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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)?

- A. Rajesh Bansal
- B. Nandan Nilekani
- C. Sahil Kini
- D. Sameer Nigam
- E. Shaktikanta Das

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Sahil Kini, co-founder of Setu, has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH).
- Setu, a Bengaluru-based Application Programming Interface (API) fintech infrastructure firm, was later acquired by Pine Labs in 2022.
- He replaced Rajesh Bansal, the founding CEO of RBIH.
- RBIH was established in March 2022 as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to foster innovation in the financial sector.

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Bhanu Pratap Sharma : Chairman of the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)
- Sunil Jayawant Kadam : Executive Director of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- Bhanu Pratap Sharma : Chairman of Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)
Govt extends tenure by one year
- Shri Kesavan Ramachandran : Executive Director (ED) of RBI
- Amitabh Kant : Senior adviser of Fairfax Financial Holdings
- Zou Jiayi, former Vice Finance Minister of China : President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- Anuj Pandey : Chief Executive Officer of UGRO Capital Limited
- K. Paul Thomas : Chairperson of Sa-Dhan
- Anuradha Thakur : Member of the Board of SEBI (replacing Ajay Seth)
- Pralay Mondal : MD & CEO of CSB Bank Limited for a term of 3 years
- Sandeep Batra : extension term as Executive Director (ED) of ICICI Bank
- Prashant Kumar : six-month extension as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Yes Bank
- Sumit Madan : Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Axis Max Life Insurance
- R Doraiswamy : CEO and MD of LIC
- Sat Pal Bhanoo : additional charge of CEO & MD of LIC
- Shri T. Rabi Sankar : part-time member of the 16th Finance Commission (XVIFC)
- K. Prathapa Reddy : Chairman of Telangana Grameena Bank (TGB) (replacing Y. Sobha)
- Stefan Schaffer : Chief Executive officer (CEO) of Deutsche Bank India (Replaced Dilipkumar Khandelwal)
- Swarup Kumar Saha : Managing Director and CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank
- Raman Aggarwal : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC) - Representative body of NBFCs
- Mauritanian economist Sidi Ould Tah : 9th President of the African Development Bank (AfDB)
- Asheesh Pandey : Managing Director and CEO of Union Bank of India (UBI)
- Prashant Thakker : Head of Citigroup Inc. corporate bank for South- and Southeast Asia





Ques : Which two organizations have partnered to launch India's first weather derivatives?

- A. NCDEX & IMD
- B. RBI & NCDEX
- C. SEBI & IMD
- D. NABARD & IMD
- E. NSE & IMD

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- On Thursday, the National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) signed an agreement with the India Meteorological Department (IMD).
- This partnership aims to launch India's first weather derivatives, with an initial focus on rainfall-based derivative products.
- These derivatives will use historical and real-time datasets from IMD, helping to manage climate-related risks.
- The initiative is expected to benefit farmers and agri-businesses, especially in light of increasing weather uncertainties.

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Recently signed banking agreements

- Karur Vysya Bank Limited and Kshema General Insurance Limited, have entered a strategic bancassurance alliance to introduce 'Kshema Kisan Sathi'
- AU Small Finance Bank has entered into a strategic partnership with LIC to distribute life insurance products including term plans, endowment plans, pension, and annuity schemes
- Unified Lending Interface (ULI) is an API-based, consent-driven digital platform developed by the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) in collaboration with the RBI to enhance India's digital credit infrastructure
- Equitas Small Finance Bank has entered into a bancassurance partnership with Edelweiss Life Insurance
- State Bank of India (SBI) has signed a strategic partnership with Financial Planning Standards Board (FPSB) India to include the globally recognized Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification in its employee development programs
- In order to introduce co-branded credit cards, Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) partnered strategically with SBI Cards and Payment Services Limited (SBI Card), a State Bank of India (SBI) subsidiary and one of India's top credit card issuers
- Prayoga Institute of Education Research has partnered with SBI Foundation and SBI Funds Management Pvt. Ltd. to expand its Kriya programme in 12 government schools in Raichur district, Karnataka
- Maruti Suzuki India has signed an MoU with Equitas Small Finance Bank, entering into a strategic vehicle financing partnership for customers.
- RuPay, supported by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has partnered with Japan-based JCB International to launch a limited-time 25% cashback offer
- Vedanta Aluminium signed an MoU with the Central Bank of India to provide collateral-free financing to MSMEs and OEMs through Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) in Korba, Chhattisgarh
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT) signed an MoU to boost cybersecurity and resilience in India's digital payment ecosystem
- AU Small Finance Bank has partnered with International Finance Corporation (IFC) — a member of the World Bank Group — to implement a comprehensive climate risk advisory program



Ques: Which organization has provided a loan of Rs 460 crore (USD 55 million) to IndiGrid for building India's largest 180 MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project in Gujarat?

- A. Asian Development Bank
- B. World Bank
- C. International Monetary Fund
- D. International Finance Corporation
- E. Green Climate Fund

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The International Finance Corporation (IFC) has provided a loan of Rs 460 crore (USD 55 million) to IndiGrid Trust (IndiGrid).
- The loan is for the construction of India's largest 180 MW standalone Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) project in Gujarat.
- This initiative supports Gujarat's target of achieving 100 GigaWatt (GW) of Renewable Energy capacity by 2030.

About International Finance Corporation :

- Established : 1956
- HQ : Washington, D.C., United States
- Members : 186 countries
- Managing Director : Makhtar Diop





RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS :

- The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), part of the World Bank Group, approved a loan of USD 426 million for the Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Program
- Adani Airports Holdings Limited (AAHL) raised USD 1 billion through a project finance structure for its subsidiary, Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL)
- NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) will provide Rs.10,000 crore in loans during FY 2025–26 under its Green Lending Facility
- NTPC Limited secured a USD 750 million loan via External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) for financing capital expenditure and renewable energy projects
- CreditAccess Grameen (CA Grameen), India's largest NBFC-MFI, secured a USD 100 million loan via External Commercial Borrowing (ECB)
- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) raised Rs.2,005.90 crore via Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP)
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$109.97 million (Rs.927 crore) results-based loan to Gujarat
- Adani Airports Holdings Limited (AAHL), a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises, has raised \$750 million (6250 crore) through External Commercial Borrowings (ECB)
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) President Masato Kanda announced that ADB is ready to provide up to \$4.5 billion annually in sovereign lending to India
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has committed up to \$10 billion over 5 years for India's urban transformation, including metro expansions
- Vivriti Asset Management (VAM) Secured USD 20 Million from Vienna (Austria)-based Development Bank of Austria (OeEB) for its Vivriti India Retail Assets Fund (VIRAF), bolstering the fund's capital base to USD 165 million
- Bank of Maharashtra has sanctioned Rs.1500 crore to the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA)
- Uttarakhand secures Rs 1910 crore urban development funding from European Investment Bank (EIB) to enhance urban infrastructure development across four cities (Pithoragarh, Sitarganj, Rudrapur, and Kashipur) in Uttarakhand
- A loan of \$85.4 million has been authorized by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to finance essential industrial infrastructure in Tripura's nine industrial complexes
- As of December 31, 2024, the Asian Development Bank has committed \$59.5 billion in loans to India overall, up from \$55.3 billion in 2023



Ques : Which is the third Indian state to cross one crore registered stock market investors, as per NSE 2025 data?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Gujarat
- D. Karnataka
- E. Bihar

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- As per NSE data (May 2025), Gujarat has become the third Indian state—after Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh—to cross the 1 crore registered stock market investors milestone.
- These three states now represent 36% of India's total investor base.
- The total number of registered investors in India reached 11.5 crore by May 2025, with 11 lakh new investors added in May alone, showing a 9% month-on-month growth after a 4-month decline.
- Regional distribution of investors:
 - North India: 4.2 crore (24% YoY growth)
 - West India: 3.5 crore (17%)
 - South India: 2.4 crore (22%)
 - East India: 1.4 crore (23%)





Ques: As per data from Orbiting Now, which country has the highest number of satellites in orbit as of 2025?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- According to satellite tracking website Orbiting Now, there are approximately 12,952 active satellites currently orbiting Earth.
- Out of these, 145 satellites were launched in 2025 alone.
- The United States of America leads the world with 8,530 satellites in orbit, the highest number globally.
- India currently has 22 active satellites in Low Earth Orbit (LEO) and 32 in Geostationary Orbit (GEO).

Other countries:

- Russia: 1,559 satellites
- China: 906 satellites
- India (as per ISRO): ~136 satellites

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Ques: Which country became the first to officially recognize the Taliban government in Afghanistan?

- A. China
- B. Pakistan
- C. Russia
- D. United Arab Emirates
- E. Uzbekistan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Russia became the first country to officially recognize the Taliban government in Afghanistan.
- The Russian ambassador to Kabul, Dmitry Zhirnov, met Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi and accepted the credentials of Afghanistan's new ambassador.
- This recognition comes nearly four years after the Taliban seized power in August 2021 following the U.S.-led forces' withdrawal.
- Other countries like China, UAE, Pakistan, and Uzbekistan have appointed ambassadors to Kabul but have not officially recognized the Taliban regime.

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Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and world :

- Union Minister of Cooperation and Home Affairs Amit Shah laid the foundation stone for India's first national cooperative university, Tribhuvan Sahakari Vishwavidyalaya at Anand, Gujarat.
- Puducherry became the first state/UT to integrate TB screening into the Family Adoption Programme (FAP) initiated by the National Medical Commission (NMC)
- Indore, Madhya Pradesh, became the first city in India to launch a QR-based Digital House Address System
- MiPhi Semiconductors Private Limited, a joint venture between Micromax Informatics and Taiwan's Phison Technology by becoming the first Indian company to design and manufacture enterprise-grade Solid State Drives (SSDs).
- WHO, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, has declared Suriname to be the first nation in the Amazon region to be malaria-free. To far, 46 nations and 1 territory have received this designation from WHO.
- The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) organized the grand finale of the first National Skill Olympiad on seafood value addition during the Seafood Expo Bharat in Chennai
- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has developed India's first dedicated wildlife corridor on a 12-km stretch of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway in Bundi district, Rajasthan, passing through the buffer zone of the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve
- The Italian Institute of Technology's iRonCub3, the world's first jet-propelled humanoid robot, has achieved a breakthrough in humanoid robotics by lifting off the ground by around 50 cm and remaining stable throughout.
- Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL), formerly known as Sagarmala Development Company Limited, has been inaugurated as India's first NBFC in the maritime sector
- Kottayam has been officially declared the first district in Kerala to eliminate extreme poverty, a milestone in the state's social welfare initiatives
- Andhra Pradesh will host India's first Quantum Computing Valley in Amaravati by January 2026
- India's first AI-based Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) has been launched on the Dwarka Expressway in Delhi, making it a landmark initiative in smart traffic control



Ques: Who has been selected as the Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassador for the 2025–2027 term?

- A. Ananya Singh
- B. Riya Chakraborty
- C. Sukanya Sonowal
- D. Meenakshi Das
- E. Tanvi Joshi

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Sukanya Sonowal, a fourth-year B.Tech. student in Biosciences and Bioengineering at IIT Guwahati, has been selected as the Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassador.
- She will serve as the Communications & Public Relations lead in the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassadors Network (CYPAN) for the 2025–2027 term.
- CYPAN is a youth-led initiative representing 56 Commonwealth nations, focused on promoting peace, mutual respect, and countering violent extremism.

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Recent Headlines Related to Brand Ambassador :

- Kartik Aaryan : Brand ambassador for Skechers USA Inc., popularly known as Skechers
- Sachin Tendulkar : Brand Ambassador of Reddit Inc.
- Cristiano Ronaldo : Global Ambassador for the Esports World Cup 2025 by the Esports World Cup Foundation (EWCF)
- Actress Neena Gupta : 'Cipladine - Aapka Fast Aid Expert' campaign of Cipla Health
- Katrina Kaif : Global Tourism Ambassador for the Maldives for Sunny Side of Life Campaign
- Bollywood actress Suhana Khan : Adidas Originals
- Vedic scholar Dushyanth Sridhar : Brand ambassador of Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu based Ramraj Cotton
- MS Dhoni : Dettol India
- Shahid Kapoor : Vogue Eyewear
- Anil Kumble : Forest and Wildlife Ambassador
- Shubman Gill : Oakley, a famous sunglasses company
- Shraddha Kapoor : Eureka Forbes Ltd vacuum cleaner range
- Neeraj Chopra : Mumbai (Maharashtra) based Audi India
- Tamannaah Bhatia : Karnataka Soaps & Detergents Limited (KSDL)
- Chinese basketball legend Miao Lijie and Japanese basketball icon Yuko Oga : FIBA Women's Asia Cup 2025 (31st edition)
- Kartik Aaryan : Thomas Cook India Limited's foreign currency division
- Salman Khan : GRM Overseas Limited's premium basmati rice brand, 10X Zarda King
- Jasprit Bumrah : Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), L&T Finance (LTF)
- Vicky Kaushal : Tata Motors for its Passenger and Electric Vehicle segment
- cricketer Rishabh Rajendra Pant : Goibibo, owned by MakeMyTrip Limited
- Krishnamachari Srikanth : Goodwill Ambassador for 'VISION 2020 India'
- Jasprit Bumrah : United States of America (USA) based Skechers
- Badminton legend and former World No.1 Saina Nehwal : Strategic Investor & Brand Ambassador of Naarica, an innovative menstrual hygiene brand
- Vidya Balan : Brand ambassador of Federal Bank
- Shubman Gill : Brand ambassador MRF(Madras Rubber Factory) Limited
- Koneru Humpy : Skillhub Online Games Federation (SOGF) Grandmaster series





Ques: During Prime Minister Modi's historic visit, which Latin American country did he become the first Indian PM to visit in 57 years?

- A. Brazil
- B. Chile
- C. Argentina
- D. Peru
- E. Colombia

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi became the first Indian Prime Minister in 57 years to undertake a bilateral visit to Argentina.
- He paid tribute at the Monument of General José de San Martín, Argentina's national hero.
- Diplomatic ties between India and Argentina date back to 1949.
- He met President Javier Milei and advocated for the expansion of the India-MERCOSUR preferential trade agreement, aiming to strengthen trade ties.
- Argentina is rich in energy resources—the second-largest shale gas and fourth-largest shale oil reserves globally.
- It also holds critical minerals like lithium and copper, vital for India's clean energy transition.
- Alongside Bolivia and Chile, Argentina is part of the 'Lithium Triangle'—a crucial source of lithium.
- PM Modi was honored with the 'Key to the City of Buenos Aires' by Jorge Macri, the city's Head of Government.





Ques: Which country assumed the presidency of the UN Security Council (UNSC) in July 2025?

- A. Colombia
- B. Pakistan
- C. Greece
- D. Denmark
- E. Bahrain

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Pakistan began its UNSC presidency from July 1, 2025, as part of its two-year term (2025–2026) as a non-permanent member.
- The UNSC presidency rotates monthly among its 15 members in alphabetical order.
- Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the UN is Asim Iftikhar Ahmad.
- The UN Security Council is responsible for maintaining international peace and security and is headquartered in New York City.
- The UNSC has 15 members:
 - 5 permanent (P5) with veto power: China, France, Russia, UK, and USA
 - 10 non-permanent, elected for two-year terms with geographical distribution.

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Ques : Which prestigious civilian honour was recently conferred upon PM Narendra Modi by Trinidad and Tobago?

- A. Order of the Caribbean Star
- B. Companion of Honour
- C. The Grand Order of Excellence
- D. The Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
- E. The Order of the Caribbean States

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been conferred with Trinidad and Tobago's highest civilian honour — The Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.
- This prestigious award is presented for exceptional and distinguished service to the nation or to humanity at large.
- Modi becomes the first Indian Prime Minister to receive this honour, reflecting the strong diplomatic and cultural ties between India and the Caribbean nation.
- The recognition enhances India's global image and affirms PM Modi's growing stature in international diplomacy.

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Ques: When is the third edition of the Bharat Mobility Global Expo (BMGE) scheduled to be held?

- A. February 2025
- B. January 2026
- C. December 2025
- D. March 2026
- E. February 2027

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The third edition of the Bharat Mobility Global Expo (BMGE) is scheduled to be held from 4th to 9th February 2027 in the National Capital Region (NCR) of Delhi.
- The expo aims to bring together industry leaders, policymakers, and technology experts from the mobility and automotive sector.
- It is organized with the support of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry and the Ministry of Heavy Industries.
- BMGE has become a key platform for showcasing innovations and collaborations across the mobility and automotive value chain.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The 7th Annual International Conference of the Innovative Physicians Forum – IPF MEDICON 2025 in New Delhi
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah chaired the "Manthan Baithak" with Ministers of Cooperation from all States and Union Territories to commemorate the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) 2025
- The 62nd Sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) i.e. (SB62) or also known as 2025 Bonn Climate Change Conference was held in Bonn, Germany. It is a bi- annual meeting.
- The first-ever ASEAN-India Cruise Dialogue was inaugurated by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW), at Chennai Port
- The 21st Steering Committee Meeting of Project Elephant was chaired by Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav and held at the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy in Dehradun
- The Hong Kong Convention (HKC) is a global treaty developed under the International Maritime Organization (IMO).
- The Netherlands hosted the NATO Summit 2025 in its capital city The Hague, marking the first time since NATO's formation in 1949 that the country hosted the summit
- Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Working Group Meeting on Maritime Security (IWG-MARSEC) hosted by Indian Navy at New Delhi
- The Ministry of Civil Aviation, in collaboration with the State Government of Maharashtra, Pawan Hans and FICCI, organized the 7th Helicopter & Small Aircraft Summit in Pune
- The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meeting 2025 will be held in Qingdao, China, from June 25 to 26, under the chairmanship of China





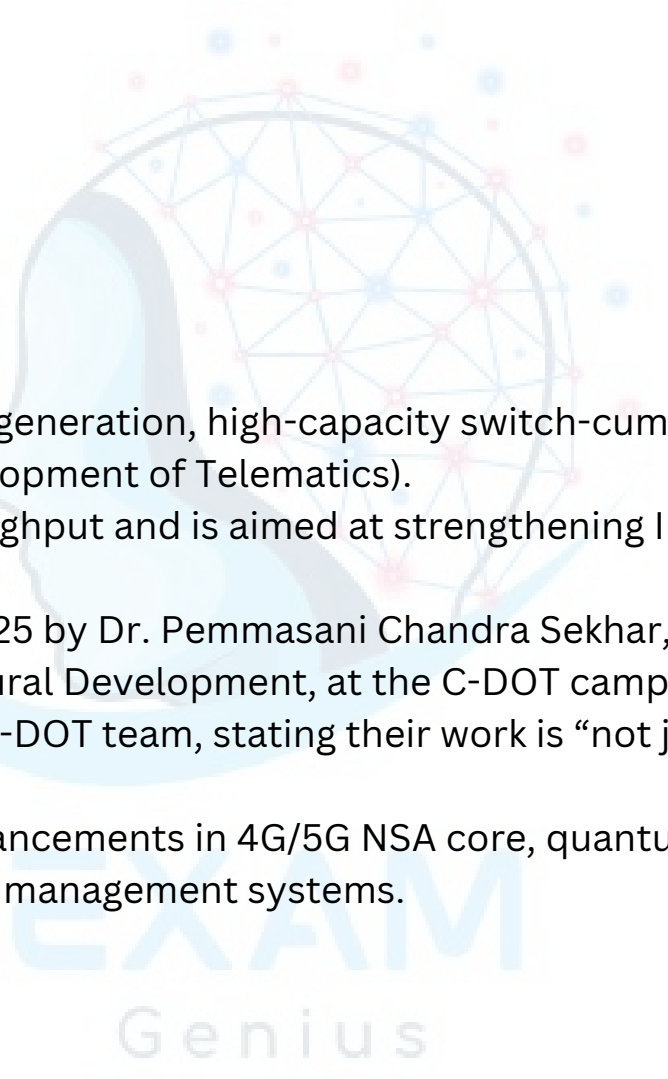
Ques : What is the name of the high-capacity switch-cum-router launched by C-DOT with 25.6 Tbps throughput in 2025?

- A. PRAGATI-5000
- B. SAKSHAM-3000
- C. SURAKSHA-2000
- D. VAANI-1000
- E. BANDHAN-X

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- SAKSHAM-3000 is a next-generation, high-capacity switch-cum-router developed by C-DOT (Centre for Development of Telematics).
- It delivers 25.6 Tbps throughput and is aimed at strengthening India's digital infrastructure.
- It was launched in July 2025 by Dr. Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar, Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development, at the C-DOT campus in Hyderabad.
- The minister praised the C-DOT team, stating their work is "not just technical but nation-building".
- C-DOT has also made advancements in 4G/5G NSA core, quantum communication, cybersecurity, and disaster management systems.





Ques: What is the name of the first-ever maritime mission launched by QUAD nations to enhance Indo-Pacific maritime security under the Wilmington Declaration?

- A. QUAD-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission
- B. QUAD Coastal Unity Program
- C. QUAD Maritime Mission
- D. Indo-Pacific Security Pact
- E. QUAD Naval Alliance

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The QUAD-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission is the first-ever mission launched by the coast guards of QUAD nations (India, USA, Japan, and Australia) under the Wilmington Declaration.
- It aims to strengthen maritime security and interoperability in the Indo-Pacific region.
- Each nation deployed two officers (including women) to be onboard the US Coast Guard Cutter (USCGC) Stratton, en route to Guam.
- The mission lays the groundwork for a future 'QUAD Coast Guard Handshake'—promoting trust, coordination, and resilience among QUAD members in response to evolving maritime threats.

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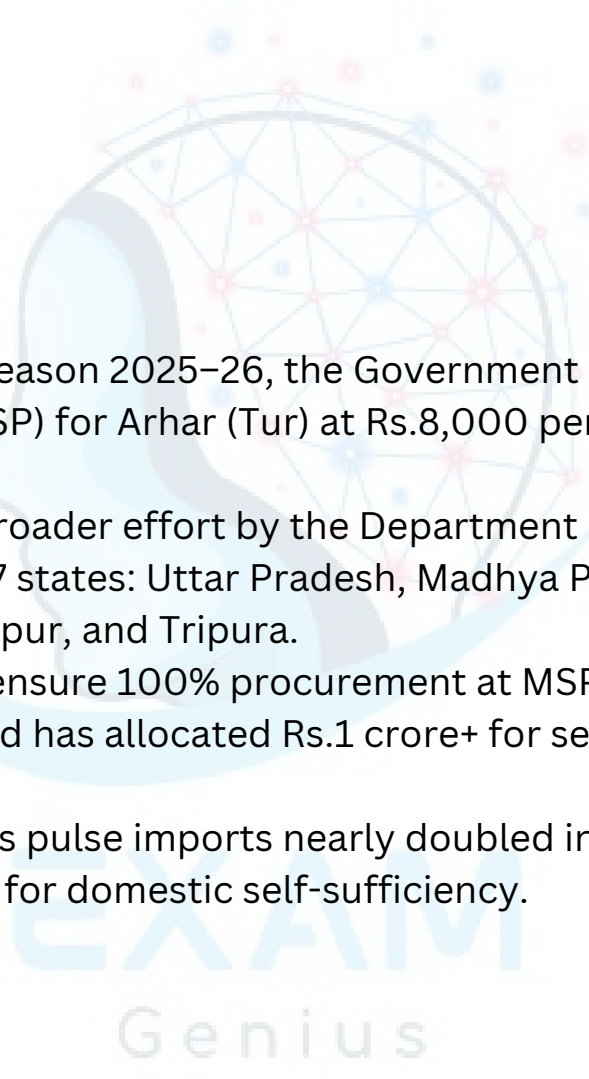
Ques : For Kharif Marketing Season 2025–26, what is the MSP fixed for Arhar and Urad respectively?

- A. Rs.7,800 and Rs.8,000
- B. Rs.8,200 and Rs.7,800
- C. Rs.8,000 and Rs.7,800
- D. Rs.7,500 and Rs.7,500
- E. Rs.8,000 and Rs.8,200

Answer: C

Explanation :

- For the Kharif Marketing Season 2025–26, the Government of India has set the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Arhar (Tur) at Rs.8,000 per quintal and Urad at Rs.7,800 per quintal
- The initiative is part of a broader effort by the Department of Consumer Affairs to boost pulses cultivation in 7 states: Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Manipur, and Tripura.
- The government will also ensure 100% procurement at MSP, even if prices fall below the support price, and has allocated Rs.1 crore+ for seed distribution campaigns.
- This effort comes as India's pulse imports nearly doubled in 2023–24 to 47.38 lakh tonnes, indicating the need for domestic self-sufficiency.





Ques: What gift did PM Modi present to the Prime Minister of Trinidad & Tobago during his visit?

- A. Statue of Mahatma Gandhi
- B. Kalash & Sacred soil from Ayodhya
- C. Bhagavad Gita & Indian flag
- D. Silver coin & Indian handicrafts
- E. Holy water & Ram Mandir replica

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- During his official visit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi gifted holy water from the Sangam and Saryu Rivers (collected during the Mahakumbh) along with a replica of the Ram Mandir to the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Kamla Persad-Bissessar.
- PM Modi referred to her as the "daughter of Bihar", emphasizing the strong cultural ties.
- Approximately 45% of Trinidad and Tobago's population is of Indian origin.
- During the visit, PM Modi also announced that Indian-origin citizens up to the sixth generation in Trinidad and Tobago would now be eligible for OCI (Overseas Citizen of India) cards, expanding diaspora outreach.

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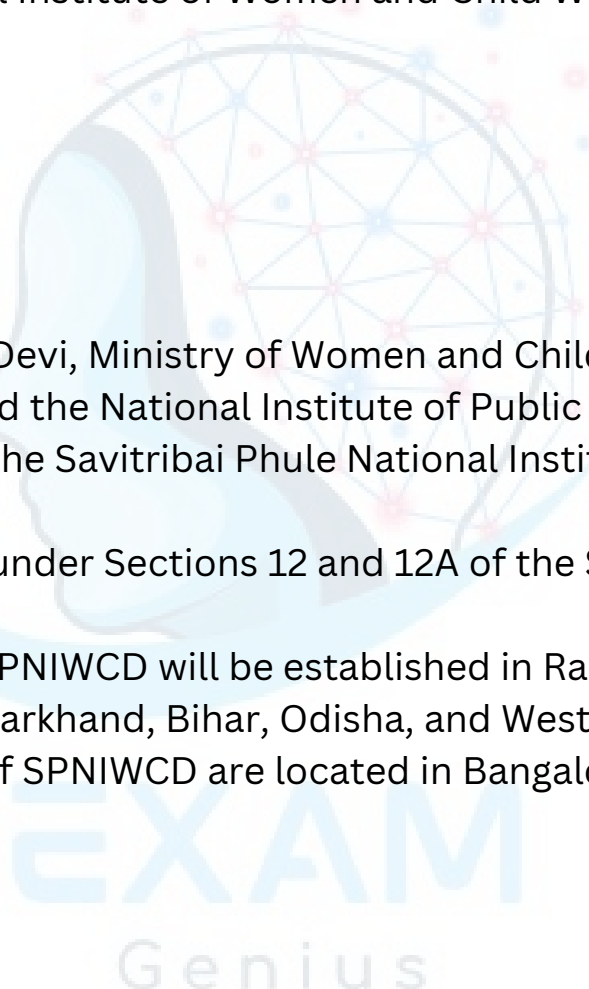
Ques: What is the new name of the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) as renamed in 2025?

- A. Rani Laxmibai National Institute of Women and Child Development
- B. Indira Gandhi Institute of Women and Child Welfare
- C. Savitribai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development
- D. Sarojini Naidu National Centre for Women and Children
- E. Kasturba Gandhi National Institute of Women and Child Welfare

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Union Minister Annpurna Devi, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD), officially renamed the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) as the Savitribai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development (SPNIWCD).
- The renaming took effect under Sections 12 and 12A of the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- A new regional centre of SPNIWCD will be established in Ranchi (Jharkhand) to serve the eastern states: Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, and West Bengal.
- Existing regional centres of SPNIWCD are located in Bangalore, Guwahati, Lucknow, Indore, and Mohali.





Ques: Who officially launched the "Handloom Hackathon 2025" to revolutionize India's handloom sector?

- A. Ministry of Culture
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Ministry of Skill Development
- D. Development Commissioner (Handlooms)
- E. Textile Research Institute

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Development Commissioner (Handlooms) under the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, officially launched the "Handloom Hackathon 2025", a national competition aimed at modernizing India's handloom sector.
- The hackathon is organized in collaboration with the National Design Centre and the Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer (IIT Delhi).
- It is a key highlight of National Handloom Day 2025 and is themed "DREAM IT; DO IT".
- The competition invites participation from college students, textile innovators, fashion designers, engineers, researchers, and weavers, reaffirming the government's commitment to innovation in the handloom sector.

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Ques : What is the total worth of indigenous defence procurement cleared by DAC in July 2025?

- A. Rs.80,000 crore
- B. Rs.95,000 crore
- C. Rs.1.05 lakh crore
- D. Rs.70,000 crore
- E. Rs.1.25 lakh crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- In July 2025, the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved 10 capital acquisition proposals worth Rs.1.05 lakh crore under the Buy (Indian-IDDM) category (Indian Designed, Developed & Manufactured).
- This was the first DAC meeting after Operation Sindoor, focused on strengthening air defence along the Pakistan border.

Key procurements include:

- QRSAM (Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missiles) – Rs.30,000 crore
- Armoured Recovery Vehicles
- Electronic Warfare Systems
- Integrated Inventory Management System
- Additional approvals cover:
 - Moored Mines
 - Mine Countermeasure Vessels
 - Super Rapid Gun Mounts
 - Submersible Autonomous Vessels





Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- New York City honour : Radhanath Swami, a globally respected spiritual teacher and senior monk of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON)
- National honour of Ghana - Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana : Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi
- 'Dharma Chakravarti' : Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Sankalp se Siddhi Infrastructure Honour' at the ET Edge Supply Chain Management Fest-2025 : Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)
- 2025 Shakti Bhatt Prize : Zara Chowdhary for her debut memoir 'The Lucky Ones'
- 2025 Bloomberg Philanthropies Global Tobacco Control Award : India under the 'O' category, which stands for "Offer help to quit tobacco use"
- 'Special Mention Award' at the Digital Payments Award 2024-25 : India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)
- Knighthood by King Charles III : David Robert Joseph Beckham
- Skytrax's World Airline Awards 2025 : Qatar Airways
- Jury Award for Best Commissioned Film at the Annecy International Animation Festival 2025 : "Desi Oon", created by renowned Indian animation filmmaker Shri Suresh Eriyat
- 'The Champion of Digital Media Awards South Asia 2025' : The Hindu
- James Beard Awards : Vijay Kumar
- Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) honour : Leena Nair
- Srimanta Sankardeva Award by Government of Assam : Dr. Sonal Mansingh
- Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III is the highest civilian honour of Republic of Cyprus : Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Leopard award at this year's Locarno Film Festival : American filmmaker Alexander Payne
- India's shooter Sift Kaur Samra secure a bronze medal in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions event at the ISSF World Cup 2025 in Munich, Germany.
- Dostoevsky Star Award conferred by the Russian House : Javed Akhtar became the first Indian writer
- United Nations Sasakawa Award 2025 : Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General of the India Meteorological Department (IMD)
- Global Leadership Award from the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) : Kumar Mangalam Birla





Ques: Where will the first-ever Khelo India Water Sports Festival (KIWSF) 2025 be held?

- A. Diu
- B. Goa
- C. Mumbai
- D. Srinagar
- E. Kochi

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The first-ever Khelo India Water Sports Festival (KIWSF) 2025 will be held at Dal Lake in Srinagar from August 21 to 23, 2025.
- The event will include five water sports: kayaking and canoeing, rowing, water skiing, shikara race, and dragon boat race.
- This comes after the successful hosting of the first Khelo India Beach Games in Diu in May 2025, where Manipur topped the medal tally with 14 medals (5 gold, 6 silver, 3 bronze).

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Ques: Who won the Mental Health Award 2025 at the 24th Annual International Mental Health Conference?

- A. Soumya Swaminathan
- B. Saima Wazed
- C. Poonam Khetrapal Singh
- D. Tedros Adhanom
- E. Harsh Vardhan

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Saima Wazed, the Regional Director of the World Health Organisation (WHO) South-East Asia Region (SEAR), won the Mental Health Award 2025.
- The award was presented at the 24th Annual International Mental Health Conference (IMHC) held at ICONSIAM, Bangkok, Thailand.
- She is the daughter of former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.
- In 2014, she was also the first recipient of the Excellence in Public Health Award by WHO-SEAR.
- WHO-SEAR is one of six WHO regional offices worldwide.

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Ques: Where was the first-ever Astro Tourism Festival organized in the Union Territory of Ladakh?

- A. Hanle Observatory
- B. Pangong Tso
- C. District Panchayat Resource Centre, Agling
- D. Magnetic Hill
- E. Thiksey Monastery

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The first-ever Astro Tourism Festival in the Union Territory of Ladakh was held at the District Panchayat Resource Centre, Agling in Leh.
- The two-day event aimed to boost astro-tourism and foster scientific curiosity among locals and tourists.
- Ladakh, due to its high altitude, dry climate, and minimal light pollution, is one of the best places in India for stargazing and observing celestial phenomena like the Milky Way.
- Other prominent astro-tourism locations in India include Hanle, Pangong Tso, Spiti Valley, Jaisalmer, and the Rann of Kutch.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Festivals & Fairs :

- Jagannath Rath Yatra : celebrated annually in Puri, Odisha, on the second day of the bright fortnight (Shukla Paksha) of the Odia month Ashadha
- Bonalu : Hindu folk festival celebrated primarily in Telangana, especially in Hyderabad, Secunderabad during the Ashada Masam (July–August) as a form of thanksgiving to Goddess Mahakali
- Kataragama Esala festival : commence in Sri Lanka with the flag hoisting ceremony.
- Ashadhi Bij : falls on the second day of Shukla paksha of Ashada month of Hindu calendar. It is associated with the beginning of rains in the Kutch region of Gujarat.
- Ambubachi Mela : held at the Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati, Assam
- ‘Beej Utsav’ (Seed Festival) : held in the tribal regions at the tri-junction of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat for 4 Days
- Deva Snana Purnima ritual, also called Snana Yatra : Rath Yatra festivities in Puri
- Poson Poya festival : Sri Lanka is celebrating to mark the historic arrival of Buddhism over 2,000 years ago
- Lavender Festival 3rd Edition : Organized by CSIR – Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM) at Bhaderwah, J&K
- Strawberry Festival : Meghalaya
- Festival Garia and Borsho Boron Utsav 2025 : at Swami Vivekananda Maidan, Agartala, Tripura
- Defence Literature Festival ‘Kalam & Kavach 2.0’ : 2nd edition held at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
- Madhavpur Mela : in Madhavpur, Porbandar district, Gujarat to commemorates the divine union of Lord Krishna of Dwarka and Rukmani of Arunachal Pradesh
- Rongali Bihu, also called Bohag Bihu : celebrated in Assam in mid-April, marking the Assamese New Year
- Sarhul Festival : tribal festival celebrated by Adivasi communities in the Chhotanagpur region, especially in Jharkhand
- 37th edition of the Kathak Mahotsav 2025 : held in New Delhi, organized by Kathak Kendra
- Yaoshang Festival (the festival of Holi) : Manipur, begins on the full moon day of the Lamta month (February–March)
- Nyokum Yullo Celebration : at Boasimla, Kamle District, Arunachal Pradesh by the Nyishi people in Arunachal Pradesh



Ques: Who was Shekhar Dutt, the notable Indian bureaucrat who recently passed away?

- A. Former Cabinet Secretary
- B. Former Governor of Chhattisgarh
- C. Former Chief of Army Staff
- D. Former National Security Advisor
- E. Former Chief Election Commissioner

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Shekhar Dutt was a distinguished Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer who served as the 4th Governor of Chhattisgarh from 2010 to 2014.
- He also held the post of Secretary in the Ministry of Defence during his career.
- He was a recipient of the Sena Medal for gallantry during the war, recognizing his courageous service.
- His contributions to public service and national defence were widely respected

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Ques: When is World Kiswahili Language Day observed?

- A. 18 June
- B. 7 July
- C. 5 August
- D. 21 May
- E. 12 September

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- World Kiswahili Language Day is observed every year on 7 July, as established by UNESCO, to recognize the cultural and linguistic importance of Kiswahili.
- Kiswahili is the first African language to receive such recognition by the United Nations.
- It is also an official language of the African Union (AU) and is widely spoken across Africa, serving as a symbol of unity and communication across diverse regions

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Ques: On which date was Muharram (Islamic New Year) observed in 2025?

- A. 5 July
- B. 6 July
- C. 7 July
- D. 8 July
- E. 9 July

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Muharram is the first month of the Islamic lunar calendar and one of the holiest months in Islam after Ramadan.
- In 2025, Muharram began on 6 July (Sunday), marking the start of the Hijri New Year.
- The 10th day of Muharram, known as Ashura, commemorates the martyrdom of Imam Hussain, the grandson of Prophet Muhammad, in the Battle of Karbala (680 CE).
- Muharram holds religious significance for both Sunni and Shia Muslims.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Ms. Mamatha Venkatesh Appointed as Head of Startup India under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry

QUAD nations announced the launch of ambitious 'Critical Minerals Initiative', following the meeting of Foreign Ministers of QUAD group, held in Washington. It also aims to counter China's dominance in the processing and supply of key critical minerals.

Canberra (Australia) based Defence Science and Technology Group's (DSTG) Information Sciences Division and Defence Research and Development Organisation's (DRDO) Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL) signed an MOU to enhance undersea surveillance capabilities, focusing on early detection and tracking of submarines and Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs)

Telangana has launched Telangana Data Exchange (TGDeX), India's first state-led Digital Public Infrastructure to address challenges in Artificial Intelligence innovation.

Ghana has launched a climate-resilient wheat initiative in partnership with India's Arima Farms and Fumesua, near Kumasi (Ghana) based Council for Scientific and Industrial Research-Crops Research Institute (CSIR-CRI). This program introduces 'Wheat Pride 999', developed by India's Greenpride

