicine'
- ISRO used satellite technology under its CROP (Comprehensive Remote Sensing Observation on Crop Progress) project to monitor wheat crop conditions during the Rabi season
- ISRO has indigenously developed a Stellite-based nozzle divergent to replace imported Columbium in the fourth stage of the PSLV
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL), Chandigarh, have jointly developed two 32-bit microprocessors—Vikram 3201 and Kalpana 3201
- IIT Madras and ISRO have developed an indigenous microprocessor for space applications that can be utilized in command and control systems as well as other vital operations in space



Ques: Which Indian state was the first to launch MBBS education in Hindi?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- In 2022, Madhya Pradesh became the first Indian state to introduce MBBS education in Hindi, marking a significant step toward making medical education more accessible to Hindi-medium students.
- The initiative includes translated textbooks in subjects like Anatomy, Physiology, and Biochemistry.
- It was launched under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which promotes education in regional languages.
- The move is especially beneficial for rural and semi-urban students, breaking language barriers in complex medical studies and encouraging inclusive learning.

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Ques: Which country will host the 17th Men's Asia Cup Cricket Tournament in 2025?

- A. India
- B. Pakistan
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. United Arab Emirates
- E. Bangladesh

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The 17th Men's Asia Cup Cricket Tournament 2025 will be hosted by the United Arab Emirates (UAE), even though India was originally scheduled to host it.
- The tournament will run from 9 September to 28 September 2025.
- This change in venue comes under an agreement facilitated by the International Cricket Council (ICC), which ensures that India and Pakistan will play at neutral venues till 2027.

About Men's Asia Cup Cricket Cup :

- Started : 1984
- Administrator : Asian Cricket Council
- Current champion : India (8th title)
- Most successful : India (8 titles)
- 2025 Edition : 17th
- 2025 Host : United Arab Emirates
- Participants : 8 (India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Oman, China, and United Arab Emirates)





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- India's Anahat Singh scripted history by claiming a bronze medal in the women's singles event at World Junior Squash Championships, the country's first in 15 years.
- In the semifinals of the FIDE Women's World Cup 2025, Divya Deshmukh defeated former World Champion Tan Zhongyi of China with a score of 1.5–0.5
- Venus Williams becomes the oldest woman to win a WTA singles match since Martina Navratilova in 2004
- Harmanpreet Kaur completed 4000 runs in One Day Internationals (ODIs) during her century knock of 102 runs, becoming the third Indian woman to reach this milestone
- Under the recently formed Mukhyamantri Khel Protsahan Yojana, the Delhi government has announced a huge increase in financial incentives for Olympic and Paralympic gold winners, from the existing 3 crore rupees to 7 crore rupees
- Levon Aronian, a chess grandmaster from the United States, won the fourth leg of the Freestyle Chess Grand Slam Tour 2025 in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, hosted by World Chess Events Limited. Arjun Erigaisi (India) and R. Praggnanandhaa (India) ranked 6th & 7th Respectively.
- Koneru Humpy made history at the FIDE Women's Chess World Cup 2025 by becoming the first Indian woman to advance to the Batumi, Georgia, semifinals.
- The Japan Badminton Open 2025, held in Tokyo. China's Shi Yuqi claimed the men's singles title and An Se-young of South Korea secured the women's singles
- India secured three gold, two silver, and one bronze medal at the 66th International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) 2025, held in Sunshine Coast, Australia.
- Star Indian long jumper Murali Sreeshankar clinched the title with a leap of 7.75m at the Meeting Maia Cidade do Desporto in Maia, Portugal.
- Indian women wrestlers clinched four medals, including two gold, a silver and a bronze at the Polyák Imre & Varga János Memorial 2025 tournament at Budapest in Hungary.
- 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)





Ques: Where was the second edition of the WADA Intelligence & Investigations (I&I) Workshop hosted?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Singapore
- C. Kuala Lumpur
- D. New Delhi
- E. Dhaka

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The second edition of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Intelligence & Investigations (I&I) Workshop was hosted in New Delhi by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) India with support from the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.
- The event was organized in partnership with WADA, INTERPOL, and Sport Integrity Australia, and included participants from NADOs and law enforcement agencies of countries such as India, Malaysia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Nepal, Myanmar, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, and Philippines.
- It aimed at knowledge-sharing, enhancing cooperation, and strengthening the global anti-doping framework.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The Department of Hospital Administration at Army Hospital Research & Referral (AHRR), New Delhi, successfully organised the first-ever Armed Forces National Conference, SHAPE 2025: Sustainable Hospital Architecture, Planning, Infrastructure and Equipment
- World Food India 4th Edition Organised by Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries, with the India Trade Promotion Organisation at New Delhi. Its Theme is “Processing for Prosperity”
- The National Expert Committee meeting was held at the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Goa. It was co-chaired by Dr. A. Raghu, Deputy Director General (Ayush), and Dr. J. B. Gupta
- The Trade Conclave 2025 was held in New Delhi and was organized by the Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank). The theme of the conclave was “Building Export-led Growth for Viksit Bharat”.
- Bihar is set to host the first Indian Open Athletics Meet at the Patliputra Sports Complex in Patna. The event is being organized by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) in collaboration with the Bihar State Sports Authority.
- In New Delhi, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology hosted the National Conference on Cyber Security for Cities.
- 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
- 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
- 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





Ques: Kerala Tourism won the PATA Gold Award 2025 in which category?

- A. Best Ecotourism Project
- B. Sustainable Tourism Strategy
- C. Cultural Heritage Promotion
- D. Most Engaging Social Media Campaign
- E. Digital Transformation in Tourism

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Kerala Tourism received the PATA Gold Award 2025 in the category of 'Most Engaging Social Media Campaign' for its innovative meme-led makeover campaign.
- The award is presented by the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) to honour outstanding contributions in the Asia-Pacific travel and tourism industry.
- The award ceremony will be held on August 27, 2025, during the PATA Travel Mart at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre in Bangkok, Thailand

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Ques: Who did Joe Root surpass to become the second-highest run scorer in Test cricket?

- A. Brian Lara
- B. Rahul Dravid
- C. Steve Smith
- D. Jacques Kallis
- E. Ricky Ponting

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Joe Root has now scored 13,380 runs in Test cricket, surpassing Ricky Ponting's total of 13,378 runs, making him the second-highest run-scorer in Test history.
- Root also registered his 38th Test century in the same innings, further cementing his place among cricketing greats.
- He is the first English batsman to cross the 13,000-run mark in Tests.
- Root now trails only Sachin Tendulkar, who remains the all-time leader with 15,921 Test runs.

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Recent records in Cricket :

- Joe Root of England : has become the first batter in Test history to score 3,000 runs against India in red-ball cricket
- Rishabh Pant : created history at Headingley in the first Test against England by becoming only the second wicketkeeper in Test cricket history to score centuries in both innings of a match
- Jasprit Bumrah : became the first Asian bowler to claim 150 Test wickets in SENA countries (South Africa, England, New Zealand, and Australia).
- Jos Buttler : surpassed Ireland's Paul Stirling to become the fourth-highest run-scorer in T20 Internationals, with 3678 runs
- Virat Kohli : playing for Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), became the first cricketer to score 9000 T20 runs for a single franchise
- Joe Root : fastest cricketer to reach 13,000 Test runs in terms of matches played during a four-day Test against Zimbabwe at Trent Bridge, Nottingham
- Rohit Sharma : After Virat Kohli, he was the only other Indian hitter to reach the milestone of 12,000 T20 runs
- Virat Kohli : 100th T20 half-century while playing for Royal Challengers Bengaluru against Rajasthan Royals at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium
- M.S. Dhoni : first player in IPL history to record 200 fielding dismissals
- Virat Kohli : highest run-scorer in Indian Premier League (IPL) history and the only player to cross the 8000-run mark and also became the first player to hit 1000 boundaries in IPL
- Virat Kohli : first Indian and fifth cricketer overall to reach 13,000 runs in T20 cricket
- Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma : Break Yuvraj Singh's Record for Most ICC Final
- Virat Kohli : He played his 300th One Day International (ODI) match against New Zealand in Dubai
- Virat Kohli : fastest hitter to achieve 14,000 runs in one-day internationals
- Rohit Sharma : second fastest batter after compatriot Virat Kohli to complete 11,000 runs in One-day Internationals
- Babar Azam : joint-fastest hitter to reach 6000 ODI runs
- Dinesh Karthik : highest run-scorer in T20 cricket
- Smriti Mandhana : the first Indian woman to score 10 ODI century and Scored a century in just 70 balls





Ques: Where was India's first hydrogen-powered coach, called the Driving Power Car (DPC), successfully tested?

- A. Bhopal Coach Factory
- B. Chittaranjan Locomotive Works
- C. Modern Coach Factory, Rae Bareli
- D. Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala
- E. Integral Coach Factory, Chennai

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the successful test of India's first hydrogen-powered coach, called the Driving Power Car, at the Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai.
- This coach is part of a larger plan to develop a 1,200 HP hydrogen-powered train, with 10 coaches (2 hydrogen-powered and 8 passenger coaches).
- It is part of the "Hydrogen for Heritage" initiative, which aims to introduce 35 such trains on heritage and hilly routes.
- Each train is estimated to cost rs.80 crore, while the infrastructure cost per route is Rs.70 crore.

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Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and world :

- Uttarakhand Forest Department has launched a first-of-its-kind systematic plant conservation programme to restore 14 critically endangered plant species to their original ecosystems in the Western Himalayas
- The Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Hemant Soren, launched India's first mining tourism initiative in Ranchi, Jharkhand to highlight the state's rich mining heritage
- The Government of Tamil Nadu has announced the establishment of India's first Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Hornbill Conservation at the Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR) in Coimbatore district, Tamil Nadu
- Bihar is the first state in the nation to have fewer than 1,200 voters served by each polling station
- Suhani Shah became the first Indian female mentalist to win at the International Federation of Magic Societies (FISM). She was born on January 29, 1990, in a Marwari family from Udaipur, Rajasthan.
- Maharashtra becomes the 1st state in India to granted agricultural status to livestock farming, aimed to support small farmers engaged in dairy, poultry, goat, and pig rearing, in rural areas of the state.
- 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 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.



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Renowned Indian composer A.R. Rahman has partnered with Sam Altman, the CEO of OpenAI, for an innovative AI music project called 'Secret Mountain'.

Maharashtra has introduced 10 per cent reservation for the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) in private medical colleges from the current academic year.

The Department of Science & Technology's statutory Technology Development Board (TDB) has inked a deal with M/s Egee Pallet Pvt. Ltd. to assist in the commercialization of the company's creative project, "Business Proposal for Manufacturing of Packaging Accessories for Bulk Transportation and Storage by Using Wood & Plastic Waste."

The Jharkhand Cabinet decided to rename the Atal Mohalla Clinic as 'Mother Teresa Advance Health Clinics'

India showcased outstanding performance at the 36th International Biology Olympiad and secured two gold and two silver medals. The event was held in Quezon City, Philippines, from July 20 to July 27.

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