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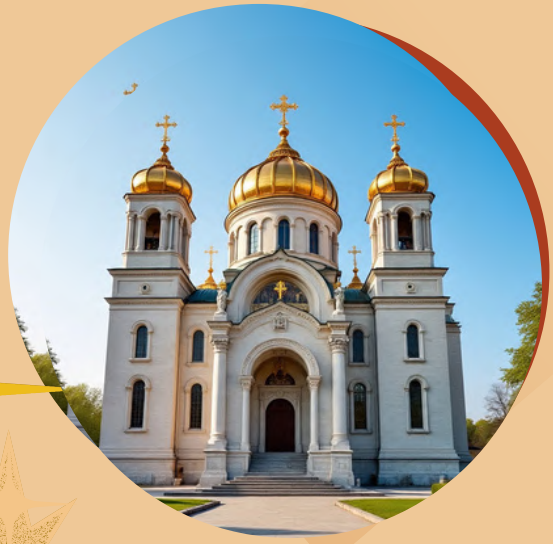

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Ques: Which company has listed India's first Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) bonds on the National Stock Exchange?
नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज पर भारत के पहले पर्यावरण, सामाजिक और शासन (ESG) बॉन्ड सूचीबद्ध करने वाली कंपनी कौन सी है?

A. Reliance Industries / रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज
B. Tata Power / टाटा पावर
C. Adani Green Energy / अदानी ग्रीन एनर्जी
D. Larsen & Toubro / लार्सन एंड टुब्रो
E. JSW Energy / जेएसडब्ल्यू एनर्जी

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Larsen & Toubro has become the first company in India to list Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) bonds on the National Stock Exchange (NSE).
• The company raised Rs 500 crore through Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) issued at a coupon rate of 6.35%.
• These NCDs will mature over a period of 3 years.
• The transaction was executed in partnership with HSBC (Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited).

Ques: What is the Unified Lending Interface (ULI) recently discussed by the Department of Financial Services and developed by the Reserve Bank of India?
वित्तीय सेवा विभाग और भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक द्वारा हाल ही में चर्चा की गई यूनिफाइड लेंडिंग इंटरफेस (ULI) क्या है?

A. A credit card approval portal / एक क्रेडिट कार्ड स्वीकृति पोर्टल
B. A digital currency exchange / एक डिजिटल मुद्रा विनिमय
C. A loan comparison website / एक ऋण तुलना वेबसाइट
D. An API-based digital lending platform / एक एपीआई-आधारित डिजिटल ऋण मंच
E. A government payment gateway / एक सरकारी भुगतान गेटवे

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• 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.
• It enables secure access to borrower data like Aadhaar, land records, tax filings, and KYC from various sources by banks and financial institutions.
• ULI is a form of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) that aggregates data from key sources such as GSTN, milk pouring data, satellite data, and verification services like Aadhaar e-KYC and PAN.
• It also integrates with Account Aggregators and Digilocker, and provides property data analytics to support faster and more accurate loan underwriting.
• The platform was first announced by former RBI Governor Shri Shaktikanta Das at the RBI 90@ Global Conference on August 26, 2024.

Ques: According to the June 2025 RBI bulletin, which country in the Global South emerged as the top destination for Greenfield investments in the digital economy?
RBI की जून 2025 बुलेटिन के अनुसार, ग्लोबल साउथ में डिजिटल अर्थव्यवस्था में ग्रीनफील्ड निवेश के लिए शीर्ष गंतव्य कौन सा देश बना है?

A. Brazil / ब्राज़ील
B. South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
C. Indonesia / इंडोनेशिया
D. India / भारत
E. Vietnam / वियतनाम

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• As per the June 2025 bulletin of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), India has emerged as the top destination in the Global South for Greenfield investments in the digital economy.
• Between 2020 and 2024, India received USD 114 billion in Greenfield investments across digital economy sectors.
• This substantial inflow of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has elevated India's position to the 16th largest recipient of FDI globally.

Ques: Where was India's first AI-powered traffic system launched?
भारत का पहला एआई-आधारित ट्रैफिक सिस्टम कहां शुरू किया गया है?

A. Mumbai / मुंबई
B. Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
C. Lucknow / लखनऊ
D. Pune / पुणे
E. Dwarka Expressway, Delhi / द्वारका एक्सप्रेसवे, दिल्ली

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• 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.
• It also covers a 28-kilometre stretch of National Highway-48 (NH-48), enhancing real-time traffic monitoring and enforcement.
• The system utilizes technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), smart cameras, Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR), weather detection, and incident alerting.
• The aim is to reduce accidents, minimize congestion, and enforce better road discipline, while aiding authorities in real-time decision-making and automated rule enforcement

Ques: What is the purpose of the Shaktipeeth Expressway recently approved by the Maharashtra Cabinet?
हाल ही में महाराष्ट्र मंत्रिमंडल द्वारा अनुमोदित शक्ति पीठ एक्सप्रेसवे का उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. To build a coastal shipping route / एक तटीय शिपिंग मार्ग बनाना
B. To connect Mumbai with Delhi / मुंबई को दिल्ली से जोड़ना
C. To link key Shakti Peethas and reduce travel time from Nagpur to Goa / प्रमुख शक्ति पीठों को जोड़ना और नागपुर से गोवा की यात्रा का समय घटाना
D. To promote urban housing projects / शहरी आवास परियोजनाओं को बढ़ावा देना
E. To create a new railway corridor / एक नया रेलवे कॉरिडोर बनाना

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Shaktipeeth Expressway is a major infrastructure project approved by the Maharashtra Cabinet on June 24, 2025.
• It will span 802 km, connecting 12 districts from Pawnar in Wardha to Patradevi on the Maharashtra-Goa border.
• The expressway is designed to reduce travel time between Nagpur and Goa from 18 hours to 8 hours.
• It will link 18 religious shrines, enhancing religious tourism by connecting key Shakti Peethas across Maharashtra and Goa.
• The project is being implemented by the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC).
• A major loan of Rs.12,000 crore will be sourced from HUDCO for land acquisition, while the total project cost is estimated at over Rs.84,000 crore.
• The expressway is modeled after the Nagpur-Mumbai Samruddhi Mahamarg, an access-controlled highway.
• Despite its benefits, the project is facing strong opposition from farmers along the proposed corridor.

Ques: What is the main objective of the MoU signed between the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)?
ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय (MoRD) और कौशल विकास एवं उद्यमिता मंत्रालय (MSDE) के बीच हस्ताक्षरित समझौता ज्ञापन (MoU) का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. To launch a rural digital literacy programme / ग्रामीण डिजिटल साक्षरता कार्यक्रम शुरू करना
B. To promote rural tourism / ग्रामीण पर्यटन को बढ़ावा देना
C. To strengthen Self-Help Groups (SHGs) through DAY-NRLM / डीएवाई-एनआरएलएम के माध्यम से स्वयं सहायता समूहों (SHGs) को मजबूत करना
D. To develop rural roads / ग्रामीण सड़कों का विकास करना
E. To provide free housing to SHG members / SHG सदस्यों को मुफ्त आवास प्रदान करना

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• A MoU was signed between the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) for a term of 3 years.
• The objective is to strengthen Self-Help Groups (SHGs) under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).
• DAY-NRLM, launched in June 2011, aims to reduce rural poverty by promoting livelihood opportunities, enhancing skill development, and improving access to financial services for rural households.
• With an annual budget of over Rs.13,000 crore, the scheme covers 7.15 lakh villages across 723 districts, and reaches over 8.6 crore rural households.

Ques: Which Indian state will host the country's first Quantum Computing Valley by January 2026?
जनवरी 2026 तक देश की पहली क्वांटम कंप्यूटिंग वैली किस भारतीय राज्य में स्थापित की जाएगी?

A. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
B. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
C. Telangana / तेलंगाना
D. Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
E. Gujarat / गुजरात

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Andhra Pradesh will host India's first Quantum Computing Valley in Amaravati by January 2026.
• The announcement was made by Katamneni Bhaskar, Secretary of Information Technology, Electronics & Communications (ITE&C), during a workshop in Vijayawada.
• The Amaravati Quantum Valley Tech Park will serve as a national innovation hub and is aligned with the objectives of the National Quantum Mission (NQM).
• IBM will deploy logical qubit quantum computers in the park.
• Key collaborators in the project include IBM, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), and Larsen & Toubro (L&T).

Ques: What is the name of the first entirely Australian-made orbital rocket to be launched?
लॉन्च होने वाला पहला पूर्ण रूप से ऑस्ट्रेलियाई निर्मित ऑर्बिटल रॉकेट कौन सा है?

A. Aurora / ऑरोरा
B. Kangaroo-I / कंगारू-I
C. Emu / एमू
D. Eris / एरिस
E. Vega / वेगा

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• Eris is a 25-metre tall, three-stage orbital rocket developed by Gilmour Space Technologies, a private aerospace firm based in Gold Coast, Australia.
• The rocket is scheduled for launch between July 1–3, 2025, from the Bowen Orbital Spaceport in Queensland, approximately 150 km southeast of Townsville.
• This will be Australia's first homegrown orbital rocket, fully designed, built, and launched within the country — a historic achievement for the Australian space program.
• Despite earlier delays, the mission marks a major breakthrough for Australia's commercial space sector.

Ques: What is the name of the bill passed by the UK Parliament that allows terminally ill patients to opt for assisted dying?
यूके संसद द्वारा पारित उस विधेयक का क्या नाम है जो गंभीर रूप से बीमार मरीजों को सहायता प्राप्त मृत्यु चुनने की अनुमति देता है?

A. Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Bill / असिस्टेड डाइंग फॉर टर्मिनली इल बिल
B. Euthanasia Regulation Bill / यूथेनैशिया रेगुलेशन बिल
C. Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill / टर्मिनली इल एडल्ट्स (एंड ऑफ लाइफ) बिल
D. Compassionate Exit Act / कॉम्पैशनेट एग्ज़िट एक्ट
E. Right to Die Law / राइट टू डाई लॉ

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The UK Parliament passed the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill in the House of Commons, allowing patients in England and Wales with less than six months to live to opt for assisted dying.
• The legislation includes strict medical and legal oversight, involving two doctors, a psychiatrist, a senior lawyer, and a social worker.
• The bill addresses the issue of euthanasia, which refers to intentionally ending a person's life to relieve suffering.
• The bill only applies to voluntary euthanasia, where the patient consents and meets the required conditions.

Ques: What is the focus of the Global Tobacco Epidemic 2025 report released by the WHO?
WHO द्वारा जारी ग्लोबल टोबैको एपिडेमिक 2025 रिपोर्ट का मुख्य फोकस क्या है?

A. Increasing tobacco farming subsidies / तंबाकू खेती पर सब्सिडी बढ़ाना
B. Promoting tobacco in media / मीडिया में तंबाकू को बढ़ावा देना
C. Reducing taxes on tobacco / तंबाकू पर करों को कम करना
D. Development of e-cigarettes / ई-सिगरेट का विकास
E. MPOWER measures for tobacco control / तंबाकू नियंत्रण के लिए MPOWER उपाय

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• The Global Tobacco Epidemic 2025 report is published by the World Health Organization (WHO) with support from Bloomberg Philanthropies.
• It focuses on the MPOWER measures, which are proven strategies under the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) to reduce tobacco use.

MPOWER stands for:

M – Monitor tobacco use and prevention policies
P – Protect people from tobacco smoke
O – Offer help to quit tobacco
W – Warn about dangers of tobacco
E – Enforce bans on tobacco advertising
R – Raise taxes on tobacco products

• The 2025 report especially emphasizes the 'W' measure (warn about dangers) and shows that 6.1 billion people are now protected by at least one MPOWER measure.
• India is recognized for best-practice-level graphic health warnings and has been in the top group for the 'W' measure since 2016
• However, tobacco taxation ('R' measure) is the least adopted MPOWER strategy in India.
• India leads globally by applying tobacco control regulations to digital streaming content, in addition to traditional media.

The world's top 10 largest Tobacco producing countries, as of 2023 are:

1 China (mainland)
2 India
3 Brazil
4 Indonesia
5 Zimbabwe
6 United States of America
7 Pakistan
8 United Republic of Tanzania
9 Argentina
10 Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Ques: 'Adamya' is the first Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) inducted into which force?
'आदम्या' को किस बल में पहले फास्ट पेट्रोल वेसल (FPV) के रूप में शामिल किया गया है?

A. Indian Coast Guard / भारतीय तटरक्षक बल
B. Indian Navy / भारतीय नौसेना
C. Indian Army / भारतीय सेना
D. Border Security Force / सीमा सुरक्षा बल
E. Indo-Tibetan Border Police / भारत-तिब्बत सीमा पुलिस

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• 'Adamya' is the first Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) under the eight FPV Project at Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL).
• It was inducted into the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) on June 26, 2025, in Goa.
• The vessel is the first of its class in the ICG to feature Controllable Pitch Propellers (CPPs) and indigenously developed gearboxes, enabling better maneuverability and performance at sea.
• It is equipped with advanced technologies including a 30mm CRN-91 gun, remote-control guns, IBS, IPMS, and APMS.
• This enhances the ICG's capability in law enforcement, coastal surveillance, rescue operations, and EEZ protection.
• 'Adamya' has been completely designed and built by GSL, showcasing India's progress in shipbuilding and promoting the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

Ques: Which prestigious Indian literary award, known for its Rs.25 lakh prize, was discontinued after its 7th edition in 2024?
कौन सा प्रतिष्ठित भारतीय साहित्यिक पुरस्कार, जो Rs.25 लाख की राशि के लिए जाना जाता था, 2024 में अपने 7वें संस्करण के बाद बंद कर दिया गया है?

A. Sahitya Akademi Award / साहित्य अकादमी पुरस्कार
B. JCB Prize for Literature / जेसीबी साहित्य पुरस्कार
C. Booker Prize India Edition / बुकर पुरस्कार भारत संस्करण
D. DSC Prize for South Asian Literature / डीएससी दक्षिण एशियाई साहित्य पुरस्कार
E. Tagore Literary Prize / टैगोर साहित्य पुरस्कार

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The JCB Prize for Literature, India's most lucrative literary award (Rs.25 lakh for the winner and Rs.10 lakh for the translator), has been discontinued after seven successful editions.
• The final award was given in 2024 to Upamanyu Chatterjee for his novel 'Lorenzo Searches for the Meaning of Life'.
• The news was confirmed by Mita Kapur, the Literary Director of the JCB Prize.
• Launched in 2018, the prize played a crucial role in promoting Indian fiction and especially celebrating literary translations into English.

Ques: What was the target of Iran's Operation Bashayer Al-Fath launched in response to the US's Operation Midnight Hammer?
अमेरिका के ऑपरेशन मिडनाइट हैमर के जवाब में ईरान द्वारा शुरू किए गए ऑपरेशन बशायेर अल-फतह का लक्ष्य क्या था?

A. US Embassy in Iraq / इराक में अमेरिकी दूतावास
B. Israeli Air Base / इज़रायली एयर बेस
C. Al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar / कतर में अल-उदीद एयर बेस
D. Strait of Hormuz Naval Base / होरमुज़ जलडमरूमध्य नौसैनिक अड्डा
E. Camp Arifjan in Kuwait / कुवैत में कैंप अरिफजान

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Iran targeted the Al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar with Operation Bashayer Al-Fath.
• The United States' Operation Midnight Hammer, which comprised airstrikes on Iranian nuclear facilities, prompted this operation.
• The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), a division of the Iranian Armed Forces, carried out Operation Bashayer Al-Fath, which translates to "Annunciation of Victory."
• The US Al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar, a vital strategic asset for the US military in the area, was the target of a missile attack during the operation.

Ques: As per Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil, by which year will the remaining 4 crore households get tap water connections under Jal Jeevan Mission?
प्रति जल शक्ति मंत्री सी. आर. पाटिल, जल जीवन मिशन के तहत शेष 4 करोड़ घरों को नल से जल कनेक्शन किस वर्ष तक मिल जाएगा?

A. 2025
B. 2026
C. 2027
D. 2028
E. 2029

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• Over 15 crore households in India have already been provided with tap water connections under the Jal Jeevan Mission, as announced by Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil.
• The remaining 4 crore households are expected to be connected by the year 2028, ensuring universal access to safe drinking water across the country.
• According to WHO estimates, safe water supply has helped prevent nearly 4 lakh deaths annually from diarrheal diseases.
• The mission reinforces the government's vision of 'Har Ghar Jal' and was discussed during a press conference in New Delhi.

Ques: What is ConvEx-3 (2025), recently hosted by Romania in collaboration with the IAEA?
ConvEx-3 (2025) क्या है, जिसे हाल ही में रोमानिया द्वारा IAEA के सहयोग से आयोजित किया गया?

A. A nuclear disarmament summit / एक परमाणु निरस्त्रीकरण शिखर सम्मेलन
B. A global nuclear emergency preparedness exercise / एक वैश्विक परमाणु आपातकालीन तैयारी अभ्यास
C. A military nuclear weapons demonstration / एक सैन्य परमाणु हथियार प्रदर्शन
D. A treaty signing event for radiation protection / विकिरण सुरक्षा के लिए एक संधि हस्ताक्षर कार्यक्रम
E. A workshop on nuclear energy investment / परमाणु ऊर्जा निवेश पर कार्यशाला

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• ConvEx-3 (2025) is a full-scale international emergency preparedness exercise focused on nuclear or radiological emergencies with potential cross-border impacts.
• The exercise is hosted by Romania in collaboration with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).
• Over 75 countries and 10 international organizations are participating in this major simulation.
• ConvEx exercises are organized every 3 to 5 years and are based on simulated nuclear events hosted by IAEA Member States.
• The goal is to test and enhance the operational arrangements of the Early Notification Convention and the Assistance Convention, which guide international coordination during nuclear emergencies.

There are three types of ConvEx exercises:

ConvEx-1: Tests 24/7 emergency communication links and response times.
ConvEx-2: Tests specific parts of emergency response procedures.
ConvEx-3: A comprehensive, real-time simulation involving multiple countries and organizations

Ques: How many weapon systems has DRDO offered for emergency procurement to enhance the capabilities of the Indian Armed Forces?
भारतीय सशस्त्र बलों की क्षमताओं को बढ़ाने के लिए DRDO ने आपातकालीन खरीद के लिए कितने हथियार प्रणालियों की पेशकश की है?

A. 14
B. 28
C. 22
D. 18
E. 34

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• India's Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has taken action to improve the military's capabilities.
• It has provided 28 current weapon systems for purchase in an emergency.
• The Army, Navy, and Air Force can purchase new weapon systems or resupply existing ones as needed thanks to emergency procurement.
• There are 14 systems available for the Army to choose from, eight for the Navy, and six for the Air Force.

Ques: Under which operation did the DRI seize ₹9 crore worth of Pakistani-origin goods illegally routed via Dubai?
दुबई के माध्यम से अवैध रूप से भेजे गए ₹9 करोड़ के पाकिस्तानी सामान को DRI ने किस ऑपरेशन के तहत जब्त किया?

A. Operation Black Border / ऑपरेशन ब्लैक बॉर्डर
B. Operation Sindoor / ऑपरेशन सिंदूर
C. Operation Silent Route / ऑपरेशन साइलेंट रूट
D. Operation Deep Manifest / ऑपरेशन डीप मैनिफेस्ट
E. Operation Vigil Trade / ऑपरेशन विजिल ट्रेड

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) launched 'Operation Deep Manifest' to crack down on the illegal routing of Pakistani-origin goods via third countries like Dubai, violating India's import policy.
• 39 containers carrying 1,115 metric tonnes of such goods worth approximately Rs.9 crore were seized at Nhava Sheva Port, Maharashtra.
• Importers misdeclared origins, used Dubai's Jebel Ali Port for transshipment, and manipulated documents to bypass the ban imposed after the May 2, 2025 Pahalgam terror attacks.
• This operation is part of DRI's larger efforts, alongside Operation Sindoor, to counter economic threats and safeguard national security.

Ques: When will India conduct its first comprehensive Household Income Survey to assess income distribution across the country?
भारत में आय वितरण का आकलन करने के लिए पहली व्यापक घरेलू आय सर्वेक्षण कब किया जाएगा?

A. 2024
B. 2025
C. 2026
D. 2027
E. 2028

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has announced that India will conduct its first comprehensive Household Income Survey in 2026.
• This will be the first nationwide survey focused solely on household income distribution.
• The survey will be conducted by the National Sample Survey (NSS) and overseen by a Technical Expert Group (TEG) led by Dr. Surjit S. Bhalla.
• It aims to incorporate global best practices, overcome past issues of underreporting, and use digital tools for improved accuracy.
• This builds on MoSPI's broader efforts to modernize statistical data collection and methodology.

Ques: What is the estimated cost of the 'Mukhya Mantri Kanya Vivah Mandap Yojana' recently approved by the Bihar Cabinet?
बिहार कैबिनेट द्वारा हाल ही में स्वीकृत 'मुख्यमंत्री कन्या विवाह मंडप योजना' की अनुमानित लागत क्या है?

A. Rs.1,000 crore
B. Rs.2,526 crore
C. Rs.3,000 crore
D. Rs.4,026 crore
E. Rs.5,100 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The Bihar Cabinet has approved the 'Mukhya Mantri Kanya Vivah Mandap Yojana' to construct marriage halls in all 8,053 gram panchayats of the state.
• The estimated total cost of the scheme is Rs.4,026 crore, with each marriage hall to be built at a cost of Rs.50 lakh.
• The scheme will be implemented in a phased manner over five years starting from the current financial year.
• In another decision, the cabinet approved the launch of 'Jeevika Didi Ki Rasoi' at block, sub-divisional, and district-level offices, and at government medical colleges and hospitals.
• Meals under this scheme will be provided at a subsidised rate of Rs.20 per plate, and the initiative will begin on July 1, with an estimated budget of Rs.5 crore.
• The state also announced a significant increase in social security pensions — from Rs.400 to Rs.1,100 per month, benefiting around 1.11 crore people, including the elderly, persons with disabilities, and widows.

Ques: Who is the author of the book 'Mujib's Blunders: The Powers and the Plot Behind His Killing'?
'मुजीब्स ब्लंडर्स: द पॉवर्स एंड द प्लॉट बिहाइंड हिज किलिंग' पुस्तक के लेखक कौन हैं?

A. Salil Tripathi / सलील त्रिपाठी
B. Sagarika Ghose / सागरिका घोष
C. Manash Ghosh / मानस घोष
D. Humayun Ahmed / हुमायूँ अहमद
E. Yasmin Saikia / यास्मीन सैकिया

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The book 'Mujib's Blunders: The Powers and the Plot Behind His Killing' is written by Manash Ghosh, a seasoned journalist who reported from Dhaka during the 1970s.
• It provides deep insights into the assassination of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founding father of Bangladesh, and explores the political rivalries, policy failures, and international intelligence operations behind the incident.
• Drawing from first-hand accounts, archival research, and an Indian perspective, the book is a valuable addition to South Asian political literature.
• It is published by Paper Missile.

Ques: From which year will CBSE conduct Class 10 board exams twice a year?
CBSE किस वर्ष से कक्षा 10 की बोर्ड परीक्षाएं वर्ष में दो बार आयोजित करेगा?

A. 2024
B. 2025
C. 2026
D. 2027
E. 2028

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Starting from 2026, Class 10 students under the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) will have the opportunity to appear for board exams twice in one academic year.
• As per the new format, appearing in the first phase (February) will be mandatory for all students.
• The second phase (May) will be optional, allowing students a chance to improve their scores if desired.
• These changes are part of the National Education Policy (NEP) recommendations to reduce exam pressure on students.
• The results of the first exam will be declared in April, and those of the second attempt in June.

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Union Minister of State (MoS) Pankaj Chaudhary, Ministry of Finance (MoF) launched the ICETAB device for export examination on the first day of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) Conclave.

The government has cancelled the appointment of Pankaj Dwivedi as Executive Director (ED) of the state-owned Union Bank of India.

The transgender community in Assam will now be accorded OBC (Other Backward Class) status, according to a statement made by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. Additionally, he announced a 50% reservation for Anganwadi workers in supervisor-level roles within the Women and Child Development Department (WCD).

Union Minister Amit Shah released a book titled “The Emergency Diaries – Years that Forged a Leader” to mark ‘Samvidhan Hatya Diwas’ , commemorating the antiEmergency movement in India

महत्वपूर्ण एक पंक्ति वाली करेंट अफेयर्स

केंद्रीय राज्य मंत्री (MoS) पंकज चौधरी, वित्त मंत्रालय (MoF) ने केंद्रीय अप्रत्यक्ष कर और सीमा शुल्क बोर्ड (CBIC) कॉन्क्लेव के पहले दिन निर्यात जांच के लिए ICETAB डिवाइस लॉन्च की।

सरकार ने सरकारी स्वामित्व वाले यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया के कार्यकारी निदेशक (ED) के रूप में पंकज द्विवेदी की नियुक्ति रद्द कर दी है।

असम के मुख्यमंत्री हिमंत बिस्वा सरमा द्वारा दिए गए एक बयान के अनुसार, असम में ट्रांसजेंडर समुदाय को अब OBC (अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग) का दर्जा दिया जाएगा। इसके अतिरिक्त, उन्होंने महिला और बाल विकास विभाग (WCD) के भीतर पर्यवेक्षक स्तर की भूमिकाओं में आंगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ताओं के लिए 50% आरक्षण की घोषणा की।

केंद्रीय मंत्री अमित शाह ने भारत में आपातकाल विरोधी आंदोलन की याद में 'संविधान हत्या दिवस' को चिह्नित करने के लिए "द इमरजेंसी डायरीज़ – इयर्स दैट फोर्ज्ड ए लीडर" नामक एक पुस्तक का विमोचन किया।

Ques: What was the net profit of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in FY25 as per the Finance Ministry?
वित्त मंत्रालय के अनुसार, FY25 में सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंकों (PSBs) का शुद्ध लाभ कितना रहा?

A. Rs.1.40 lakh crore
B. Rs.1.04 lakh crore
C. Rs.2.53 lakh crore
D. Rs.1.78 lakh crore
E. Rs.0.52 lakh crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• Public Sector Banks (PSBs) recorded a net profit of Rs.1.78 lakh crore in FY25, up from Rs.1.40 lakh crore in FY24 and Rs.1.04 lakh crore in FY23.
• Gross NPAs declined sharply to 0.52% of advances, reflecting improved asset quality.
• PSBs' total business (credit + deposits) rose to Rs.253 lakh crore in FY25.
• The Finance Minister emphasized enhancing financial inclusion, rural outreach, and MSME support, with Rs.60,000 crore worth of loans sanctioned under the new Credit Assessment Framework

Ques: What is the name of the new Recurring Deposit scheme launched by Bank of Baroda that allows flexible monthly contributions?
बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा द्वारा शुरू की गई नई आवर्ती जमा योजना का क्या नाम है, जो लचीली मासिक जमा की सुविधा देती है?

A. bob Growth Deposit Plan / बॉब ग्रोथ डिपॉजिट प्लान
B. bob Smart Monthly Plan / बॉब स्मार्ट मंथली प्लान
C. bob Flexi Systematic Deposit Plan / बॉब फ्लेक्सी सिस्टेमैटिक डिपॉजिट प्लान
D. bob Variable Installment Scheme / बॉब वैरिएबल इंस्टॉलमेंट स्कीम
E. bob Saver Plus Account / बॉब सेवर प्लस अकाउंट

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Bank of Baroda launched the bob Flexi Systematic Deposit Plan (bob Flexi SDP) to provide customers with a flexible recurring deposit option.
• Customers can start with a minimum of Rs.500, and make additional deposits in multiples of Rs.100, up to Rs.1 lakh per month.
• The scheme allows a customer to increase monthly contributions up to 10 times the base instalment.
• It offers a higher fixed interest rate for the entire deposit tenure, which can range from 6 months to 5 years.

Ques: ICICI Bank is set to raise its stake by up to 2% in which of its subsidiaries to maintain majority control?
ICICI बैंक किस सहायक कंपनी में बहुमत नियंत्रण बनाए रखने के लिए अपनी हिस्सेदारी 2% तक बढ़ाने जा रहा है?

A. ICICI Lombard General Insurance / ICICI लोम्बार्ड जनरल इंश्योरेंस
B. ICICI Securities / ICICI सिक्योरिटीज
C. ICICI Prudential AMC / ICICI प्रुडेंशियल AMC
D. ICICI Home Finance / ICICI होम फाइनेंस
E. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance / ICICI प्रुडेंशियल लाइफ इंश्योरेंस

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• ICICI Bank has received board approval to acquire an additional 2% stake in its joint venture, ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company (AMC).
• This strategic decision is aimed at maintaining the bank's shareholding above 51%, thereby retaining majority control of the asset management business.
• The move compensates for any potential dilution in stake due to stock-based compensation granted to AMC employees.
• ICICI Prudential AMC is a leading asset management firm in India, jointly owned by ICICI Bank and Prudential Plc.
• This ensures the bank remains the dominant shareholder in one of India's top mutual fund houses.

Ques: What was India's Current Account Surplus in Q4 FY25, as per official data?
आधिकारिक आंकड़ों के अनुसार, Q4 FY25 में भारत का चालू खाता अधिशेष कितना था?

A. $7 billion
B. $11.5 billion
C. $9.7 billion
D. $13.5 billion
E. $23.3 billion

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• India posted a Current Account Surplus (CAS) of $13.5 billion in Q4 FY25, equal to 1.3% of GDP, primarily due to:
  – Strong net services receipts rising to $53.3 billion
  – Higher inflows from external commercial borrowings (ECBs)
• The surplus exceeded Ind-Ra's projection of $7 billion (0.7% of GDP).
• However, the merchandise trade deficit widened to $59.5 billion from $52 billion a year ago.
• FY25 overall closed with a current account deficit of $23.3 billion, lower than FY24's $26 billion.

Ques: Which digital payment system in India was recently praised by the IMF as a transformative force?
भारत की किस डिजिटल भुगतान प्रणाली की हाल ही में IMF ने परिवर्तनकारी शक्ति के रूप में प्रशंसा की है?

A. Bharat BillPay / भारत बिलपे
B. Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) / तत्काल भुगतान सेवा (IMPS)
C. RuPay / रुपे
D. Unified Payments Interface (UPI) / एकीकृत भुगतान इंटरफेस (UPI)
E. BHIM App / भीम ऐप

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The International Monetary Fund (IMF) praised Unified Payments Interface (UPI) as a transformative force in India's digital payments ecosystem.
• This was mentioned in a paper titled "Growing Retail Digital Payments: The Value of Interoperability", authored by Alexander Copestake, Divya Kirti, and Maria Soledad Martinez Peria.
• UPI, launched in 2016 by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), had crossed 13 billion transactions monthly by 2025, marking a major milestone in digital financial inclusion.

Ques: From which month and year will post offices across India start accepting digital payments at counters?
भारत के डाकघर किस महीने और वर्ष से काउंटरों पर डिजिटल भुगतान स्वीकार करना शुरू करेंगे?

A. January 2025
B. April 2025
C. August 2025
D. December 2025
E. March 2026

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Post offices across India will begin accepting digital payments at their service counters starting from August 2025.
• This initiative follows the integration of a new application into the Department of Posts' (DoP) IT system.
• The infrastructure will be upgraded to facilitate transactions using Dynamic QR Codes, ensuring smooth and secure digital payments.
• The implementation will be phased, but by August 2025, all post offices in the country are expected to be covered under the system.

Ques: Who recently resigned as MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank citing personal reasons?
हाल ही में किसने व्यक्तिगत कारणों का हवाला देते हुए कर्नाटक बैंक के एमडी और सीईओ पद से इस्तीफा दिया है?

A. Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma / श्रीकृष्णन हरि हर शर्मा
B. Ramesh Kumar / रमेश कुमार
C. Sekhar Rao / शेखर राव
D. Rajesh Sharma / राजेश शर्मा
E. Arvind Joshi / अरविंद जोशी

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma, the Managing Director (MD) and CEO of Karnataka Bank, resigned citing personal reasons, including a decision to relocate to Mumbai. His resignation will be effective from July 15, 2025.
• Executive Director (ED) Sekhar Rao also submitted his resignation due to difficulties in relocating to Mangaluru from Bengaluru, which will be effective from July 31, 2025.
• While the official statements mention personal reasons, the resignations come amid internal disputes within the Board of Directors.

Ques: What is the name of India's first NBFC in the maritime sector, recently inaugurated by the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways?
भारत के समुद्री क्षेत्र की पहली गैर-बैंकिंग वित्तीय कंपनी (NBFC) का क्या नाम है, जिसका उद्घाटन हाल ही में बंदरगाह, नौवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री द्वारा किया गया?

A. Maritime Development Finance Corporation / मेरीटाइम डेवलपमेंट फाइनेंस कॉर्पोरेशन
B. Port Infrastructure Finance Limited / पोर्ट इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर फाइनेंस लिमिटेड
C. Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited / सागरमाला फाइनेंस कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड
D. Coastal Finance and Shipping Corporation / कोस्टल फाइनेंस एंड शिपिंग कॉर्पोरेशन
E. Blue Economy Credit Corporation / ब्लू इकॉनमी क्रेडिट कॉर्पोरेशन

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL), formerly known as Sagarmala Development Company Limited, has been inaugurated as India's first NBFC in the maritime sector.
• It has been registered with the Reserve Bank of India and granted Mini Ratna (Category-I) status.
• Inaugurated by Union Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, SMFCL aims to bridge financing gaps and offer tailored financial solutions to ports, MSMEs, startups, and maritime institutions.

Ques: What is the name of the mobile app launched by East Coast Railway for pilgrims attending the Rath Yatra in Puri, Odisha?
पुरी, ओडिशा में रथ यात्रा में भाग लेने वाले श्रद्धालुओं के लिए ईस्ट कोस्ट रेलवे द्वारा शुरू किए गए मोबाइल ऐप का नाम क्या है?

A. Rath Yatra Tracker / रथ यात्रा ट्रैकर
B. ECoR Rath Sewa / ईसीओआर रथ सेवा
C. ECoR Yatra / ईसीओआर यात्रा
D. Puri Darshan App / पुरी दर्शन ऐप
E. Jagannath Rail Connect / जगन्नाथ रेल कनेक्ट

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• 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 app offers real-time train schedule updates, passenger amenities information, and other essential travel services.
• Additionally, Indian Railways has introduced a new compensation scheme of ₹1 crore for the families of employees who suffer accidental death, with no insurance premium required, applicable to those with Salary Package Accounts in designated partner banks.

Ques: Who won the 2025 Shakti Bhatt Prize for her debut memoir 'The Lucky Ones'?
अपनी पहली संस्मरण 'The Lucky Ones' के लिए 2025 का शक्ति भट्ट पुरस्कार किसने जीता है?

A. Arundhati Roy / अरुंधति रॉय
B. Meena Kandasamy / मीना कंदासामी
C. Zara Chowdhary / ज़ारा चौधरी
D. Mridula Koshy / मृदुला कोशी
E. Arshia Sattar / अर्शिया सत्तार

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Zara Chowdhary, a writer, producer, and educator from Chennai, has won the 2025 Shakti Bhatt Prize for her debut memoir 'The Lucky Ones'.
• The book reflects on generational trauma and covers three months of sectarian violence in Ahmedabad during the 2002 Gujarat riots.
• The award, launched in 2008, is being discontinued in 2025, making this the final edition of the prize.
• Over the years, the prize has recognized South Asian writers for powerful literary contributions.

Ques: Which team won the overall title at the U-17 Asian Wrestling Championships 2025 held in Vung Tau, Vietnam?
वुंग ताऊ, वियतनाम में आयोजित अंडर-17 एशियाई कुश्ती चैम्पियनशिप 2025 में किस टीम ने कुल खिताब जीता?

A. Japan / जापान
B. Kazakhstan / कजाखिस्तान
C. China / चीन
D. India / भारत
E. Iran / ईरान

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The Indian Under-17 Women's Wrestling Team clinched the overall championship title at the U-17 Asian Wrestling Championships 2025, held in Vung Tau, Vietnam.
• The team won a total of 10 medals: 5 gold, 3 silver, and 2 bronze, scoring 215 points.
• China and Japan followed in second and third positions with 151 and 149 points, respectively.
• This dominant performance established India as the top nation in the women's category at the event.

Ques: Who has been appointed as the new head of India's external intelligence agency, RAW (Research and Analysis Wing), in 2025?
2025 में भारत की बाह्य खुफिया एजेंसी रॉ (RAW) के नए प्रमुख के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Ravi Sinha / रवि सिन्हा
B. Ajit Doval / अजीत डोभाल
C. Tapan Deka / तपन डेका
D. Arvind Kumar / अरविंद कुमार
E. Parag Jain / पराग जैन

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• Senior IPS officer Parag Jain, who previously headed the Aviation Research Centre, has been appointed as the new Chief of RAW (Research and Analysis Wing) — India's external intelligence agency.
• He replaces Ravi Sinha and will serve a 2-year term.
• RAW, established in 1968, is headquartered in New Delhi and is responsible for foreign intelligence gathering to safeguard national interests.

Ques: Torrent Pharmaceuticals is acquiring JB Chemicals at what approximate valuation in 2025?
टॉरेंट फार्मास्युटिकल्स 2025 में JB केमिकल्स का अधिग्रहण किस अनुमानित मूल्यांकन पर कर रहा है?

A. Rs.11,000 crore
B. Rs.25,000 crore
C. Rs.25,689 crore
D. Rs.32,000 crore
E. Rs.20,500 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Torrent Pharmaceuticals will acquire a controlling stake in JB Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals at an equity valuation of Rs.25,689 crore, making it one of the largest pharma acquisitions in India in recent years.
• Torrent will acquire 46.39% stake through a Share Purchase Agreement (SPA), with the option to acquire another 2.80%, followed by a mandatory 26% open offer to public shareholders.
• The acquisition price is set at Rs.1,600 per share for KKR's stake and Rs.1,639.18 per share for the open offer.
• KKR, the current majority stakeholder, has earned over 5x returns with a 36% gross IRR on its investment.

Ques: According to the ICC's new playing conditions for the 2025–27 WTC cycle, what is the penalty if a fielding side delays starting a new over three times?
ICC के 2025–27 विश्व टेस्ट चैंपियनशिप चक्र के नए नियमों के अनुसार, यदि फील्डिंग टीम तीन बार नए ओवर की शुरुआत में देरी करती है, तो क्या दंड होगा?

A. 5 penalty runs to batting side / बल्लेबाजी टीम को 5 पेनल्टी रन
B. 10 penalty runs to batting side / बल्लेबाजी टीम को 10 पेनल्टी रन
C. Bowler suspension / गेंदबाज़ को निलंबन
D. One over deducted / एक ओवर घटा दिया जाएगा
E. Free hit next ball / अगली गेंद फ्री हिट

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• As per the new ICC rules effective from the 2025–27 World Test Championship (WTC) cycle, the Stop Clock Rule requires the fielding side to be ready within 60 seconds after an over ends.
• A visible electronic clock will be used, and teams will receive two warnings for delays.
• On the third delay, the batting side will be awarded 5 penalty runs.
• These warnings reset after every 80 overs, and the ban on saliva usage remains in place.
• If both umpire and player make referrals, the first in chronological order will be processed.
• Fielding side now allowed to choose which batter remains on strike after a deliberate short run incident.

Ques: Scientists from which institute discovered the potential of teak leaf extract to protect eyes and sensors from laser radiation?
किस संस्थान के वैज्ञानिकों ने लेजर विकिरण से आंखों और सेंसर को सुरक्षा देने की क्षमता वाले सागौन पत्तियों के अर्क की खोज की है?

A. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru / भारतीय विज्ञान संस्थान, बेंगलुरु
B. Raman Research Institute (RRI), Bengaluru / रमन रिसर्च इंस्टीट्यूट, बेंगलुरु
C. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai / भाभा परमाणु अनुसंधान केंद्र, मुंबई
D. Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata / साहा परमाणु भौतिकी संस्थान, कोलकाता
E. Centre for Advanced Optical Technologies, Pune / उन्नत प्रकाशिकी प्रौद्योगिकी केंद्र, पुणे

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Scientists at Raman Research Institute (RRI), an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), have discovered that teak leaf extract can protect delicate optical sensors and human eyes from high-power laser radiation.
• The extract contains anthocyanins, pigments with nonlinear optical (NLO) properties that respond to intense light, making them ideal for optical power limiting—a critical feature for safety in medical, military, and industrial laser environments.
• This finding highlights a sustainable and innovative use of agricultural waste, contributing to both optical technology and human safety.

lQues: India recently exported 1.5 tonnes of litchi to Doha and Dubai from which state for the first time?
भारत ने हाल ही में पहली बार दोहा और दुबई को 1.5 टन लीची किस राज्य से निर्यात की है?

A. Bihar / बिहार
B. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
C. West Bengal / पश्चिम बंगाल
D. Punjab / पंजाब
E. Himachal Pradesh / हिमाचल प्रदेश

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• For the first time, India exported 1.5 tonnes of high-quality litchis from Punjab's Pathankot and Gurdaspur districts to Doha and Dubai.
• This initiative was facilitated by APEDA under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to boost India's horticulture exports.
• It reflects a milestone achievement in expanding the global footprint of India's agri-products, especially GI-tagged and niche exports.

Ques: Which mobile application, developed by the Government of India, allows citizens to report accessibility issues for divyangjan and elderly individuals?
भारत सरकार द्वारा विकसित वह कौन सा मोबाइल ऐप है, जो दिव्यांगजन और वरिष्ठ नागरिकों के लिए पहुंच संबंधी समस्याओं की रिपोर्ट करने की सुविधा देता है?

A. Divyang Mitra App / दिव्यांग मित्र ऐप
B. Sugamya Bharat App / सुगम्य भारत ऐप
C. Accessible India Portal / एक्सेसिबल इंडिया पोर्टल
D. Barrier-Free India App / बैरियर-फ्री इंडिया ऐप
E. Samarth App / समर्थ ऐप

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• 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.
• It allows users to report accessibility-related barriers in public infrastructure, transportation, and ICT systems by uploading geo-tagged photos.
• As of 25 June 2025, the app had 14,358 registered users and over 83,000 downloads across Android and iOS platforms.
• The recent revamp focuses on making the app more user-friendly and impactful for divyangjan and elderly citizens.

Ques: What is the name of the initiative launched to strengthen startup collaboration under the UAE-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)?
यूएई-भारत व्यापक आर्थिक भागीदारी समझौते (CEPA) के तहत स्टार्टअप सहयोग को बढ़ावा देने के लिए शुरू की गई पहल का नाम क्या है?

A. India-UAE Startup Mission / इंडिया-यूएई स्टार्टअप मिशन
B. CEPA Startup Bridge / सेपा स्टार्टअप ब्रिज
C. UAE-India Innovation Corridor / यूएई-भारत नवाचार गलियारा
D. UAE-India CEPA Start-up Series / यूएई-भारत सेपा स्टार्टअप सीरीज
E. Gulf-India Entrepreneur Initiative / गल्फ-इंडिया उद्यमी पहल

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The UAE-India CEPA Start-up Series was launched during a high-level event in New Delhi, organized by the UAE-India CEPA Council in collaboration with the Embassy of the UAE in India.
• MoUs were signed with PRIME Meghalaya, IDEATE Lab at O.P. Jindal Global University, and Jamia Hamdard.
• The initiative will conclude with a pitch event, where five start-ups will receive a UAE soft-landing package to help expand globally.
• In FY 2023–24, bilateral trade reached USD 83.64 billion, and the UAE became India's 4th-largest investor, with FDI rising to USD 3.35 billion.

Ques: How many Indian start-ups were selected in the 2025 cohort of the World Economic Forum's Technology Pioneers programme?
वर्ल्ड इकोनॉमिक फोरम के टेक्नोलॉजी पायनियर्स प्रोग्राम 2025 समूह में कितनी भारतीय स्टार्टअप्स को चुना गया है?

A. 5
B. 8
C. 10
D. 12
E. 15

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The World Economic Forum (WEF), headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, announced the 25th edition (2025 cohort) of its Technology Pioneers programme, recognizing 100 early-stage companies from 28 countries.
• India had 10 start-ups featured in the list, highlighting advancements in space tech, clean energy, robotics, healthtech, and FinTech.
• The USA led the list with 29 start-ups, while China and India had 10 each.
• The selected companies will contribute to WEF's global innovation agenda over a two-year programme.

List of 10 Indian Start-ups in WEF Technology Pioneers 2025 Cohort :

• Agnikul Cosmos Private Limited (IITM) - Space Technology
• Dezy - HealthTech
• CynLr: Cybernetics Laboratory - Robotics & Automation
• Digantara - Space Technology
• Equal - Fin Tech
• Exponent Energy Private Limited - Clean Energy/Electric Vehicles (EV)
• Freight Tiger - Logistics
• GalaxEye Space (IIT-M) - Space Technology
• SolarSquare - Renewable Energy
• The ePlane Company (IIT-M) - Electric Aviation

About World Economic Forum :

- Established : 1971
- HQ : Geneva, Switzerland
- President and CEO : Borge Brende (Norway)

Ques: Where is Safran Aircraft Engine Services India setting up the first MRO facility outside France for Rafale's M88 engines?
राफेल के M88 इंजनों के लिए फ्रांस के बाहर पहली बार MRO सुविधा भारत में कहाँ स्थापित की जा रही है?

A. Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
B. Pune / पुणे
C. Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
D. Chennai / चेन्नई
E. Nagpur / नागपुर

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Safran Group has announced the creation of Safran Aircraft Engine Services India in Hyderabad, Telangana.
• The facility will handle Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) for M88 engines used in Dassault Rafale fighter jets of the Indian Air Force (IAF).
• This will be the first M88 engine MRO facility outside France, supporting both existing Rafales and the Rafale Marine aircraft, of which India is acquiring 26 units under a 2025 agreement with France.
• The MRO center is expected to begin operations by end of 2026, boosting local defence capability and aerospace self-reliance.

Ques: Which district in Kerala has been declared as the first to eradicate extreme poverty?
केरल का कौन सा जिला चरम गरीबी को समाप्त करने वाला पहला जिला घोषित किया गया है?

A. Kottayam / कोट्टायम
B. Ernakulam / एर्नाकुलम
C. Thiruvananthapuram / तिरुवनंतपुरम
D. Alappuzha / आलाप्पुझा
E. Kozhikode / कोझिकोड

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• Kottayam has been officially declared the first district in Kerala to eliminate extreme poverty, a milestone in the state's social welfare initiatives.
• The announcement was made by Minister M.B. Rajesh at a ceremony in the district.
• Authorities relied on data-driven surveys, coordination with local bodies, and direct intervention to identify and uplift the most vulnerable families.
• Kottayam's success is now seen as a replicable model for other districts in Kerala.

Ques: Under which section of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 are political parties registered with the Election Commission of India?
जनप्रतिनिधित्व अधिनियम, 1951 की किस धारा के तहत भारत निर्वाचन आयोग के साथ राजनीतिक दलों का पंजीकरण किया जाता है?

A. Section 14A
B. Section 29A
C. Section 33B
D. Section 9C
E. Section 25B

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Political parties in India — whether National, State, or Registered Unrecognized Political Parties (RUPPs) — are registered with the Election Commission of India (ECI) under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.
• As per recent action by the ECI, 345 RUPPs are being considered for delisting for not contesting any election since 2019 and for being non-traceable.
• Registration under Section 29A offers parties various privileges such as tax exemptions and access to electoral benefits, which are subject to regular compliance.

National Party – Criteria :

1. State Party in 4+ States : The party is recognized as a State Party in at least 4 different states
2. Lok Sabha Seats : Wins at least 2% of total Lok Sabha seats (i.e., 11 seats out of 543) and the candidates are elected from at least 3 different states
3. Vote Share + Seats in LS : Gets 6% of votes in 4 or more states in Lok Sabha or Assembly elections and wins 4 Lok Sabha seats

State Party – Criteria :

1. Vote Share + Seat : Gets at least 6% of valid votes in that state's Legislative Assembly election and wins 2 seats

2. Lok Sabha Vote + Seat ： Gets 6% votes in Lok Sabha election from that state and wins 1 seat in Lok Sabha
3. Seat Count in Assembly ： Wins at least 3% of the total seats in the Legislative Assembly OR 3 seats (whichever is more)
4. Lok Sabha Seat Count ： Wins 1 out of every 25 Lok Sabha seats from that state

Ques: What was the theme of Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSME) Day 2025?
सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम (MSME) दिवस 2025 की थीम क्या थी?

A. MSMEs for a Better Tomorrow / एक बेहतर कल के लिए MSMEs
B. Building Local to Go Global / स्थानीय से वैश्विक की ओर
C. Sustainable MSMEs for Resilient Economies / लचीली अर्थव्यवस्थाओं के लिए सतत MSMEs
D. Enhancing the Role of MSMEs as Drivers of Sustainable Growth and Innovation / सतत विकास और नवाचार के प्रेरक के रूप में MSMEs की भूमिका को बढ़ाना
E. Empowering Entrepreneurs for Atmanirbhar Bharat / आत्मनिर्भर भारत के लिए उद्यमियों को सशक्त बनाना

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSME) Day is observed every year on 27 June, as declared by the United Nations General Assembly.
• The 2025 theme focuses on “Enhancing the role of MSMEs as drivers of Sustainable Growth and Innovation”, emphasizing their contribution to inclusive development.
• On this occasion, President Droupadi Murmu presided over the Udyami Bharat event held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
• Key highlights included the release of a special postage stamp marking 25 years of CGTMSE, the launch of an Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) portal, MSME Hackathon 5.0, and several informative publications like ‘MSME Patrika’ and ‘Know Your Lender’ booklet.

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Farmers' Producers Organisations and farmers themselves would receive post-harvest management and technology training for chilli and turmeric from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development and the National Institute for Research on Commercial Agriculture (ICAR-NIRCA), Rajamundry.

Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Working Group Meeting on Maritime Security (IWG-MARSEC) hosted by Indian Navy at New Delhi. Representatives from 13 IONS member nations: Australia, Bangladesh, France, India, Kenya, Mozambique, Oman, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and Thailand

Teak leaf extract could offer possible protection to our eyes and sensitize sensors that can be critically affected by accidental exposure to rays from cutting-edge lasers—used everywhere from medical equipment to military devices.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has enabled WhatsApp integration with the MY Bharat platform. The WhatsApp chatbot is now live on the MY Bharat Portal and can be reached directly via WhatsApp (7289001515).

To deliver Gemini AI's capabilities straight to developer terminals, Google has released a new agentic AI tool called Gemini CLI.

महत्वपूर्ण एक पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

किसान उत्पादक संगठन और किसान स्वयं राष्ट्रीय कृषि और ग्रामीण विकास बैंक तथा राष्ट्रीय वाणिज्यिक कृषि अनुसंधान संस्थान (ICAR-NIRCA), राजमुंदरी से मिर्च और हल्दी के लिए कटाई के बाद प्रबंधन और प्रौद्योगिकी प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त करेंगे।

भारतीय नौसेना द्वारा नई दिल्ली में आयोजित हिंद महासागर नौसेना संगोष्ठी (IONS) समुद्री सुरक्षा पर कार्य समूह की बैठक (IWG-MARSEC)। 13 IONS सदस्य देशों के प्रतिनिधि: ऑस्ट्रेलिया, बांग्लादेश, फ्रांस, भारत, केन्या, मोजाम्बिक, ओमान, रूस, सऊदी अरब, दक्षिण अफ्रीका, श्रीलंका, तंजानिया और थाईलैंड

सागौन के पत्तों का अर्क हमारी आँखों को संभावित सुरक्षा प्रदान कर सकता है और सेंसर को संवेदनशील बना सकता है जो चिकित्सा उपकरणों से लेकर सैन्य उपकरणों तक हर जगह उपयोग किए जाने वाले अत्याधुनिक लेज़रों की किरणों के आकस्मिक संपर्क से गंभीर रूप से प्रभावित हो सकते हैं।

युवा मामले और खेल मंत्रालय ने MY Bharat प्लेटफ़ॉर्म के साथ WhatsApp एकीकरण को सक्षम किया है। व्हाट्सएप चैटबॉट अब MY Bharat पोर्टल पर लाइव है और इसे व्हाट्सएप (7289001515) के माध्यम से सीधे संपर्क किया जा सकता है।

जेमिनी एआई की क्षमताओं को सीधे डेवलपर टर्मिनलों तक पहुंचाने के लिए, Google ने जेमिनी CLI नामक एक नया एजेंटिक AI टूल जारी किया है।

Ques: Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS) is operated by which organization to enable transactions using Aadhaar-based authentication?
आधार सक्षम भुगतान प्रणाली (AePS) किस संगठन द्वारा संचालित की जाती है ताकि आधार आधारित प्रमाणीकरण के माध्यम से लेनदेन को सक्षम किया जा सके?

A. Reserve Bank of India / भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक
B. UIDAI / भारतीय विशिष्ट पहचान प्राधिकरण
C. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) / नेशनल पेमेंट्स कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया
D. Ministry of Finance / वित्त मंत्रालय
E. NITI Aayog / नीति आयोग

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS) is a payment system operated by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) that allows interoperable banking transactions using Aadhaar number and biometric or OTP authentication.
• It enables financial services like cash withdrawal, deposit, fund transfer, and non-financial services such as balance enquiry and mini statements.
• AePS Touchpoints are managed by AePS Touchpoint Operators (ATOs), who are onboarded by acquiring banks after proper KYC due diligence.
• Banks must periodically update ATOs' KYC, especially if an ATO has been inactive for 3 months.
• The acquiring bank is responsible for monitoring ATO activities and setting operational parameters based on risk factors like transaction volume, location, and fraud risk profiles.

Ques: From which date will RBI's new guidelines for AePS touchpoint operators come into effect?
AePS टचपॉइंट ऑपरेटरों के लिए RBI की नई दिशानिर्देश किस तिथि से प्रभावी होंगे?

A. October 1, 2025
B. December 1, 2025
C. January 1, 2026
D. April 1, 2026
E. March 31, 2026

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued new guidelines to tighten the security of Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS) transactions and reduce fraud risks.
• As per the directive, the new norms will come into effect from January 1, 2026.
• Acquiring banks must perform rigorous due diligence of AePS touchpoint operators (like Bank Mitras and Business Correspondents) during onboarding, following KYC norms from RBI's 2016 guidelines.
• Inactive operators (over 6 months) must undergo KYC re-verification.
• Each AePS operator will now be allowed to work with only one acquiring bank, and banks must monitor their activity continuously.
• These rules are issued under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, with NPCI as the designated system provider.

Ques: Which project earned the Inland Waterways Authority of India the 'Sankalp se Siddhi Infrastructure Honour' at the ET Edge Supply Chain Management Fest-2025?
ईटी एज सप्लाई चेन मैनेजमेंट फेस्ट-2025 में किस परियोजना के लिए भारत की अंतर्देशीय जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण को 'संकल्प से सिद्धि इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर ऑनर' से सम्मानित किया गया?

A. Sagarmala Project / सागरमाला परियोजना
B. Jal Shakti Abhiyan / जल शक्ति अभियान
C. Bharatmala Pariyojana / भारतमाला परियोजना
D. Jal Marg Vikas Project / जल मार्ग विकास परियोजना
E. Ganga Action Plan / गंगा एक्शन प्लान

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, was honored with the 'Sankalp se Siddhi Infrastructure Honour' at the ET Edge Supply Chain Management Fest-2025.
• The award was given for the implementation of the Jal Marg Vikas Project, which focuses on capacity augmentation of National Waterway-1 (NW-1) on the River Ganga.
• This 1390 km stretch runs from Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) to Haldia (West Bengal), passing through Jharkhand and Bihar.
• As a result of the project, cargo movement on NW-1 has tripled, rising from 5 MMT to over 16 MMT annually.

Ques: As per the new rules, who will have the exclusive authority to issue Aadhaar cards in Assam?
असम में नए नियमों के अनुसार आधार कार्ड जारी करने का विशेष अधिकार किसे होगा?

A. Panchayat Officer / पंचायत अधिकारी
B. Chief Minister Office / मुख्यमंत्री कार्यालय
C. District Commissioner / जिला आयुक्त
D. Aadhaar Seva Kendra / आधार सेवा केंद्र
E. Local Police Station / स्थानीय थाना

Answers: Option C

Explanation :

• Assam government has introduced new identification norms to curb illegal immigration from Bangladesh.
• As per the draft policy, only District Commissioners (DCs) will now have the authority to issue Aadhaar cards to adult citizens.
• This step has been taken to prevent fraudulent Aadhaar issuance to illegal immigrants.
• Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma stated that strict verification will be done for new Aadhaar applicants.
• The move targets districts like Barpeta, Dhubri, Morigaon, and Nagaon, where Aadhaar issuance exceeded 100% of the population, raising concerns.

Ques : How many gold medals won by India at the 2nd Asian Squash Doubles Championships 2025 ?
द्वितीय एशियाई स्क्वैश डबल्स चैंपियनशिप 2025 में भारत ने कितने स्वर्ण पदक जीते?

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

Answer : Option A

,**Explanation** :

India won three gold medals at the 2nd Asian Squash Doubles Championships 2025, held at Arena Emas, Kuching, Malaysia. The victories came in the following categories:

• Men's Doubles: Abhay Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar
• Women's Doubles: Joshna Chinappa and Anahat Singh
• Mixed Doubles: Abhay Singh and Anahat Singh

Ques: What is the name of the monthly financial support scheme launched by the All India Chess Federation (AICF) for young chess talents?
अखिल भारतीय शतरंज महासंघ (AICF) द्वारा युवा शतरंज प्रतिभाओं के लिए शुरू की गई मासिक वित्तीय सहायता योजना का नाम क्या है?

A. Chess Star Support Plan / चेस स्टार सपोर्ट प्लान
B. Young Grandmasters Fund / यंग ग्रैंडमास्टर्स फंड
C. National Chess Growth Scheme / नेशनल चेस ग्रोथ स्कीम
D. Top National Players Stipend Scheme / टॉप नेशनल प्लेयर्स स्टाइपेंड स्कीम
E. Rising Talent Scholarship / राइजिंग टैलेंट स्कॉलरशिप

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The All India Chess Federation (AICF) launched the Top National Players Stipend Scheme (TNPSS) to provide financial support and foster the development of young chess talent across India.
• Under this scheme, AICF is transferring stipends ranging from Rs.60,000 to Rs.1.5 lakh per quarter directly into the bank accounts of selected players.
• For the months of April to June, a total of Rs.42.30 lakh has already been disbursed.
• The scheme benefits players in age categories from Under-7 to Under-19, ensuring broad coverage of emerging talent.

Ques: What is the name of the campaign launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs under Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban 2.0?
आवासन और शहरी कार्य मंत्रालय द्वारा स्वच्छ भारत मिशन–अर्बन 2.0 के तहत शुरू किए गए अभियान का क्या नाम है?

A. Swachh Nagar Abhiyan / स्वच्छ नगर अभियान
B. Har Ghar Swachhta / हर घर स्वच्छता
C. Swachh Bharat Kranti / स्वच्छ भारत क्रांति
D. Safai Apnao, Bimaari Bhagao / सफाई अपनाओ, बीमारी भगाओ
E. Clean India Drive / क्लीन इंडिया ड्राइव

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the "Safai Apnao, Bimaari Bhagao (SABB)" campaign under Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban 2.0.
• The campaign is in collaboration with several central ministries, including the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Women and Child Development, and the Ministry of Education.
• It promotes 6 key cleanliness mantras : Clean Hands, Clean Homes, Clean Neighbourhood, Clean Toilets, Clean Drains and Waterbodies, and Clean Public Space.
• Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) in 100 Smart Cities will ensure cleanliness in public spaces using Integrated Command and Control Centres (ICCCs).

About Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban :

• Launched : 2nd October 2014
• Ministry : Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)
• Aim : To achieve universal sanitation coverage and maintain cleanliness across urban areas
• SBM-Urban 1.0 (2014–2019) : Focused on making all urban areas ODF
• SBM-Urban 2.0 (2021) : Targeting bioremediation of 2,400 legacy landfill sites by 2025–26

Ques: As per the latest U.S. draft bill, what is the new proposed tax rate on cash-based remittances?
अमेरिका के नवीनतम ड्राफ्ट बिल के अनुसार नकद प्रेषण पर प्रस्तावित नया कर दर क्या है?

A. 5%
B. 3.5%
C. 2%
D. 1%
E. 0%

Answer: D

Explanation :

• The 'One Big Beautiful Bill Act' in the U.S. has proposed to reduce the remittance tax on cash-based transfers to 1%, down from earlier proposals of 5% and 3.5%.
• The 1% tax will apply only to remittances made via cash, money orders, or cashier's cheques.
• Bank account transfers and credit/debit card remittances are exempted from this tax.
• The move aims to ease the financial burden on the NRI community in the U.S., especially those sending money to India.
• According to the bill, the sender will be responsible for paying this 1% tax on applicable remittances.

Ques: On which national expressway has India's first dedicated wildlife corridor been developed?
भारत का पहला समर्पित वन्यजीव गलियारा किस राष्ट्रीय एक्सप्रेसवे पर विकसित किया गया है?

A. Bengaluru–Mumbai Expressway / बेंगलुरु–मुंबई एक्सप्रेसवे
B. Delhi–Mumbai Expressway / दिल्ली–मुंबई एक्सप्रेसवे
C. Agra–Lucknow Expressway / आगरा–लखनऊ एक्सप्रेसवे
D. Eastern Peripheral Expressway / ईस्टर्न पेरिफेरल एक्सप्रेसवे
E. Hyderabad–Nagpur Expressway / हैदराबाद–नागपुर एक्सप्रेसवे

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• 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 initiative was developed in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
• This corridor lies between the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve and the Chambal Valley, both rich in biodiversity.
• It includes five 500-metre-long wildlife overpasses and India's longest wildlife underpass, which spans 1.2 km, ensuring safe passage for large mammals.

Ques: Which company is acquiring a 75% stake in Akzo India for Rs.9,000 crore?
Rs.9,000 करोड़ में Akzo India की 75% हिस्सेदारी कौन सी कंपनी अधिग्रहित कर रही है?

A. Berger Paints / बर्जर पेंट्स
B. JSW Paints / JSW पेंट्स
C. Kansai Nerolac / कंसाई नेरोलैक
D. Indigo Paints / इंडिगो पेंट्स
E. Shalimar Paints / शालीमार पेंट्स

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• JSW Paints, led by Sajjan Jindal, is acquiring a 75% stake in Akzo Nobel India, the Indian arm of Dutch paint-maker Akzo Nobel NV, for Rs.9,000 crore.
• The total deal, valued at €1.4 billion (~Rs.12,000 crore), includes Akzo's liquid paints and coatings business in India, especially under the Dulux brand.
• The deal will trigger a 25.24% open offer to minority shareholders, and if fully subscribed, will cost JSW around Rs.3,929 crore more.
• Post-acquisition, JSW Paints will become the 4th largest paint company in India, after Asian Paints, Berger Paints, and Kansai Nerolac.
• The acquisition is expected to close by Q4 2025, subject to CCI and regulatory approvals.

Ques: How many major infrastructure projects worth Rs.10,637 crore were sanctioned by the Central Government for Jammu and Kashmir in 2025?
केंद्र सरकार द्वारा 2025 में जम्मू-कश्मीर के लिए कितनी प्रमुख बुनियादी ढांचा परियोजनाएं Rs.10,637 करोड़ की राशि से मंजूर की गईं?

A. 12 projects
B. 19 projects
C. 22 projects
D. 15 projects
E. 10 projects

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Central Government approved 19 major infrastructure projects in Jammu and Kashmir with a total outlay of Rs.10,637 crore to improve connectivity, development, and security in remote and border regions.
• Key strategic projects include the Pir Ki Gali Tunnel (9 km) on Mughal Road, Sadhna Tunnel (7 km) in Kupwara, Zaznar–Shopian Road (28 km), and Trehgam–Chamkote Road (68 km) near the LoC.
• These projects are primarily being implemented by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) after NHIDCL was relieved of key tunnel works.
• The initiative is vital for year-round access, troop movement, and civilian connectivity in sensitive areas of Jammu and Kashmir

Ques: What is the name of the white swan plush toy carried by Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla on the Axiom-4 ISS mission?
Axiom-4 ISS मिशन पर भारतीय अंतरिक्ष यात्री शुभांशु शुक्ल द्वारा ले जाए गए सफेद हंस के सॉफ्ट टॉय का नाम क्या है?

A. Hope / होप
B. Joy / जॉय
C. Grace / ग्रेस
D. Truth / ट्रूथ
E. Swanlight / स्वानलाइट

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, the second Indian after Rakesh Sharma to go on a space mission, carried a white baby swan soft toy named “Joy” on the Axiom-4 ISS mission.
• Joy served as a zero-gravity indicator, a common practice where a lightweight object is used to visually confirm the onset of microgravity shortly after the spacecraft enters orbit.
• According to Axiom Space, the swan symbolizes grace and elegance, while in Indian culture, swans represent wisdom and purity, and in European cultures like Poland and Hungary, they symbolize loyalty and beauty.
• Joy floated first before Shukla himself, marking its symbolic journey into space ahead of India’s participation in the Gaganyaan mission to the ISS.

Ques: Who is the compiler of the book 'Ambedkar ke Sandesh'?
'अंबेडकर के संदेश' पुस्तक के संकलनकर्ता कौन हैं?

A. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar / डॉ. बी.आर. अंबेडकर
B. Dr. T.G. Prabhakar Premi / डॉ. टी.जी. प्रभाकर प्रेमी
C. Dr. R. Srinivasayya / डॉ. आर. श्रीनिवासय्या
D. D.S. Veeraiah / डी.एस. वीरय्या
E. None of the above / उपरोक्त में से कोई नहीं

Answer: D

Explanation :

• The book 'Ambedkar ke Sandesh' has been compiled by D.S. Veeraiah, focusing on the ideas and vision of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, especially on social justice, equality, education, and democracy.
• The Hindi translation of the book has been done by Dr. T.G. Prabhakar 'Premi' and Dr. R. Srinivasayya, making Ambedkar's message more accessible to Hindi-speaking readers.
• The book seeks to inspire unity, self-respect, and reform among marginalized communities through a thoughtful and impactful presentation of Ambedkar's messages.

Ques: From which date will Indian Railways allow only authenticated users to book Tatkal tickets on IRCTC platforms?
भारतीय रेलवे किस तिथि से केवल प्रमाणीकृत उपयोगकर्ताओं को IRCTC प्लेटफॉर्म पर तत्काल टिकट बुक करने की अनुमति देगा?

A. 1st August 2025
B. 1st July 2025
C. 15th July 2025
D. 31st July 2025
E. 1st September 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Indian Railways is enhancing the Passenger Reservation System (PRS) to make ticketing more passenger-centric.
• As part of this modernization, authenticated user access will be mandatory for booking Tatkal tickets on the IRCTC website and mobile app starting from 1st July 2025.
• Additionally, OTP-based authentication will be introduced by end of July 2025.
• Authentication will be broadened using Aadhaar or other government IDs linked via DigiLocker.
• The new PRS system will support 1.5 lakh bookings per minute, a significant jump from the current 32,000, and ticket enquiry capacity will increase from 4 lakh to 40 lakh per minute.
• It will also offer multilingual support, fare calendars, seat preferences, and facilities for Divyangjan, students, and patients.
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Ques: Which country hosted the NATO Summit 2025 for the first time since NATO's formation in 1949?
1949 में नाटो की स्थापना के बाद पहली बार 2025 का नाटो शिखर सम्मेलन किस देश ने आयोजित किया?

A. Belgium / बेल्जियम
B. Germany / जर्मनी
C. France / फ्रांस
D. Netherlands / नीदरलैंड
E. Türkiye / तुर्किये

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• 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.
• NATO members agreed to increase defence spending to 5% of GDP by 2035, including 3.5% for core defence and 1.5% for broader security infrastructure and cyber defense.
• Non-NATO invitees included Australia, the EU, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, and Ukraine.
• Türkiye will host the next NATO summit in 2026, followed by Albania in 2027.

About North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) :

• Formed on : April 04, 1949 by the foreign ministers of 12 countries, which signed the North Atlantic Treaty (also known as Washington Treaty)
• HQ : Brussels, Belgium
• Members : 32 (Sweden joined NATO in March 2024 as its 32nd member)
• Secretary-General : Mark Rutte

Ques: In which Indian state is the Bonalu folk festival primarily celebrated, where Goddess Mahakali is worshipped with devotion and rituals?
बोनालु लोक त्योहार मुख्य रूप से भारत के किस राज्य में मनाया जाता है, जहाँ देवी महाकाली की भक्ति और अनुष्ठानों के साथ पूजा की जाती है?

A. Telangana / तेलंगाना
B. Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
C. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
D. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
E. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• Bonalu is a vibrant Hindu folk festival celebrated primarily in Telangana, especially in Hyderabad, Secunderabad, and surrounding areas.
• It is held annually during the Ashada Masam (July–August) as a form of thanksgiving to Goddess Mahakali for fulfilling devotees' wishes.
• The term Bonam means "meal" in Telugu, symbolizing the offering prepared by women to the Mother Goddess.
• The festival starts at Golconda Fort with special poojas for Goddess Yellamma on the first and last days.
• Devotees carry decorated pots with food offerings, and the celebrations include traditional music, dances, and rituals.

Ques: Who was the winner of the 2025 Prof. C.R. Rao National Award, announced during the 19th Statistics Day celebrations?
19वें सांख्यिकी दिवस समारोह के दौरान घोषित 2025 प्रो. सी.आर. राव राष्ट्रीय पुरस्कार के विजेता कौन थे?

A. Dr. Prajamitra Bhuyan / डॉ. प्रजमित्रा भुयान
B. Dr. Ramesh Chand / डॉ. रमेश चंद
C. Dr. Soumya Swaminathan / डॉ. सौम्या स्वामीनाथन
D. Dr. Subhash Chandra / डॉ. सुभाष चंद्र
E. Dr. Nikhil Kumar / डॉ. निखिल कुमार

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• The 19th Statistics Day was celebrated by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on the 132nd birth anniversary of Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.
• The event also marked 75 years of the National Sample Survey (NSS) with the theme "75 Years of National Sample Survey."
• Major highlights included the release of a commemorative coin and stamp, launch of the GoIStat mobile app, and publication of key reports like the SDG Progress Report 2025 and Nutritional Intake in India (2022–24).
• The 2025 Prof. C.R. Rao National Award was conferred upon Dr. Prajamitra Bhuyan, Assistant Professor at IIM Calcutta, for his contributions in the field of statistics.

Ques: As per MoRTH's draft proposal, what will be the color of figures on number plates for private hydrogen-powered vehicles?
MoRTH के ड्राफ्ट प्रस्ताव के अनुसार, निजी हाइड्रोजन चालित वाहनों की नंबर प्लेट पर अक्षरों का रंग क्या होगा?

A. Yellow / पीला
B. White / सफेद
C. Green / हरा
D. Black / काला
E. Blue / नीला

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has proposed a new color scheme for number plates of hydrogen-powered vehicles.
• For private hydrogen vehicles, the plate will have a green top, blue bottom, and white figures.
• This move aims to promote cleaner fuels and ensure distinct identification for hydrogen-based vehicles, distinguishing them from commercial and rental vehicles.

Ques: Who addressed the "Golden Jubilee Celebration" of the Department of Official Language in 2025?
2025 में राजभाषा विभाग के "स्वर्ण जयंती समारोह" को किसने संबोधित किया?

A. Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह
B. Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
C. Arjun Ram Meghwal / अर्जुन राम मेघवाल
D. Dharmendra Pradhan / धर्मेंद्र प्रधान
E. Amit Shah / अमित शाह

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• Union Minister Amit Shah addressed the Golden Jubilee Celebration (50 years) of the Department of Official Language (DoL) in New Delhi.
• He emphasized the importance of "Hindi Shabdsindhu", a dynamic vocabulary repository designed to enrich Hindi by including commonly used words from various Indian languages.
• The celebration marked the Department's journey from 1975 to 2025, highlighting its role in reviving India's cultural self-respect and enhancing governance in Indian languages.
• The DoL functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), and a new division, Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag, was also mentioned, which supports states and central bodies in using Indian languages for administrative purposes.

Ques: Which African country recently received two locomotives from India, manufactured at Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW)?
किस अफ्रीकी देश को हाल ही में बनारस लोकोमोटिव वर्क्स (BLW) द्वारा निर्मित दो इंजन भारत से भेजे गए हैं?

A. Kenya / केन्या
B. Nigeria / नाइजीरिया
C. Mozambique / मोज़ाम्बिक
D. Ghana / घाना
E. Tanzania / तंजानिया

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Mozambique has received two diesel locomotives from Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, as part of a $37.7 million contract secured by RITES Ltd. (Rail India Technical and Economic Service).
• The contract involves 10 locomotives, with 2 shipped in June 2025 and the remaining 8 expected by December 2025.
• The project is funded through a loan from the African Development Bank, and the deal was won through an international bidding process.
• BLW has previously exported locomotives to Mozambique in 2008 and during the 2021–2023 period.

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The Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary near Kannur was formally renamed the Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary by the Kerala State Wildlife Board, becoming the first protected forest in India solely devoted to butterflies.

Ministry of Minority Affairs conducted a one-day biometric authentication drive for beneficiaries of the Jiyo Parsi scheme in Mumbai. The Jiyo Parsi scheme, a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, comprises three key components: Medical Assistance, Health of the Community and Advocacy

The United Nations has launched the 'UN80 Initiative' , led by Secretary-General António Guterres, to reform and modernize the organization as it approaches its 80th anniversary.

India ranked second after Nigeria in the number of unvaccinated or "zero-dose" children in 2023, according to a new Lancet study based on Global Burden of Disease data

To commemorate the anniversary of the swearing-in of the interim administration headed by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, Bangladesh will honor August 8 as "New Bangladesh Day."

महत्वपूर्ण एक पंक्ति वर्तमान मामले

कन्नूर के निकट अरलम वन्यजीव अभयारण्य का नाम औपचारिक रूप से केरल राज्य वन्यजीव बोर्ड द्वारा अरलम तितली अभयारण्य रखा गया, जो भारत में तितलियों के लिए समर्पित पहला संरक्षित वन बन गया।

अल्पसंख्यक मामलों के मंत्रालय ने मुंबई में जियो पारसी योजना के लाभार्थियों के लिए एक दिवसीय बायोमेट्रिक प्रमाणीकरण अभियान चलाया। जियो पारसी योजना, अल्पसंख्यक मामलों के मंत्रालय की एक प्रमुख पहल है, जिसमें तीन प्रमुख घटक शामिल हैं: चिकित्सा सहायता, समुदाय का स्वास्थ्य और वकालत

संयुक्त राष्ट्र ने महासचिव एंटोनियो गुटेरेस के नेतृत्व में संगठन में सुधार और आधुनिकीकरण के लिए 'यूएन80 पहल' शुरू की है, क्योंकि यह अपनी 80वीं वर्षगांठ के करीब पहुंच रहा है।

ग्लोबल बर्डन ऑफ डिजीज डेटा पर आधारित लैंसेट के नए अध्ययन के अनुसार, 2023 में टीकाकरण से वंचित या "शून्य खुराक" वाले बच्चों की संख्या के मामले में भारत नाइजीरिया के बाद दूसरे स्थान पर है।

नोबेल पुरस्कार विजेता मुहम्मद यूनुस के नेतृत्व में अंतरिम प्रशासन के शपथ ग्रहण की वर्षगांठ मनाने के लिए, बांग्लादेश 8 अगस्त को "नया बांग्लादेश दिवस" के रूप में मनाएगा।

Ques: Which UAE-based bank became the first to get approval for opening an IBU in GIFT City, Gujarat?
गुजरात के गिफ्ट सिटी में IBU खोलने की मंजूरी पाने वाला पहला यूएई आधारित बैंक कौन सा है?

A. Emirates NBD / एमिरेट्स एनबीडी
B. Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank / अबू धाबी कमर्शियल बैंक
C. Mashreq Bank / मशरेक बैंक
D. Dubai Islamic Bank / दुबई इस्लामिक बैंक
E. First Abu Dhabi Bank / फर्स्ट अबू धाबी बैंक

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Mashreq Bank, headquartered in the UAE, has received in-principle approval to establish an International Financial Services Centre Banking Unit (IBU) in GIFT City, Gujarat.
• It is the first UAE-based bank to achieve this milestone, further strengthening India-UAE financial ties.
• The bank's GIFT City branch is expected to be operational by Q4 of 2025, enhancing cross-border banking and investment services in the region.

Ques: When was the State Bank of India (SBI) established following the nationalization of the Imperial Bank?
इंपीरियल बैंक के राष्ट्रीयकरण के बाद भारतीय स्टेट बैंक (SBI) की स्थापना कब हुई थी?

A. 1950
B. 1952
C. 1955
D. 1960
E. 1965

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• State Bank of India (SBI) was established on July 1, 1955, following the nationalization of the Imperial Bank of India under the State Bank of India Act.
• The Imperial Bank was itself formed in 1921 by the merger of Bank of Bengal (1806), Bank of Bombay (1840), and Bank of Madras (1843).
• In 2025, SBI celebrated its 70th anniversary, marking a major milestone in India's financial history.
• SBI is now a Fortune 500 company with an asset base of ₹61 trillion and a presence in 29 countries.
• For FY25, SBI reported a net profit of Rs.70,901 crore, and paid a dividend of Rs.8,076.84 crore to the Government of India.

Ques: What was the total value of India's external debt at the end of March 2025, as reported by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?
भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (RBI) की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, मार्च 2025 के अंत में भारत का कुल बाहरी ऋण कितना था?

A. USD 668.8 billion
B. USD 700.5 billion
C. USD 736.3 billion
D. USD 601.9 billion
E. USD 134.5 billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• According to the RBI, India's external debt rose by 10% to USD 736.3 billion at the end of March 2025, up from USD 668.8 billion in March 2024.
• The external debt-to-GDP ratio increased from 18.5% to 19.1% over the same period.
• The long-term external debt stood at USD 601.9 billion, while short-term debt was USD 134.5 billion.

Composition of external debt:

• US Dollar: 54.2%
• Indian Rupee: 31.1%
• Yen: 6.2%
• SDR: 4.6%
• Euro: 3.2%

Ques: What is the name of the CBI-led operation launched to crack down on mule bank accounts related to cybercrime and digital arrest scams?
साइबर अपराध और डिजिटल अरेस्ट स्कैम से संबंधित म्यूल बैंक खातों पर कार्रवाई के लिए सीबीआई द्वारा शुरू किए गए ऑपरेशन का नाम क्या है?

A. Operation Cyber Net / ऑपरेशन साइबर नेट
B. Operation Chakra V / ऑपरेशन चक्र V
C. Operation Black Web / ऑपरेशन ब्लैक वेब
D. Operation MuleHunter / ऑपरेशन म्यूलहंटर
E. Operation Safe Bank / ऑपरेशन सेफ बैंक

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has launched Operation Chakra V across five states — Rajasthan, Delhi, Haryana, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh — to combat cybercrimes and digital arrest scams involving mule bank accounts.
• Approximately 8.5 lakh mule accounts were found to be opened to launder extorted money through cyber fraud.
• The operation covered 42 locations and 700 bank branches.
• To further assist in identifying such accounts, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has initiated MuleHunter.ai, an AI/ML-based system developed by the RBI Innovation Hub (RBIH).

Ques: As per the latest Indian Railways proposal, how many hours before departure will reservation charts now be prepared?
भारतीय रेलवे के नए प्रस्ताव के अनुसार, अब रिजर्वेशन चार्ट ट्रेन के प्रस्थान से कितने घंटे पहले तैयार किया जाएगा?

A. 2 Hours
B. 4 Hours
C. 6 Hours
D. 8 Hours
E. 10 Hours

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• Indian Railways has approved the proposal to prepare reservation charts 8 hours before train departure, replacing the earlier timeline of 4 hours.
• For trains departing before 2:00 PM, charts will be prepared the previous day at 9:00 PM.
• This change aims to help waitlisted passengers by giving them earlier updates and time for alternative travel arrangements.
• Additionally, the upgraded Passenger Reservation System (PRS) will handle 1.5 lakh bookings per minute and enhance enquiry capacity to over 40 lakh per minute, offering a multilingual and inclusive user experience for passengers including Divyangjan, students, and patients.

Ques: What is the name of the annual festival in Puri, Odisha, that marks the ceremonial journey of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra, and Goddess Subhadra to the Gundicha Temple?
पुरी, ओडिशा में भगवान जगन्नाथ, भगवान बलभद्र और देवी सुभद्रा की गुंडिचा मंदिर की यात्रा को चिह्नित करने वाले वार्षिक त्योहार का नाम क्या है?

A. Chariot Utsav / रथ उत्सव
B. Jagannath Rath Yatra / जगन्नाथ रथ यात्रा
C. Ashadha Festival / आषाढ़ उत्सव
D. Gundicha Mela / गुंडिचा मेला
E. Subhadra Parikrama / सुभद्रा परिक्रमा

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Jagannath Rath Yatra is a world-famous Hindu festival celebrated annually in Puri, Odisha, on the second day of the bright fortnight (Shukla Paksha) of the Odia month Ashadha.
• It marks the symbolic journey of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra, and Goddess Subhadra from the Jagannath Temple to their aunt's temple in Gundicha, around 3 km away.
• The deities are carried on three huge, decorated wooden chariots, pulled by millions of devotees on Bada Danda (Grand Road) during the Pahandi ritual.
• The tradition dates back to the 12th century, during the reign of King Anantavarman Chodaganga Deva, though references indicate its ancient origins.
• The festival is also known as the Festival of Chariots.

Ques: What is India's global rank in milk, egg, and meat production as per 2023–24 data?
2023–24 के अनुसार दूध, अंडा और मांस उत्पादन में भारत की वैश्विक रैंकिंग क्या है?

A. 1st in Milk, 3rd in Eggs, 4th in Meat
B. 2nd in Milk, 1st in Eggs, 4th in Meat
C. 1st in Milk, 2nd in Eggs, 4th in Meat
D. 1st in Milk, 2nd in Eggs, 5th in Meat
E. 1st in Milk, 1st in Eggs, 3rd in Meat

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• In 2023–24, India produced 239.3 million tonnes of milk, ranking 1st globally.
• It produced 142.8 billion eggs, earning 2nd rank globally.
• With 10.25 million tonnes of meat, India stood at the 4th global rank.
• These achievements highlight India's strength in the global livestock sector, supported by the ongoing 21st Livestock Census for better policy planning.

Ques: Which title was conferred upon PM Narendra Modi during the centenary celebrations of Jain saint Acharya Vidyanand Ji Maharaj?
जैन संत आचार्य विद्यानंद जी महाराज की शताब्दी समारोह के दौरान प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी को कौन सी उपाधि से सम्मानित किया गया?

A. Dharma Chakravarti / धर्म चक्रवर्ती
B. Ahimsa Ratna / अहिंसा रत्न
C. Dharma Samrat / धर्म सम्राट
D. Sant Shiromani / संत शिरोमणि
E. Jain Shiromani / जैन शिरोमणि

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• On 28th June 2025, during the centenary celebrations of Acharya Shri 108 Vidyanand Ji Maharaj, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was honoured with the title 'Dharma Chakravarti'.
• The celebrations were organised by the Union Culture Ministry in association with the Bhagwan Mahaveer Ahimsa Bharti Trust, Delhi.
• PM Modi also released commemorative postage stamps and coins on the occasion.
• Acharya Vidyanand Ji was born on 22 April 1925 in Karnataka, and he received the title of ‘Acharya’ on 28th June 1987.
• The event marks the beginning of a year-long national tribute to the revered Jain saint.

Ques: Which fossil park in Uttar Pradesh was added to the UNESCO Tentative List of World Heritage Sites in 2025?
उत्तर प्रदेश का कौन सा जीवाश्म पार्क 2025 में यूनेस्को की विश्व धरोहर स्थलों की अस्थायी सूची में शामिल किया गया है?

A. Ghughua Fossil Park / घुघुआ जीवाश्म पार्क
B. Mandla Fossil Park / मंडला जीवाश्म पार्क
C. Salkhan Fossils Park / सलखन जीवाश्म पार्क
D. Dudhwa National Fossil Reserve / दुधवा राष्ट्रीय जीवाश्म अभ्यारण्य
E. Amarkantak Fossil Site / अमरकंटक जीवाश्म स्थल

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Salkhan Fossils Park, also known as Sonbhadra Fossils Park, located in Salkhan village, Sonbhadra district, Uttar Pradesh, has been added to the UNESCO Tentative List of World Heritage Sites in 2025.
• The park spans an area of approximately 25 hectares and is situated within the Kaimoor Wildlife Sanctuary (KWLS).
• The fossils found here are estimated to be up to 1.4 billion years old, making the site significant from a geological and evolutionary perspective.
• As of June 2025, India has 43 sites on the UNESCO World Heritage List (35 Cultural, 7 Natural, and 1 Mixed) and 63 sites on the Tentative List.

Ques: According to SDG progress data, what was India's renewable energy share in total installed electricity generation in 2024–25?
SDG प्रगति डेटा के अनुसार, 2024–25 में भारत के कुल स्थापित विद्युत उत्पादन में नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा की हिस्सेदारी कितनी थी?

A. 16.02%
B. 19.08%
C. 21.67%
D. 22.13%
E. 20.75%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• As per SDG progress indicators, India's renewable energy share in total installed electricity generation increased from 16.02% in 2015–16 to 22.13% in 2024–25.
• This growth reflects the country's strong commitment to sustainable energy and reducing dependence on fossil fuels.
• It aligns with India's climate goals and efforts to expand clean power infrastructure in line with international sustainability targets.

Ques: Which Indian chess player became the top-ranked Indian after winning the UzChess Cup Masters 2025?
UzChess Cup Masters 2025 जीतने के बाद भारत का शीर्ष रैंकिंग वाला शतरंज खिलाड़ी कौन बना?

A. Viswanathan Anand / विश्वनाथन आनंद
B. Arjun Erigaisi / अर्जुन एरिगैसी
C. Gukesh D / गुकेश डी
D. R Praggnanandhaa / आर. प्रग्गनानंधा
E. Nihal Sarin / निहाल सरीन

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa became India's top-ranked chess player in live FIDE ratings after winning the UzChess Cup Masters 2025.
• With a live rating of 2778.3, he rose to World No. 4, marking his highest career ranking to date.
• He surpassed other Indian players and moved up three positions in the global rankings.
• The top 3 global players are Magnus Carlsen (2839.2), Hikaru Nakamura (2807.0), and Fabiano Caruana (2784.2).
• This is Praggnanandhaa's third title of the year, following victories at the Tata Steel Chess Tournament and the Grand Chess Tour Superbet Classic in Romania.

Ques : Which state forms Trust to Oversee Construction of Grand Janaki Temple ?
किस राज्य ने भव्य जानकी मंदिर के निर्माण की देखरेख के लिए ट्रस्ट का गठन किया है?

A. Bihar / बिहार
B. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
C. West Bengal / पश्चिम बंगाल
D. Punjab / पंजाब
E. Himachal Pradesh / हिमाचल प्रदेश

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• To supervise the building of a magnificent temple devoted to Maa Janaki (Goddess Sita) in Punaura Dham in the Sitamarhi district, the Bihar government has formed a nine-member trust.
• According to examples like the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, this project seeks to turn the area, which is traditionally thought to be the birthplace of Sita, into a significant spiritual and tourist destination.

About Composition of the Trust :

• Chairperson : Chief Secretary of Bihar
• Vice-Chairperson : Development Commissioner
• Secretary : District Magistrate of Sitamarhi
• Treasurer : Deputy Development Commissioner (DDC), Sitamarhi

Ques: What was the objective of Operation Bihali conducted in Udhampur, Jammu & Kashmir?
उधमपुर, जम्मू-कश्मीर में चलाए गए ऑपरेशन बिहाली का उद्देश्य क्या था?

A. To rescue civilians trapped in floods / बाढ़ में फंसे नागरिकों को बचाना
B. To seize illegal arms from insurgents / उग्रवादियों से अवैध हथियार जब्त करना
C. To neutralize Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorists / जैश-ए-मोहम्मद के आतंकियों को निष्क्रिय करना
D. To provide humanitarian aid to border villages / सीमा गांवों को मानवीय सहायता देना
E. To dismantle drug trafficking networks / नशीले पदार्थों की तस्करी के नेटवर्क को समाप्त करना

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Operation Bihali was a counter-terror operation conducted in Udhampur district, Jammu & Kashmir, targeting Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terrorists.
• The operation was jointly launched by the Indian Army's Para Commandos and J&K Police, under the operational command of the White Knight Corps.
• Its objective was to intercept and eliminate four JeM terrorists, based on 12 months of surveillance, thus preventing potential cross-border terror attacks.
• During the operation, one terrorist was neutralized and three others were cornered in the Basantgarh area.

Ques: Where has the National Turmeric Board recently established its headquarters?
हाल ही में राष्ट्रीय हल्दी बोर्ड ने अपना मुख्यालय किस स्थान पर स्थापित किया है?

A. Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
B. Nagpur / नागपुर
C. Nizamabad / निज़ामाबाद
D. Vijayawada / विजयवाड़ा
E. Warangal / वारंगल

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The National Turmeric Board Headquarters has been established in Nizamabad, Telangana, and was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah.
• The board aims to promote research and development in turmeric varieties and cultivation technologies.
• Nizamabad is one of India's largest turmeric-producing regions, and the board's formation was a key election promise by BJP MP Arvind Dharmapuri.
• The official logo of the board was also unveiled during the inauguration.

Ques: As per MoRTH's draft rules, from which date will it be mandatory for all two-wheelers manufactured in India to be equipped with Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS)?
MoRTH के ड्राफ्ट नियमों के अनुसार, भारत में निर्मित सभी दोपहिया वाहनों के लिए एंटी-लॉक ब्रेकिंग सिस्टम (ABS) अनिवार्य रूप से किस तिथि से लागू होगा?

A. January 1, 2025
B. April 1, 2025
C. July 1, 2025
D. January 1, 2026
E. March 1, 2026

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has issued draft rules making it mandatory for all two-wheelers manufactured on or after January 1, 2026, to be fitted with Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS).
• Additionally, manufacturers must provide two BIS-certified protective helmets at the time of purchase.
• This move aims to enhance road safety, as nearly 44% of road accident deaths in 2022 were due to two-wheeler accidents, accounting for approximately 75,000 fatalities.
• However, this regulation may lead to a slight increase in the cost of two-wheelers.

Ques: As per the SDG National Indicator Framework, how many start-ups were recognised under Start-up India in 2024?
SDG राष्ट्रीय संकेतक ढांचे के अनुसार, 2024 में Start-up India के तहत कितने स्टार्टअप्स को मान्यता दी गई?

A. 453
B. 10,125
C. 22,174
D. 34,293
E. 15,000

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Under the Start-up India initiative, the number of recognised start-ups rose dramatically from 453 in 2016 to 34,293 in 2024.
• This surge highlights the success of various government policies aimed at promoting entrepreneurship, innovation, and improving the ease of doing business in India.
• It also reflects India's growing strength as a global startup hub, aligned with SDG goals for inclusive economic growth and innovation.

Ques: Which country has won the bid to host the 2029 World Police & Fire Games (WPFG)?
2029 वर्ल्ड पुलिस एंड फायर गेम्स (WPFG) की मेज़बानी का अधिकार किस देश ने जीता है?

A. United States / संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका
B. Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
C. United Kingdom / यूनाइटेड किंगडम
D. Canada / कनाडा
E. India / भारत

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• India has won the bid to host the prestigious 2029 World Police & Fire Games (WPFG) after a successful presentation to the WPFG Federation in Birmingham, USA.
• The event will be held across Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, and Ekta Nagar in the state of Gujarat.
• WPFG is one of the largest multi-sport events globally, featuring participation from police, firefighters, and first responders representing over 70 countries.
• This marks a significant moment for India in terms of international sports diplomacy and event hosting.

Ques: By what percentage has India reduced its GDP emission intensity in 2020 compared to 2005 levels?
भारत ने 2005 की तुलना में 2020 में अपनी जीडीपी उत्सर्जन तीव्रता में कितने प्रतिशत की कमी की है?

A. 22%
B. 28%
C. 30%
D. 36%
E. 40%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• As per government data, India achieved a 36% reduction in the emission intensity of its GDP by the year 2020 compared to the base year 2005.
• This achievement highlights India's progress toward building a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy, in line with its global commitments under the Paris Agreement.
• Emission intensity refers to the amount of greenhouse gases emitted per unit of GDP — a lower value indicates greater efficiency and sustainability in economic growth.

Ques: As per the SDG – National Indicator Framework 2025, what percentage of India's population is covered by social protection systems in 2025?
SDG – राष्ट्रीय संकेतक रूपरेखा 2025 के अनुसार, भारत की कितनी प्रतिशत आबादी सामाजिक सुरक्षा प्रणाली के तहत 2025 में शामिल है?

A. 22.0%
B. 48.8%
C. 64.3%
D. 54.6%
E. 24.4%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• According to the SDG – National Indicator Framework 2025, social protection coverage in India has significantly improved from 22% in 2016 to 64.3% in 2025.
• This includes protections for children, elderly, unemployed, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, and workplace injury victims.
• The increase reflects a major expansion of welfare schemes and a stronger social safety net for vulnerable sections of the population.

Ques: Which teams won the women's title in the inaugural edition of the Hockey India Masters Cup 2025?
हॉकी इंडिया मास्टर्स कप 2025 के उद्घाटन संस्करण में महिला का खिताब किस टीम ने जीता?

A. Hockey Punjab (Women) / हॉकी पंजाब (महिला)
B. Hockey Association of Odisha (Women) / हॉकी एसोसिएशन ऑफ ओडिशा (महिला)
C. Hockey Odisha (Women) / हॉकी ओडिशा (महिला)
D. Hockey Maharashtra (Women) / हॉकी महाराष्ट्र (महिला)
E. Hockey Karnataka (Women) / हॉकी कर्नाटक (महिला)

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The inaugural edition of the Hockey India Masters Cup 2025 was held at Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
• The tournament was conducted for men aged above 40 and women above 35.
• A total of 12 men's teams and 8 women's teams participated.
• Hockey Association of Odisha defeated Hockey Punjab 1–0 to win the women's title.
• Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu beat Hockey Maharashtra 5–0 to win the men's title.

Ques: As per SDG 2025 data, what is the Gross Value Added (GVA) in agriculture per worker in 2024–25?
SDG 2025 के अनुसार, 2024–25 में प्रति कृषि श्रमिक सकल मूल्य वर्धन (GVA) कितना है?

A. Rs.87,646
B. Rs.78,837
C. Rs.71,402
D. Rs.94,110
E. Rs.61,247

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• According to SDG progress indicators, Gross Value Added (GVA) in the agriculture sector per worker has grown steadily, reaching Rs.94,110 in FY25.
• This is a rise from Rs.61,247 in FY16 and Rs.87,646 in FY23, reflecting improved agricultural productivity and income levels.
• This growth also supports national goals focused on increasing rural incomes and promoting sustainable agricultural practices.

Ques: Where does India rank in the Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2025?
हुरुन ग्लोबल यूनिकॉर्न इंडेक्स 2025 में भारत किस स्थान पर है?

A. First / पहला
B. Second / दूसरा
C. Third / तीसरा
D. Fourth / चौथा
E. Fifth / पाँचवां

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• India ranks third in the Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2025 with a total of 64 unicorns, reflecting its rising global startup footprint.
• The United States ranks first with 758 unicorns, followed by China in second with 343.
• India's top unicorn hubs are Bengaluru (#7 globally), followed by Mumbai (#22) and Gurugram (#27).
• Major Indian unicorns in 2025 include Zerodha ($8.2B), Dream11 ($8B), and Razorpay ($7.5B).
• The term "unicorn" refers to privately held startups valued at over $1 billion, a term coined by Aileen Lee in 2013.

Ranking of unicorns with the total No. of Unicorns in 2025 :

1. USA - 758 Unicorns
2. China - 343 Unicorns
3. India - 64 Unicorns
4. UK - 61 Unicorns
5. Germany - 36 Unicorns

Ques: According to the National Indicator Framework, what was India's forest cover as a percentage of total geographical area in 2023?
राष्ट्रीय संकेतक ढांचे के अनुसार, 2023 में भारत में कुल भौगोलिक क्षेत्र का कितना प्रतिशत भाग वन क्षेत्र था?

A. 21.34%
B. 21.56%
C. 21.76%
D. 22.10%
E. 22.35%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• As per the National Indicator Framework (NIF), India's forest cover increased to 21.76% of its total geographic area in 2023, up from 21.34% in 2015.
• This reflects steady improvement in forest conservation, afforestation, and reforestation efforts.
• The rise supports climate change mitigation, biodiversity preservation, and overall ecological sustainability, aligning with India's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Ques: According to the SDG National Indicator Framework 2025, what percentage of rural population had access to improved drinking water sources in 2024–25?
SDG राष्ट्रीय संकेतक ढांचे 2025 के अनुसार, 2024–25 में ग्रामीण आबादी का कितना प्रतिशत सुधारित पेयजल स्रोतों तक पहुंच रखता था?

A. 94.57%
B. 98.56%
C. 99.25%
D. 99.62%
E. 95.98%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• As per the SDG National Indicator Framework 2025, access to improved drinking water sources in rural India rose significantly to 99.62% in FY25, from 94.57% in FY16.
• Key milestones include 95.98% in 2018–19, 98.56% in 2020–21, and 99.25% in 2022–23.
• This marks a major step toward universal safe drinking water access and is aligned with India's SDG commitments under the Jal Jeevan Mission and other rural development schemes.

Ques: What is commemorated on June 30 as per the United Nations declaration?
संयुक्त राष्ट्र की घोषणा के अनुसार 30 जून को किस दिवस के रूप में मनाया जाता है?

A. International Space Day / अंतर्राष्ट्रीय अंतरिक्ष दिवस
B. World Meteor Impact Day / विश्व उल्कापिंड प्रभाव दिवस
C. International Asteroid Day / अंतर्राष्ट्रीय क्षुद्रग्रह दिवस
D. Planetary Defense Day / ग्रह रक्षा दिवस
E. Tunguska Memorial Day / तुंगुस्का स्मृति दिवस

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• International Asteroid Day is observed annually on 30th June, as declared by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2016.
• The date marks the anniversary of the Tunguska event—a large asteroid explosion over Siberia, Russia, on 30 June 1908.
• In 2024, the UN also proclaimed 2029 as the International Year of Asteroid Awareness and Planetary Defence.
• Notably, on 13 April 2029, asteroid 99942 Apophis will pass safely at a distance of about 32,000 km from Earth.

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A recent addition to UNESCO's Tentative List of World Heritage Sites is the Salkhan Fossil Park. It is situated in the state of Uttar Pradesh and is also referred to as Sonbhadra Fossils Park.

The 23rd Colonel of the Regiment of Garhwal Rifles is now Lieutenant General Dinesh Singh Rana, Commander-in-Chief, Andaman and Nicobar Command, Indian Army. Lieutenant General NS Raja Subramani, the Vice Chief of the Army Staff, is succeeded by him.

Traditional Kolhapuri chappal makers in India have objected to luxury brand Prada's 2026 collection, stating that it is an illegal replica of their heritage footwear design. Received Geographical Indication (GI) status in 2019.

The Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs has introduced the “Adi Karmyogi” initiative for strengthening the delivery of tribal welfare schemes by training and inspiring a new generation of dedicated implementers.

The world’s fastest man, Usain Bolt, has been officially recognized as a Guinness World Records (GWR) icon, celebrating his extraordinary achievements in athletics. The move marks Guinness' 70th anniversary

महत्वपूर्ण एक पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

हाल ही में यूनेस्को की विश्व धरोहर स्थलों की संभावित सूची में सलखन जीवाश्म पार्क को शामिल किया गया है। यह उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य में स्थित है और इसे सोनभद्र जीवाश्म पार्क भी कहा जाता है।

गढ़वाल राइफल्स की रेजिमेंट के 23वें कर्नल अब लेफ्टिनेंट जनरल दिनेश सिंह राणा हैं, जो भारतीय सेना के अंडमान और निकोबार कमांड के कमांडर-इन-चीफ हैं। लेफ्टिनेंट जनरल एनएस राजा सुब्रमणि, सेना के उप प्रमुख, उनके उत्तराधिकारी हैं।

भारत में पारंपरिक कोल्हापुरी चप्पल निर्माताओं ने लग्जरी ब्रांड प्रादा के 2026 कलेक्शन पर आपत्ति जताते हुए कहा है कि यह उनके हेरिटेज फुटवियर डिज़ाइन की अवैध प्रतिकृति है। 2019 में भौगोलिक संकेत (जीआई) का दर्जा प्राप्त किया।

केंद्रीय जनजातीय मामलों के मंत्रालय ने समर्पित कार्यान्वयनकर्ताओं की एक नई पीढ़ी को प्रशिक्षित और प्रेरित करके जनजातीय कल्याण योजनाओं के वितरण को मजबूत करने के लिए “आदि कर्मयोगी” पहल शुरू की है।

दुनिया के सबसे तेज़ धावक उसैन बोल्ट को आधिकारिक तौर पर गिनीज़ वर्ल्ड रिकॉर्ड्स (GWR) आइकन के रूप में मान्यता दी गई है, जो एथलेटिक्स में उनकी असाधारण उपलब्धियों का जश्न मनाता है। यह कदम गिनीज़ की 70वीं वर्षगांठ का प्रतीक है

Ques: As per the Finance Ministry, what is the interest rate on Sukanya Samriddhi Account Scheme for July–September 2025 quarter?
वित्त मंत्रालय के अनुसार, जुलाई-सितंबर 2025 तिमाही के लिए सुकन्या समृद्धि योजना पर ब्याज दर क्या है?

A. 7.60%
B. 7.80%
C. 8.00%
D. 8.20%
E. 8.40%

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• For the July–September 2025 quarter, the Finance Ministry has kept the interest rate for the Sukanya Samriddhi Account Scheme unchanged at 8.20%.
• This is the 6th consecutive quarter with no changes in small savings rates, despite a 100 basis point cut in repo rate by the RBI in 2024.
• The move is aimed at ensuring stability and protecting returns for small savers amid falling market interest rates.

Other key rates for this quarter include:

- Savings Deposit – 4.00%
- 1-Year Term Deposit – 6.90%
- 5-Year Term Deposit – 7.50%
- PPF – 7.10%
- Senior Citizen Savings Scheme – 8.20%

Ques: Which company recently became the 6th Indian startup to attain unicorn status in 2025 after raising $120 million in Series D funding?
किस कंपनी ने सीरीज D फंडिंग में 120 मिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर जुटाकर 2025 में छठी भारतीय यूनिकॉर्न बनने का दर्जा प्राप्त किया?

A. Netradyne / नेट्राडाइन
B. JSW One Platform / जेएसडब्ल्यू वन प्लेटफ़ॉर्म
C. Juspay / जस्पे
D. Jumbotail / जम्बोटेल
E. Porter / पोर्टर

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• Jumbotail Technologies Pvt. Ltd., a leading B2B e-commerce and retail platform for food and grocery, raised $120 million (Rs.1,028 crore) in Series D funding led by SC Ventures.
• With this funding, Jumbotail became the 6th Indian startup to attain unicorn status in 2025, following Netradyne, Juspay, Porter, Drools Pet Food Pvt. Ltd., and JSW One Platform.

Ques: According to RBI's June 2025 Financial Stability Report, what is the projected GNPA ratio for Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) by March 2027 under the baseline scenario?
आरबीआई की जून 2025 की वित्तीय स्थिरता रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, मार्च 2027 तक अनुसूचित वाणिज्यिक बैंकों (SCBs) का अनुमानित सकल एनपीए अनुपात (मूल परिदृश्य में) क्या है?

A. 2.3%
B. 2.5%
C. 5.3%
D. 5.6%
E. 3.1%

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• As per the RBI's June 2025 Financial Stability Report, the Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) ratio of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) is projected to rise marginally from 2.3% in March 2025 to 2.5% by March 2027 under the baseline scenario.
• This projection is based on macro stress tests conducted under three different scenarios: baseline, adverse scenario 1, and adverse scenario 2.
• Under adverse scenario 1, the GNPA could increase to 5.6%, while under adverse scenario 2, it may reach 5.3%.
• Despite this rise, Indian banks are expected to remain resilient, supported by strong capital buffers and low NPA ratios.
• The Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR) may also slightly decline from 17.2% in 2025 to 17% in 2027, yet no bank is projected to fall below the 9% regulatory minimum.

Ques: What is the combined stake of LIC, SHCIL, and SBI (including SBI Caps) in the unlisted NSE as of June 2025?
प्रश्न: जून 2025 तक अनलिस्टेड NSE में LIC, SHCIL और SBI (SBI कैप्स सहित) की संयुक्त हिस्सेदारी कितनी है?

A. 15%
B. 18%
C. 23%
D. 26%
E. 30%

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• As of June 2025, LIC (10.7%), SHCIL (4.40%), SBI (3.23%), and SBI Caps (4.33%) together hold a 23% stake in the unlisted National Stock Exchange (NSE).
• The total value of their combined shareholding is over Rs.1.3 lakh crore, based on NSE's estimated valuation of Rs.5.75 lakh crore (Rs.2,325 per share).
• LIC holds the largest PSU share worth Rs.61,525 crore, followed by SBI with Rs.43,470 crore, and SHCIL with Rs.25,300 crore.

Ques: What was India's gross GST collection for the month of June 2025?
जून 2025 के लिए भारत की सकल जीएसटी संग्रहण राशि कितनी थी?

A. Rs.1.95 lakh crore
B. Rs.1.96 lakh crore
C. Rs.1.85 lakh crore
D. Rs.1.83 lakh crore
E. Rs.1.84 lakh crore

Answer: C

Explanation :
• India's gross GST collection for June 2025 was ₹1,84,567 crore, which rounds off to ₹1.85 lakh crore, making Option C the correct answer.
• This reflects a 6.2% year-on-year growth, indicating a stable upward trend in GST revenues.
• As GST marks its 8th anniversary on 1st July 2025, cumulative collections for FY25 have reached a historic ₹22.08 lakh crore, nearly double the ₹11.37 lakh crore collected in FY21.

Comparative Monthly GST Collections:

• January 2025: ₹1,95,506 crore
• February 2025: ₹1,83,646 crore
• March 2025: ₹1,96,141 crore
• April 2025: ₹2,36,716 crore
• May 2025: ₹2,01,050 crore

Ques: As per the RBI's Financial Stability Report released in June 2025, what was India's household debt as a percentage of GDP in December 2024?
जून 2025 में जारी आरबीआई की वित्तीय स्थिरता रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, दिसंबर 2024 में भारत का घरेलू ऋण जीडीपी का कितना प्रतिशत था?

A. 42.9%
B. 36.6%
C. 40.0%
D. 46.6%
E. 41.9%

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• According to the June 2025 edition of RBI's Financial Stability Report (FSR), India's household debt as a percentage of GDP declined from 42.9% (June 2024) to 41.9% (December 2024).
• While this represents a marginal drop, the trend since June 2021 (36.6%) and December 2023 (40%) shows an overall increase in household leverage over the years.
• Non-housing retail loans, mostly taken for consumption, comprised 54.9% of total household debt.
• Housing loans contributed 29%, with the remainder split across other forms of debt.
• The RBI also flagged a rise in loans extended to low-rated borrowers, emphasizing the need for closer financial monitoring.

Ques: From what time will RBI's Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) and Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) be available starting July 1, 2025?
1 जुलाई 2025 से आरबीआई की स्टैंडिंग डिपॉजिट फैसिलिटी (SDF) और मार्जिनल स्टैंडिंग फैसिलिटी (MSF) किस समय से उपलब्ध होंगी?

A. 5:30 PM to 11:00 PM
B. 7:00 PM to 11:59 PM
C. 6:00 PM to 12:00 AM
D. 8:00 PM to 12:00 AM
E. 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revised the operational hours for SDF and MSF.
• Effective July 1, 2025, these liquidity tools will now be available from 7:00 PM to 11:59 PM every day.
• This update aligns with the extended call money market timings, which will now remain open until 7:00 PM.
• Earlier, SDF and MSF operated from 5:30 PM to 11:59 PM.

Ques: AU Small Finance Bank has recently partnered with which organization to offer life insurance products?
एयू स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक ने हाल ही में किस संगठन के साथ जीवन बीमा उत्पाद पेश करने के लिए साझेदारी की है?

A. SBI Life / एसबीआई लाइफ
B. HDFC Life / एचडीएफसी लाइफ
C. LIC / एलआईसी
D. ICICI Prudential / आईसीआईसीआई प्रुडेंशियल
E. Max Life / मैक्स लाइफ

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• 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.
• With this partnership, the bank's total number of life insurance tie-ups has reached eight.
• The announcement was made via a stock exchange filing.
• This move enhances AU SFB's insurance product offerings and strengthens LIC's distribution network.

Ques: Which system has SEBI approved for performing digital KYC by registered intermediaries?
सेबी ने पंजीकृत मध्यस्थों द्वारा डिजिटल केवाईसी के लिए किस सिस्टम को मंजूरी दी है?

A. DigiLocker System / डिजीलॉकर सिस्टम
B. Aadhaar Vault / आधार वॉल्ट
C. e-KYC Setu System / ई-केवाईसी सेतु सिस्टम
D. UPI Verify System / यूपीआई वेरिफाई सिस्टम
E. KRA Portal / केआरए पोर्टल

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• SEBI has approved the e-KYC Setu System, developed by NPCI in collaboration with UIDAI, for Aadhaar-based digital KYC.
• This system enables paperless and quick onboarding of customers by SEBI-registered intermediaries.
• It offers a secure and efficient alternative for digital verification in investment and securities markets.
• The move promotes ease of doing business and supports India’s drive for digital transformation in financial services.

Ques: At which event did MCPO Omkar Singh win India's first medal in the 2025 World Military Shooting Championship?
MCPO ओंकार सिंह ने 2025 विश्व सैन्य निशानेबाजी चैंपियनशिप में भारत का पहला पदक किस स्पर्धा में जीता?

A. 25m Center Fire Pistol / 25 मीटर सेंटर फायर पिस्टल
B. 10m Air Pistol / 10 मीटर एयर पिस्टल
C. 50m Rifle Prone / 50 मीटर राइफल प्रोन
D. Skeet Shooting / स्कीट शूटिंग
E. Rapid Fire Pistol / रैपिड फायर पिस्टल

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• MCPO (Master Chief Petty Officer) Omkar Singh of the Indian Navy won the bronze medal in the 25m Center Fire Pistol event.
• The medal was won at the 55th CISM World Military Shooting Championship 2025, held in Elverum, Norway, from June 23 to 29.
• This is India's first medal at this prestigious global military shooting competition.

Ques: What is the main objective of the Hong Kong Convention (HKC), which came into force on June 26, 2025?
26 जून 2025 को लागू हुए हांगकांग कन्वेंशन (HKC) का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. Regulate global maritime trade routes / वैश्विक समुद्री व्यापार मार्गों को विनियमित करना
B. Ensure safety of oil tankers in international waters / अंतरराष्ट्रीय जल में तेल टैंकरों की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करना
C. Promote digital navigation systems in cargo ships / मालवाहक जहाजों में डिजिटल नेविगेशन सिस्टम को बढ़ावा देना
D. Ensure safe and eco-friendly recycling of ships / जहाजों के सुरक्षित और पर्यावरण के अनुकूल पुनर्चक्रण को सुनिश्चित करना
E. Monitor piracy threats in shipping lanes / शिपिंग लेनों में समुद्री लूट की निगरानी करना

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The Hong Kong Convention (HKC) is a global treaty developed under the International Maritime Organization (IMO).
• It regulates the safe and environmentally sound recycling of end-of-life ships.
• Objectives include protecting workers from hazardous materials (e.g. asbestos, mercury, PCBs) and reducing environmental pollution from shipbreaking.
• Key mandates include maintaining a list of hazardous materials, approval of Ship Recycling Plans (SRP), and issuing Recycling Completion Certificates.
• India, home to the Alang ship recycling yard in Gujarat, ratified the convention in 2023 and plays a crucial role in global ship recycling.

Ques: As per the Brand Finance 2025 report, which company was ranked as India's number one food brand by brand value?
ब्रांड फाइनेंस 2025 रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, ब्रांड वैल्यू के आधार पर भारत का नंबर एक खाद्य ब्रांड कौन बना?

A. Britannia / ब्रिटानिया
B. Dabur / डाबर
C. Nandini / नंदिनी
D. Amul / अमूल
E. Mother Dairy / मदर डेयरी

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• According to the Brand Finance 2025 report, Amul retained its top position among Indian food brands with a brand value of $4.1 billion.
• It was followed by Mother Dairy at second place with $1.15 billion, while Britannia, Nandini, and Dabur secured 3rd, 4th, and 5th positions respectively.
• In the overall list of India's top 100 brands, Amul was ranked 17th, and Mother Dairy improved its position to 35th from 41st in 2024.

Ques: What is the primary function of the THAAD missile system developed by the United States?

संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका द्वारा विकसित *THAAD* मिसाइल प्रणाली का मुख्य कार्य क्या है?

A. Launching long-range cruise missiles / लंबी दूरी की क्रूज मिसाइलें लॉन्च करना
B. Destroying enemy tanks and ground forces / दुश्मन की टैंकों और जमीनी सेनाओं को नष्ट करना
C. Intercepting and destroying ballistic missiles in their terminal phase / बैलिस्टिक मिसाइलों को उनके अंतिम चरण में रोकना और नष्ट करना
D. Surveillance and reconnaissance in enemy territory / दुश्मन क्षेत्र में निगरानी और टोही
E. Attacking nuclear submarines in deep seas / गहरे समुद्र में परमाणु पनडुब्बियों पर हमला करना

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• 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.
• It does not carry a warhead; instead, it uses kinetic energy (impact force) to destroy the incoming missile.
• It can target aerial threats at a range of 150–200 km.
• Recently, the US used 15–20% of its THAAD arsenal during a 12-day conflict with Iran to defend against aerial strikes.

Ques: Which Formula 1 driver won the 2025 Austrian Grand Prix, marking his third Grand Prix victory of the 2025 season?
किस फॉर्मूला 1 ड्राइवर ने 2025 ऑस्ट्रियन ग्रां प्री जीती, जो उनके 2025 सीज़न की तीसरी ग्रां प्री जीत थी?

A. Max Verstappen / मैक्स वर्स्टापेन
B. Oscar Piastri / ऑस्कर पियास्त्री
C. Lewis Hamilton / लुईस हैमिल्टन
D. Lando Norris / लैंडो नॉरिस
E. Charles Leclerc / चार्ल्स लेक्लर

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• By winning the 2025 Austrian Grand Prix (GP), British Formula 1 (F1) driver Lando Norris, who drives for McLaren Racing Limited of the United Kingdom (UK), secured his third Formula One (F1) Grand Prix (GP) victory of the 2025 season.
• With this triumph, Lando Norris achieved his seventh Formula One victory.

Recent Grand Prix Winner :

• 2025 Australian Grand Prix : Lando Norris
• 2025 Chinese Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri
• 2025 Japanese Grand Prix : Max Verstappen
• 2025 Bahrain Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri
• 2025 Saudi Arabian Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri
• 2025 Miami Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri
• 2025 Emilia Romagna Grand Prix : Max Verstappen
• 2025 F1 Monaco Grand Prix : Lando Norris
• 2025 Spanish Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri
• 2025 Canadian Grand Prix : George Russell

Ques: Which two women groups were appreciated by PM Modi in the 123rd episode of Maan Ki Baat for their entrepreneurship?
'मन की बात' के 123वें एपिसोड में प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने किन दो महिलाओं के समूहों की उद्यमशीलता की सराहना की?

A. Women from Leh & Varanasi / लेह और वाराणसी की महिलाएं
B. Women from Bhadrachalam & Kalaburgi / भद्राचलम और कलबुर्गी की महिलाएं
C. Women from Kochi & Bhilai / कोच्चि और भिलाई की महिलाएं
D. Women from Imphal & Raipur / इम्फाल और रायपुर की महिलाएं
E. Women from Bhuj & Gwalior / भुज और ग्वालियर की महिलाएं

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• In the 123rd edition of Maan Ki Baat, PM Narendra Modi highlighted the entrepreneurial achievements of women from Bhadrachalam (Telangana) and Kalaburgi (Karnataka).
• Women from Bhadrachalam, once field labourers, now run a millet biscuit business — Bhadrachalam Millet Magic — which has expanded from Hyderabad to London.
• Kalaburgi women started a cooperative producing ragi rotis and sanitary products under the name "Giri Sanitary Pads", distributing 40,000 pads in just 3 months.
• PM Modi also appreciated Meghalaya's GI-tagged Eri Silk, and praised the Khasi tribal community for preserving its sustainable, non-violent (Ahimsa) silk tradition.

Ques: Which ministry has recently revised guidelines for the Waste-to-Energy Programme under the National Bioenergy Programme?
किस मंत्रालय ने हाल ही में राष्ट्रीय जैव ऊर्जा कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत वेस्ट-टू-एनर्जी योजना के दिशा-निर्देशों को संशोधित किया है?

A. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change / पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय
B. Ministry of Power / विद्युत मंत्रालय
C. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy / नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय
D. Ministry of Rural Development / ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय
E. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas / पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has issued revised guidelines under the Waste-to-Energy Programme, a sub-scheme of the National Bioenergy Programme.
• The objective is to enhance efficiency, transparency, and create a performance-oriented ecosystem for deploying bio-waste to energy in India.

Key highlights include:

• Simplified approval process, helping especially MSMEs produce more CBG, biogas, and power.
• Central Financial Assistance (CFA) will now be released in two stages : 50% after Consent to Operate certificate (against bank guarantee) and Remaining after achieving 80% of rated capacity or maximum eligible capacity.
• Pro-rata CFA disbursement will be allowed if plants operate above 50% PLF.
• Joint inspection will now be conducted, led by SSS-NIBE and either SNAs, BTDCs, or MNRE-empaneled agencies.
• Project developers can now claim CFA within 18 months of commissioning or in-principle approval, whichever is later.

Ques: Reliance Defence partnered with which US company for defence MRO services in India?
रिलायंस डिफेंस ने भारत में रक्षा MRO सेवाओं के लिए किस अमेरिकी कंपनी के साथ साझेदारी की है?

A. Boeing / बोइंग
B. Lockheed Martin / लॉकहीड मार्टिन
C. Coastal Mechanics Inc. / कोस्टल मैकेनिक्स
D. General Dynamics / जनरल डायनामिक्स
E. Raytheon / रेथियॉन

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Reliance Defence has entered into a joint venture with Coastal Mechanics Inc. (CMI), a US-based firm, to provide end-to-end MRO (Maintenance, Repair, Overhaul), repair, upgrade, and lifecycle support for air and land defence platforms in India.
• The venture targets India's Rs.20,000 crore defence MRO market and will be established at MIHAN (Nagpur).
• This partnership aligns with the Make in India initiative, aiming to boost indigenous capabilities and reduce import dependence in the defence sector.
• CMI, which supplies components to the US Air Force and Army, will bring certification and manufacturing capabilities to India.
• The announcement follows the recent Dassault-Reliance Falcon 2000 business jet manufacturing deal.

Ques: What is the purpose of the SPREE 2025 scheme relaunched by ESIC?
ESIC द्वारा पुनः शुरू की गई SPREE 2025 योजना का उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. Promoting registration of employers and employees under the ESI Act / ईएसआई अधिनियम के तहत नियोक्ताओं और कर्मचारियों का पंजीकरण बढ़ावा देना
B. Ensuring housing facilities for migrant workers / प्रवासी श्रमिकों के लिए आवास सुविधाएं सुनिश्चित करना
C. Promoting retirement benefits for senior citizens / वरिष्ठ नागरिकों के लिए सेवानिवृत्ति लाभ को बढ़ावा देना
D. Offering financial aid to MSMEs / एमएसएमई को वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करना
E. Subsidizing medical insurance premiums / चिकित्सा बीमा प्रीमियम पर सब्सिडी देना

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• SPREE 2025 (Scheme to Promote Registration of Employers/Employees) has been relaunched by ESIC from July 1 to December 31, 2025.
• The scheme was originally introduced in 2016, aiming to expand ESI coverage across India.
• It provides a one-time opportunity for unregistered employers and left-out workers (including contractual and temporary staff) to come under the ESI Act.
• Employers registering during this period will be considered covered from the declared date, and employees will get coverage from their registration date.
• This move is part of ESIC's strategy to increase social security coverage and formalize employment.

Ques: Where was one of India's largest Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) manufacturing facilities inaugurated in 2025?
2025 में भारत की सबसे बड़ी बैटरी ऊर्जा भंडारण प्रणाली (BESS) निर्माण इकाइयों में से एक का उद्घाटन कहां किया गया?

A. Hosur, Tamil Nadu / होसुर, तमिलनाडु
B. Pune, Maharashtra / पुणे, महाराष्ट्र
C. Noida, Uttar Pradesh / नोएडा, उत्तर प्रदेश
D. Bidadi, Karnataka / बिदाडी, कर्नाटक
E. Gandhinagar, Gujarat / गांधीनगर, गुजरात

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• Union Minister Pralhad Joshi inaugurated a Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) manufacturing facility at Bidadi Industrial Area, Bengaluru, Karnataka.
• The facility has a capacity of 5 GWh, making it one of the largest and most advanced BESS plants in India.
• This initiative supports India's clean energy goal of 500 GW of non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030.
• Additionally, the minister announced Rs.5,400 crore in Viability Gap Funding (VGF) to support the development of 30 GWh battery storage systems, adding to the previously allocated Rs.3,700 crore.

About Viability Gap Funding scheme :

• Launched : 2004
• Contribution : 40% of the total project cost, amounting to Rs.3,760 crore, provided as VGF. Remaining 60% of project costs to be invested by participating companies.
• Total project outlay : Rs.9,400 crore
• Budgetary grant included in the initial outlay : Rs.3,700 crore
• Administered by : Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance
• Aims to develop 4,000 megawatt hours (MWh) of BESS by 2030-31.

Ques: As per the 2024 report, which state recorded the highest number of faunal discoveries in India?
2024 की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, भारत में सबसे अधिक जीव-जंतुओं की खोज किस राज्य में हुई?

A. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
B. West Bengal / पश्चिम बंगाल
C. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
D. Kerala / केरल
E. Arunachal Pradesh / अरुणाचल प्रदेश

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• According to the 2024 report, Kerala topped in faunal discoveries in India with 101 species, including both new species and new records.
• It was followed by Karnataka with 82 discoveries and West Bengal with 56.
• In total, 683 faunal species and 433 taxa of flora were added to India's biodiversity in 2024.
• Among notable discoveries were reptiles, amphibians, and orchids such as Bulbophyllum gopalanianum and Gastrodia sikkimensis.
• Kerala also led in plant discoveries with 58 new species.

Ques: What is the main aim of the FIFA's Football for Schools (F4S) Programme recently launched in India?
हाल ही में भारत में शुरू किए गए फीफा के फुटबॉल फॉर स्कूल्स (F4S) कार्यक्रम का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. To promote professional football leagues in schools / स्कूलों में पेशेवर फुटबॉल लीग को बढ़ावा देना
B. To train school teachers in football coaching / स्कूल शिक्षकों को फुटबॉल कोचिंग में प्रशिक्षित करना
C. To contribute to the education and development of children through football / फुटबॉल के माध्यम से बच्चों की शिक्षा और विकास में योगदान देना
D. To organize international school-level tournaments / अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्कूल स्तरीय टूर्नामेंट आयोजित करना
E. To promote girls' participation in football exclusively / विशेष रूप से लड़कियों की फुटबॉल में भागीदारी को बढ़ावा देना

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Football for Schools (F4S) Programme is a global initiative by FIFA in collaboration with UNESCO, launched in mid-2019, with pilot projects in Puerto Rico and Lebanon.
• It aims to empower and educate nearly 700 million children globally through football.
• In India, the programme is implemented by the Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL) under the Ministry of Education, with support from AIFF and SAI.
• Recently, footballs were distributed under the programme at PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, Fort William, Kolkata.

Ques: National Doctor's Day in India is observed on 1st July to commemorate the birth and death anniversary of which legendary doctor?
भारत में राष्ट्रीय चिकित्सक दिवस 1 जुलाई को किस प्रसिद्ध चिकित्सक की जयंती और पुण्यतिथि की स्मृति में मनाया जाता है?

A. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam / डॉ. ए.पी.जे. अब्दुल कलाम
B. Dr. Pranab Mukherjee / डॉ. प्रणब मुखर्जी
C. Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy / डॉ. विधान चंद्र राय
D. Dr. Manmohan Singh / डॉ. मनमोहन सिंह
E. Dr. Radhakrishnan / डॉ. राधाकृष्णन

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• National Doctor's Day is celebrated in India on 1st July every year since 1991, to honour Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy — a legendary physician, freedom fighter, and former Chief Minister of West Bengal.
• He was born and died on 01 July (1882–1962), making this day highly symbolic.
• Dr. Roy served as the Chief Minister of West Bengal for 14 years (1948–1962) and was the personal physician to Mahatma Gandhi.
• He was awarded the Bharat Ratna in February 1961, India's highest civilian award.
• The B.C. Roy National Award was instituted in 1976 to honour excellence in fields such as medicine, science, public affairs, arts, literature, and philosophy.
• Theme for 2025: "Behind the Mask: Who Heals the Healers?"

Ques: Hul Diwas is observed annually on June 30 to commemorate which tribal leaders and their rebellion?
***30* जून को प्रतिवर्ष मनाया जाने वाला हूल दिवस किन आदिवासी नेताओं और उनके विद्रोह की स्मृति में मनाया जाता है?**

A. Birsa Munda and Sidho Murmu / बिरसा मुंडा और सिदो मुर्मू
B. Sidho and Kanhu Murmu / सिदो और कान्हू मुर्मू
C. Tantya Bhil and Rani Durgavati / टंट्या भील और रानी दुर्गावती
D. Tilka Majhi and Phulo Jhano / तिलका मांझी और फूलो-झानो
E. Komaram Bheem and Kanhu Murmu / कोमाराम भीम और कान्हू मुर्मू

Answer*: Option B*

Explanation :

• Hul Diwas is observed on 30th June every year to honor Sidho and Kanhu Murmu, the tribal leaders who led the Santhal Hul (rebellion) in 1855 at Bhognadih, now in Jharkhand.
• The Santhal Hul was a massive uprising against British colonial rule and exploitation by moneylenders and zamindars.
• Alongside Sidho and Kanhu, their sisters Phulo and Jhano also played key roles in mobilizing the Santhal community.
• Though the rebellion was suppressed, it influenced landmark legislations like the Santhal Parganas Tenancy Act (1876) and Chotanagpur Tenancy Act (1908) for protecting tribal land rights.
• The Santhal rebellion is regarded as a pivotal moment in India's tribal and anti-colonial resistance history.

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Scheme with a corpus of Rs. One lakh Crore.

The Ministry of Power has announced the launch of a task force to conceive the India Energy Stack (IES), a pioneering initiative aimed at creating a unified, secure, and interoperable digital infrastructure for India's energy sector.

At a height of more than 18,510 feet (5,642 meters), Teghbir Singh of Ropar became the youngest person in history to climb Mount Elbrus, the highest peak in Europe and Russia.

India has imposed port entry restrictions on jute and allied products from Bangladesh, citing concerns over subsidized imports that harm the Indian jute sector.

Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, opened a 'Hedging Desk' in Pune as part of the Balasaheb Thackeray Agribusiness and Rural Transformation (SMART) Project. The goal is to secure fair market prices and higher revenue for farmers in the state.

CM Devendra Fadnavis has reversed the government resolutions (GRs) made on April 16 and June 17 regarding the controversial three-language policy, which included Hindi as the third language in primary schools.

महत्वपूर्ण एक पंक्ति समसामयिक मामले

प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी की अध्यक्षता में केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने एक लाख करोड़ रुपये की निधि के साथ अनुसंधान विकास और नवाचार (आरडीआई) योजना को मंजूरी दे दी है।

विद्युत मंत्रालय ने भारत ऊर्जा स्टैक (आईईएस) की अवधारणा के लिए एक टास्क फोर्स के गठन की घोषणा की है, जो भारत के ऊर्जा क्षेत्र के लिए एकीकृत, सुरक्षित और अंतर-संचालन योग्य डिजिटल बुनियादी ढाँचा बनाने के उद्देश्य से एक अग्रणी पहल है।

18,510 फीट (5,642 मीटर) से अधिक की ऊँचाई पर, रोपड़ के तेगबीर सिंह यूरोप और रूस की सबसे ऊँची चोटी माउंट एल्ब्रस पर चढ़ने वाले इतिहास के सबसे कम उम्र के व्यक्ति बन गए।

भारत ने भारतीय जूट क्षेत्र को नुकसान पहुँचाने वाले सब्सिडी वाले आयातों पर चिंताओं का हवाला देते हुए बांग्लादेश से जूट और संबद्ध उत्पादों पर बंदरगाह प्रवेश प्रतिबंध लगा दिया है।

महाराष्ट्र के मुख्यमंत्री देवेन्द्र फडणवीस ने बालासाहेब ठाकरे कृषि व्यवसाय और ग्रामीण परिवर्तन (स्मार्ट) परियोजना के हिस्से के रूप में पुणे में एक 'हेजिंग डेस्क' खोला। इसका लक्ष्य राज्य के किसानों के लिए उचित बाजार मूल्य और अधिक राजस्व सुनिश्चित करना है।

मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस ने विवादास्पद त्रि-भाषा नीति के संबंध में 16 अप्रैल और 17 जून को किए गए सरकारी प्रस्तावों (जीआर) को पलट दिया है, जिसमें प्राथमिक विद्यालयों में हिंदी को तीसरी भाषा के रूप में शामिल किया गया था।

Ques: Which multilateral organization subscribed to Rs.1,301.25 crore worth of NCDs issued by Aditya Birla Capital to support India's renewable and e-mobility sectors?
किस बहुपक्षीय संगठन ने अक्षय ऊर्जा और ई-गतिशीलता क्षेत्रों में भारत के संक्रमण को समर्थन देने के लिए आदित्य बिड़ला कैपिटल द्वारा जारी Rs.1,301.25 करोड़ के एनसीडी को सब्सक्राइब किया है?

A. World Bank / विश्व बैंक
B. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) / एशियाई बुनियादी ढांचा निवेश बैंक
C. Asian Development Bank / एशियाई विकास बैंक
D. International Monetary Fund (IMF) / अंतरराष्ट्रीय मुद्रा कोष
E. New Development Bank / नव विकास बैंक

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has subscribed to Rs.1,301.25 crore worth of Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) issued by Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL).
• The 3-year privately placed investment is aimed at strengthening renewable energy and e-mobility sectors in India.
• This move supports India’s commitments under its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) as part of the Paris Agreement 2015, helping the country transition to a sustainable infrastructure ecosystem.

About Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank :

• Established : 16 January 2016
• HQ : Beijing, China
• Members : 110 member states
• President : Zou Jiayi, former Vice Finance Minister of China

Ques: What was SBI's total profit in FY25, making it the most profitable Indian company for the third year in a row?
FY25 में SBI का कुल लाभ कितना रहा, जिससे वह लगातार तीसरे साल सबसे अधिक लाभ कमाने वाली भारतीय कंपनी बनी?

A. Rs.53,820 crore
B. Rs.41,633 crore
C. Rs.70,901 crore
D. Rs.29,910 crore
E. Rs.1.36 lakh crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• In FY25, State Bank of India (SBI) reported a record profit of Rs.70,901 crore, maintaining its position as the most profitable Indian company for the third consecutive year.
• This reflects a 52,000 times increase from Rs.1.36 crore profit in 1955.
• SBI also reported significant growth in deposits (Rs.53.82 lakh crore) and advances (Rs.41.63 lakh crore), showing massive expansion since its inception.
• The bank now holds 22.5% of total deposits and 19.4% of total credit among all scheduled commercial banks in India.

Ques: Which bank has received RBI's in-principle approval to acquire the fraud-hit New India Co-operative Bank (NICB)?
किस बैंक को धोखाधड़ी की शिकार न्यू इंडिया को-ऑपरेटिव बैंक (NICB) के अधिग्रहण के लिए RBI की सैद्धांतिक मंजूरी मिली है?

A. Punjab & Maharashtra Co-op Bank / पंजाब एंड महाराष्ट्र को-ऑप बैंक
B. Bharat Co-op Bank / भारत को-ऑप बैंक
C. Cosmos Co-op Bank / कॉसमॉस को-ऑप बैंक
D. Saraswat Co-op Bank / सारस्वत को-ऑप बैंक
E. Shamrao Vithal Co-op Bank / शामराव विठ्ठल को-ऑप बैंक

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted in-principle approval to Saraswat Co-operative Bank (SCB) for the acquisition of the New India Co-operative Bank (NICB) under the voluntary amalgamation scheme for Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs).
• NICB faced a crisis in February 2025 after an RBI inspection revealed ₹122 crore fund misappropriation.
• As of March 2025, SCB had a total business of ₹91,800 crore, while NICB stood at ₹3,500 crore.
• The acquisition aims to safeguard depositors' interests and is subject to approval by the shareholders of both banks.
• With this move, SCB will add 27 NICB branches to its existing 312 branches, marking its 8th acquisition of a stressed UCB.

Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)?
वित्तीय सेवा संस्थान ब्यूरो (FSIB) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. T. V. Somnathan / टी. वी. सोमनाथन
B. Bhanu Pratap Sharma / भानु प्रताप शर्मा
C. Shaktikanta Das / शक्तिकांत दास
D. Ajay Seth / अजय सेठ
E. Rajiv Gauba / राजीव गौबा

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Bhanu Pratap Sharma, who serves as a part-time Chairperson, has been appointed as the Chairman of the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB).
• His tenure is valid until 30 June 2026, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
• This is the second consecutive extension of FSIB leadership by the government.
• The FSIB was established on July 1, 2022, replacing the Banks Board Bureau (BBB), and is headquartered in Mumbai.

Ques: Which platform launched Web3 coins to enable decentralised crypto trading in India?
भारत में विकेन्द्रीकृत क्रिप्टो ट्रेडिंग को सक्षम करने के लिए Web3 Coins किस प्लेटफॉर्म ने लॉन्च किए?

A. WazirX / वज़ीरएक्स
B. Binance India / बायनेंस इंडिया
C. CoinDCX / कॉइनडीसीएक्स
D. CoinSwitch / कॉइनस्विच
E. ZebPay / ज़ेबपे

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• CoinSwitch launched Web3 Coins to offer Indian investors direct access to over 1 lakh decentralised crypto tokens, enabling simplified trading in rupees.
• The initiative eliminates the need for wallet setup, token swaps, and network fees, making decentralised finance (DeFi) more accessible.
• This move targets mainstream investors by reducing technical barriers and has been driven by the fact that 34% of active CoinSwitch users engaged with new tokens in the past 6 months.
• Globally, DEX platforms recorded $2.45 trillion in trading volume in the last year, highlighting the growing adoption of decentralised crypto trading.

Ques: Which public sector bank recently waived penalties for non-maintenance of Minimum Average Balance (MAB) in savings accounts, effective July 1, 2025?
1 जुलाई 2025 से बचत खातों में न्यूनतम औसत शेष (MAB) बनाए नहीं रखने पर दंड शुल्क माफ करने वाला नवीनतम सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र का बैंक कौन सा है?

A. Bank of Baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा
B. UCO Bank / यूको बैंक
C. Union Bank of India / यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
D. Indian Bank / इंडियन बैंक
E. Punjab National Bank / पंजाब नेशनल बैंक

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• Punjab National Bank (PNB), after SBI and Canara Bank, has announced that it will no longer charge penalties for non-maintenance of Minimum Average Balance (MAB) in savings accounts.
• This move is effective from July 1, 2025, and aims to support low-income households, women, and farmers by enhancing the accessibility of banking services.
• PNB has also reduced interest rates on savings accounts across all balance slabs as part of this customer-first initiative.

About Punjab National Bank :

• Established : 19 May 1894
• HQ : New Delhi
• MD & CEO : Ashok Chandra
• Tagline : The Name You Can Bank Upon

Ques: SBI recently inaugurated 'Global Trade Finance Centres' in which two Indian cities?
SBI ने हाल ही में किस दो भारतीय शहरों में 'ग्लोबल ट्रेड फाइनेंस सेंटर' का उद्घाटन किया है?

A. Mumbai and Chennai / मुंबई और चेन्नई
B. Kolkata and Hyderabad / कोलकाता और हैदराबाद
C. Delhi and Bengaluru / दिल्ली और बेंगलुरु
D. Ahmedabad and Kochi / अहमदाबाद और कोच्चि
E. Pune and Surat / पुणे और सूरत

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• State Bank of India (SBI) inaugurated Global Trade Finance Centres in Kolkata and Hyderabad to boost domestic and international trade services.
• These hubs are designed to streamline import-export transactions, enabling faster processing, improved compliance, and better customer experience.
• SBI aims to enhance operational efficiency and reduce the transaction turnaround time through these specialized centres.
• This initiative is aligned with SBI's vision to strengthen India's trade infrastructure and improve ease of doing business for exporters and importers.

Ques : What was the total UPI transaction volume recorded in June 2025?
जून 2025 में कुल UPI लेन-देन की मात्रा कितनी रही?

A. 18.68 billion
B. 20.15 billion
C. 17.92 billion
D. 18.40 billion
E. 19.05 billion

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• According to NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India), Unified Payments Interface (UPI) recorded 18.40 billion transactions worth Rs.24.04 lakh crore in June 2025.
• This marked a 32% YoY growth in volume and 20% growth in transaction value.
• The average daily transaction volume stood at 613 million, with a daily value of Rs.80,131 crore.
• Though slightly lower than May 2025 (which had 18.68 billion transactions), UPI continues to show strong adoption and maturity.
• Experts expect future growth to come from embedded credit, B2B transactions, and IoT-based solutions.

LQues: Who won the first National Skill Olympiad on seafood value addition organised by MPEDA at Seafood Expo Bharat in Chennai?
चेन्नई में सीफूड एक्सपो भारत के दौरान एमपीईडीए द्वारा आयोजित पहले राष्ट्रीय कौशल ओलंपियाड (समुद्री खाद्य मूल्य वर्धन) का विजेता कौन रहा?

A. Ravi Raj / रवि राज
B. Thanseer K R / थंसीर के.आर.
C. Nitin Thomas / नितिन थॉमस
D. Ajay Menon / अजय मेनन
E. Manu Joseph / मनु जोसेफ

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• 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.
• The initiative aims to promote value addition in seafood exports and develop a skilled workforce in the sector.
• Thanseer K R from Abad Foods, Malipuram, Kerala, won the Olympiad and was awarded a cash prize of Rs.1,00,000.

Ques: From which date has the Ministry of Railways rationalised passenger train fares based on the updated IRCA fare table?
रेलवे मंत्रालय ने अद्यतन IRCA किराया तालिका के आधार पर किस तिथि से यात्री ट्रेन किराया संरचना को तर्कसंगत बनाया है?

A. 1st July 2025
B. 15th June 2025
C. 1st June 2025
D. 15th July 2025
E. 1st August 2025

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• The Ministry of Railways has implemented a fare rationalisation initiative effective from 1st July 2025, based on the updated fare table issued by the Indian Railway Conference Association (IRCA).
• The revision aims to enhance financial sustainability of passenger services without affecting suburban travel.

Fare Revisions Highlights:

- Second Class (Passenger Trains) : No hike up to 500 km; beyond that, increased by Rs.5 to Rs.15 depending on distance
- Sleeper & First Class : Increase by 0.5 paisa/km
- Mail/Express (Non-AC) : Increase by 1 paisa/km for all classes
- AC Classes (Mail/Express) : Increased by 2 paisa/km across categories (AC Chair Car to Executive Anubhuti)
- No change in reservation fees, superfast surcharge, GST, or ancillary charges
- Changes applicable to tickets booked on or after 01.07.2025
- Suburban fares and season tickets remain unchanged

Ques: What is the approved capital cost for the four-lane Paramakudi–Ramanathapuram NH-87 project?
चार लेन वाले परमकुडी–रामनाथपुरम NH-87 प्रोजेक्ट के लिए स्वीकृत पूंजीगत लागत क्या है?

A. Rs.1,200 crore
B. Rs.2,100 crore
C. Rs.1,853 crore
D. Rs.1,500 crore
E. Rs.2,500 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Union Cabinet approved the four-lane construction of the Paramakudi–Ramanathapuram section of NH-87 in Tamil Nadu at a capital cost of Rs.1,853 crore.
• The project will be implemented under the Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM) and will enhance connectivity between Madurai, Paramakudi, Ramanathapuram, Mandapam, Rameshwaram, and Dhanushkodi.
• This new highway will reduce traffic congestion, cut travel time, and boost economic development and tourism, particularly to pilgrimage and coastal destinations like Rameswaram and Dhanushkodi.
• It is part of the government's broader vision to modernize national highway infrastructure in southern India.

Ques: What special taxation model has the G7 agreed to offer U.S. multinational companies under the global tax framework?
वैश्विक कर ढांचे के तहत जी7 देशों ने अमेरिकी बहुराष्ट्रीय कंपनियों को कौन सा विशेष कर मॉडल प्रदान करने पर सहमति व्यक्त की है?

A. One-Pillar Taxation / एक-स्तंभ कर व्यवस्था
B. Global Profit Sharing Model / वैश्विक लाभ साझाकरण मॉडल
C. Double Taxation Relief / दोहरे कर से राहत
D. Side-by-Side Taxation Model / साइड-बाय-साइड कर मॉडल
E. Tax Haven Equalization Rule / टैक्स हेवन समानीकरण नियम

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The G7 nations, under Canada's presidency, have agreed to a "side-by-side" taxation model for U.S. multinational companies, exempting them from the 15% global minimum corporate tax under the OECD's Pillar Two.
• Under this model, U.S. companies will be taxed only in the United States — not in the foreign jurisdictions where they operate.
• This exemption was advocated by the Donald Trump administration to ensure exclusive U.S. taxing rights on both domestic and foreign income of its corporations.
• This move marks a major deviation from the 2021 OECD global tax agreement, where nearly 140 countries agreed to:

• Pillar One: Reallocate taxing rights over large MNCs
• Pillar Two: Impose a 15% minimum corporate tax to prevent profit shifting and tax base erosion.

Ques: Which indigenous disaster alert system has been developed by C-DOT and tested nationwide by DoT and NDMA?
कौन सी स्वदेशी आपदा चेतावनी प्रणाली C-DOT द्वारा विकसित की गई है और जिसे DoT और NDMA द्वारा पूरे भारत में परीक्षण किया गया है?

A. SACHET Portal / सचेत पोर्टल
B. eAlert System / ई-अलर्ट सिस्टम
C. mSafe System / एमसेफ सिस्टम
D. Cell Broadcast System / सेल ब्रॉडकास्ट सिस्टम
E. DISPEL Network / डिस्पेल नेटवर्क

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), under the Ministry of Communications, in collaboration with NDMA (Ministry of Home Affairs), has initiated nationwide testing of an indigenous Cell Broadcast (CB) Disaster Alert System.
• This system is designed to instantly send alerts to all mobile phones in a specific area during natural disasters or emergencies such as earthquakes, tsunamis, lightning, gas leaks, etc.
• Unlike SMS (sent individually), Cell Broadcast sends messages to all devices in an area simultaneously, making it faster and more reliable.
• It was developed by C-DOT (Centre for Development of Telematics) in Bengaluru, Karnataka, and complements the SMS-based SACHET portal.
• The system is already active in all 36 States/UTs and has delivered over 6,899 crore alerts in 19 Indian languages during past disaster events.

Ques: What is the name of the newly approved National Sports Policy 2025 by the Union Cabinet?
केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल द्वारा अनुमोदित नई राष्ट्रीय खेल नीति 2025 का क्या नाम है?

A. Bharat Khelega Yojana / भारत खेलेगा योजना
B. Khelo Bharat Niti, 2025 / खेलो भारत नीति, 2025
C. Mission Olympic 2036 / मिशन ओलंपिक 2036
D. Sports India Vision 2047 / स्पोर्ट्स इंडिया विज़न 2047
E. Rashtriya Khel Sankalp / राष्ट्रीय खेल संकल्प

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Union Cabinet has approved the National Sports Policy (NSP) 2025, officially called “Khelo Bharat Niti, 2025”, with the goal of making India one of the top 5 sporting nations by 2047.
• It replaces the National Sports Policy 2001 and includes provisions to help India become a strong contender for hosting the 2036 Olympic Games.

The NSP is built on five strategic pillars:

1. Excellence on the Global Stage – From grassroots to elite sports performance
2. Sports for Economic Development – Promote tourism and global events
3. Sports for Social Development – Inclusive programs for women, tribal, and marginalized groups
4. Sports as a People’s Movement – Mass fitness and community engagement
5. Integration with Education – Align with NEP 2020 by introducing sports in school curriculum.

Ques: As per the Scheme for Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2025, how many total awards will be conferred under all categories?
प्रधानमंत्री उत्कृष्ट लोक प्रशासन पुरस्कार योजना 2025 के अनुसार, सभी श्रेणियों के अंतर्गत कुल कितने पुरस्कार प्रदान किए जाएंगे?

A. 10
B. 12
C. 16
D. 18
E. 20

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

The Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2025 will confer awards under three categories:

• Category I – Holistic Development of Districts under 11 priority sector programmes (5 awards)
• Category II – Aspirational Blocks Programme (5 awards)
• Category III – Innovations for Central Ministries/Departments, States and Districts (6 awards)

• Each award includes a Trophy, Scroll, and Rs. 20 lakh incentive for project implementation or resource gap bridging in public welfare.

Ques: IIM Kozhikode signed an MoU with which company to develop capacity-building programmes for the power sector?
IIM कोझिकोड ने पावर सेक्टर के लिए क्षमता निर्माण कार्यक्रमों के विकास हेतु किस कंपनी के साथ समझौता किया है?

A. NTPC / एनटीपीसी
B. BHEL / बीएचईएल
C. Tata Power DDL / टाटा पावर डीडीएल
D. PowerGrid / पॉवरग्रिड
E. Adani Power / अदानी पावर

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIMK) and Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd (Tata Power-DDL) signed an MoU to promote training, capacity building, and knowledge development in the power distribution sector.
• The collaboration will focus on smart grids, renewable energy integration, electric mobility, and the use of AI in power systems.
• It will also include joint research, workshops, faculty exchanges, and consultancy projects at national and international levels.
• Tata Power-DDL experts will also participate in global conclaves and thought leadership events hosted by IIM Kozhikode.

Ques: What is the name of the AI multilingual translation challenge launched under the WaveX Accelerator Programme?
WaveX एक्सीलेरेटर कार्यक्रम के तहत शुरू की गई एआई बहुभाषी अनुवाद चुनौती का नाम क्या है?

A. BhashaSetu – Real-Time Language Tech for Bharat / भाषा सेतु – भारत के लिए रियल-टाइम भाषा तकनीक
B. BhashaYatra – AI Bridge for India / भाषा यात्रा – भारत के लिए एआई ब्रिज
C. VaaniSetu – Voice AI for Bharat / वाणी सेतु – भारत के लिए वॉइस एआई
D. LinguaTech India / लिंगुआटेक इंडिया
E. AI Varta – Multilingual Voice Connect / एआई वार्ता – बहुभाषी वॉइस कनेक्ट

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has launched the WAVEX Startup Challenge 2025 under its WaveX Accelerator Programme.
• The challenge is titled 'BhashaSetu – Real-Time Language Tech for Bharat' and seeks AI-powered tools for real-time translation, transliteration, and voice localization in 12+ Indian languages.
• The winning startup will receive incubation support, mentorship, and workspace through the WaveX Accelerator until deployment.
• WaveX is part of the WAVES initiative focused on media, entertainment, and language technology innovation.

Ques: What is the name of the second stealth frigate inducted under Project 17A by the Indian Navy?
भारतीय नौसेना द्वारा प्रोजेक्ट 17A के तहत शामिल किए गए दूसरे स्टील्थ फ्रिगेट का नाम क्या है?

A. INS Satpura / आईएनएस सतपुरा
B. INS Shivalik / आईएनएस शिवालिक
C. INS Udaygiri / आईएनएस उदयगिरि
D. INS Vindhyagiri / आईएनएस विंध्यगिरि
E. INS Talwar / आईएनएस तलवार

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• INS Udaygiri is the second stealth frigate built under Project 17A, following the legacy of the Shivalik-class ships of Project 17.
• It was inducted into the Indian Navy in just 37 months from launch, showcasing record-speed construction.
• The ship is equipped with advanced stealth capabilities, modern sensors, and weapon systems like a supersonic surface-to-surface missile, medium-range SAM, 76 mm naval gun, and CIWS.
• Under Project 17A, 7 frigates are being constructed – 4 by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDSL), Mumbai, and 3 by GRSE, Kolkata.
• The original INS Udaygiri, a steam-powered ship, served the Indian Navy for 31 years and was decommissioned in August 2007.
• This modern version marks a significant leap in indigenous warship design and capabilities.

Ques: What is the name of the newly approved scheme by the Union Cabinet to incentivize employment generation and support first-time employees and employers?
रोजगार सृजन को प्रोत्साहित करने और प्रथम बार नौकरी करने वाले कर्मचारियों व नियोक्ताओं को सहायता देने के लिए केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल द्वारा हाल ही में मंजूर की गई योजना का क्या नाम है?

A. PM Employment Guarantee Scheme / पीएम रोजगार गारंटी योजना
B. Skill India Mission / स्किल इंडिया मिशन
C. Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme / रोजगार से जुड़ी प्रोत्साहन योजना
D. National Youth Employability Scheme / राष्ट्रीय युवा रोजगार योजना
E. Atmanirbhar Rozgar Yojana / आत्मनिर्भर रोजगार योजना

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme, focusing on employment generation, employability, and social security.
• The ELI Scheme is part of the Union Budget 2024–25, aiming to create over 3.5 crore jobs in two years, with a total budget outlay of Rs.99,446 crore.
• Part A: Offers one-month wage up to Rs.15,000 to first-time employees registered with EPFO, paid in two installments after 6 and 12 months of service.
• Part B: Provides up to Rs.3,000/month incentive to employers for every additional employee with salary up to Rs.1 lakh, for two years (extended to four years for the manufacturing sector).
• Jobs created between August 1, 2025 to July 31, 2027 are eligible.
• It's part of the PM's package for 4.1 crore youth with a total budget of Rs.2 lakh crore across five schemes.

The incentive structure will be as under:

• Employers earn Rs.1,000 every month for each new employee, with an EPF wage of up to Rs.10,000.
• Employers receive Rs.2,000 for employees earning more than Rs.10,000 and up to Rs.20,000 through EPF.

• Employers will earn Rs. 3,000 for each employee, with incentives exceeding Rs. 20,000.

• Payments to First Time Employees under Part A of the Scheme will be made through DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) via the Aadhar Bridge Payment System (ABPS). Payments to employers under Part B will be made straight into their PAN-linked accounts.

Ques: Rs.1,894 crore PM MITRA mega textile park has been approved in which district of Tamil Nadu?
Rs.1,894 करोड़ की लागत वाला PM मित्र मेगा टेक्सटाइल पार्क तमिलनाडु के किस ज़िले में मंज़ूर किया गया है?

A. Coimbatore / कोयंबटूर
B. Erode / इरोड
C. Chennai / चेन्नई
D. Virudhunagar / विरुधुनगर
E. Madurai / मदुरै

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The Union Ministry of Textiles has approved the development of a PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Park in Virudhunagar, Tamil Nadu with a total investment of Rs.1,894 crore.
• The park will be spread across 1,052 acres, and will host facilities for textile manufacturing, processing, and technical textiles.
• Key infrastructure includes a 15 MLD Common Effluent Treatment Plant, Zero Liquid Discharge, 5 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant, and accommodation for 10,000 workers.
• The park is expected to be completed by September 2026, drawing Rs.10,000 crore in investments and creating 1 lakh jobs.
• This is India's first approved PM MITRA Park, launched jointly in March 2023 by Tamil Nadu CM M.K. Stalin and Union Minister Piyush Goyal.
• It is part of a five-year plan (2025–2030) to boost industrial innovation and sustainability in the textile sector.

Ques: Where was the 21st Steering Committee Meeting of Project Elephant chaired by Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav held?
केंद्रीय मंत्री भूपेंद्र यादव की अध्यक्षता में परियोजना हाथी की 21वीं संचालन समिति की बैठक कहां आयोजित की गई थी?

A. Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu / कोयंबटूर, तमिलनाडु
B. Kadanad, Tamil Nadu / कडानाड, तमिलनाडु
C. Kaziranga, Assam / काजीरंगा, असम
D. Dehradun, Uttarakhand / देहरादून, उत्तराखंड
E. Bhubaneshwar, Odisha / भुवनेश्वर, ओडिशा

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• 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.

Key discussions included:

- Mitigation of human-elephant conflict,
- Survey of 3,452.4 km of railway tracks with 77 high-risk collision zones,
- Review of the Model Elephant Conservation Plan for Nilgiri Elephant Reserve (to be finalized by December 2025),
- Preparations for World Elephant Day 2025 in Coimbatore, where the Gaj Awards will be presented.

• Project Elephant was launched in 1992 as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, and the last elephant census in 2017 recorded 29,964 elephants in India.

Ques: What is the name of the app launched by Indian Railways to integrate all passenger services?
भारतीय रेलवे द्वारा सभी यात्री सेवाओं को एकीकृत करने के लिए लॉन्च किए गए ऐप का नाम क्या है?

A. RailOne / रेलवन
B. RailSeva / रेलसेवा
C. IRCTC Pro / आईआरसीटीसी प्रो
D. UTS Next / यूटीएस नेक्स्ट
E. Bharat Rail / भारत रेल

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• 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 app is developed by the Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS) and supports RailConnect and UTS login credentials.
• Single sign-on via mPIN or biometrics enhances security and ease of use.
• It runs on both Android and iOS and is aimed at reducing the need for multiple railway-related apps.
• Reserved ticket booking remains via IRCTC, but RailOne is IRCTC-authorized.
• It is part of a broader effort to modernize the Passenger Reservation System (PRS) to handle up to 1.5 lakh bookings and 40,000 queries per minute in multiple languages.

Ques: Where was the first-ever ASEAN-India Cruise Dialogue inaugurated by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal held?
केंद्रीय मंत्री सर्बानंद सोनोवाल द्वारा उद्घाटित पहला ASEAN-India क्रूज़ संवाद कहां आयोजित किया गया?

A. Mumbai Port / मुंबई बंदरगाह
B. Vishakhapatnam Port / विशाखापत्तनम बंदरगाह
C. Port Blair / पोर्ट ब्लेयर
D. Chennai Port / चेन्नई बंदरगाह
E. Kochi Port / कोच्चि बंदरगाह

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The first-ever ASEAN-India Cruise Dialogue was inaugurated by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW), at Chennai Port.
• The event took place aboard the MV Empress (Cordelia Cruise ship).
• The dialogue was attended by all 10 ASEAN member nations — Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam — along with Timor Leste.
• The primary objectives were to strengthen maritime cooperation, improve cruise connectivity, and promote sustainable tourism across the Indo-Pacific region.

Ques: Which portal did the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) use to launch the module for spectrum demand survey under CNPN services?
दूरसंचार विभाग (DoT) ने CNPN सेवाओं के तहत स्पेक्ट्रम मांग सर्वेक्षण के लिए किस पोर्टल पर मॉड्यूल लॉन्च किया है?

A. Digital India Portal / डिजिटल इंडिया पोर्टल
B. BharatNet Portal / भारतनेट पोर्टल
C. PM-WANI Portal / पीएम-वानी पोर्टल
D. Saral Sanchar Portal / सरल संचार पोर्टल
E. Spectrum India Portal / स्पेक्ट्रम इंडिया पोर्टल

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) issued guidelines for setting up Captive Non-Public Networks (CNPNs), enabling enterprises to establish their own private 4G/5G networks.
• These networks can operate using spectrum from Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) or through direct spectrum assignment.
• To assess demand, DoT launched a dedicated module on the Saral Sanchar portal to collect inputs for identifying appropriate frequency bands.
• The survey will help determine potential frequency bands for direct assignment to enterprises for secure and low-latency CNPN services.
• Portal: https://saralsanchar.gov.in

Ques: What is the name of the Electricity Safety Mascot launched during Electricity Safety Day 2025 in New Delhi?
नई दिल्ली में आयोजित विद्युत सुरक्षा दिवस 2025 के दौरान लॉन्च किए गए विद्युत सुरक्षा शुभंकर का नाम क्या है?

A. Bijli Veer / बिजली वीर
B. Urja Rakshak / ऊर्जा रक्षक
C. Power Pal / पावर पाल
D. Vidyut Mitra / विद्युत मित्र
E. Suraksha Shakti / सुरक्षा शक्ति

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• The Central Electricity Authority, in collaboration with Bombay Suburban Electric Supply, organized Electricity Safety Day 2025 in New Delhi.
• The theme of the event was "Smart Energy, Safe Nation".
• On this occasion, Union Minister of State Shripad Yesso Naik launched the Electricity Safety Mascot named ‘Suraksha Shakti’, aimed at raising safety awareness through a relatable and engaging character.
• He also released the first edition of the Electrical Safety Handbook during the event.

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited announced its first international acquisition of 51% stake in Colombo Dockyard PLC for USD 52.96 million. MDL will purchase the shares owned by Onomichi Dockyard Company Limited

As per the Praxis Global Alliance report, India's gold loan market has grown from USD 33 billion in FY19 to USD 83 billion in FY24, reflecting a CAGR of 20%. Southern India continues to dominate the sector, holding 79% of the total market share.

Ericsson's cutting-edge antenna manufacturing facility at VVDN's Global Innovation Park in Manesar was launched by Union Minister of Communications and Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (DONER), Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia.

The Department of Financial Services launched a 3-month campaign (01.07.2025 to 30.09.2025) to ensure the saturation of Financial Inclusion schemes at the Gram Panchayat (GP) and Urban Local Body (ULB) levels. It aims to cover 2.70 lakh GPs and ULBs across India through various activities like Re-KYC, PMJDY account opening, insurance & pension enrollments etc.

From July 2–9, 2025, PM Modi will go to five countries: Ghana, Trinidad & Tobago, Argentina, Brazil, and Namibia. He will travel to Ghana for two days on the first leg, the first visit by an Indian prime minister in more than thirty years.

महत्वपूर्ण एक – लाइनर करेंट अफेयर्स

मझगांव डॉक शिपबिल्डर्स लिमिटेड ने कोलंबो डॉकयार्ड पीएलसी में 51% हिस्सेदारी के अपने पहले अंतरराष्ट्रीय अधिग्रहण की घोषणा 52.96 मिलियन अमरीकी डॉलर में की। एमडीएल ओनोमिची डॉकयार्ड कंपनी लिमिटेड के स्वामित्व वाले शेयरों को खरीदेगा

प्रैक्सिस ग्लोबल अलायंस की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, भारत का गोल्ड लोन बाजार वित्त वर्ष 19 में 33 बिलियन अमरीकी डॉलर से बढ़कर वित्त वर्ष 24 में 83 बिलियन अमरीकी डॉलर हो गया है, जो 20% की सीएजीआर को दर्शाता है। दक्षिणी भारत इस क्षेत्र पर हावी है, जिसकी कुल बाजार हिस्सेदारी 79% है।

मानेसर में वीवीडीएन के ग्लोबल इनोवेशन पार्क में एरिक्सन की अत्याधुनिक एंटीना निर्माण सुविधा का शुभारंभ केंद्रीय संचार मंत्री और पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री (डोनर), श्री ज्योतिरादित्य एम. सिंधिया ने किया।

वित्तीय सेवा विभाग ने ग्राम पंचायत (जीपी) और शहरी स्थानीय निकाय (यूएलबी) स्तर पर वित्तीय समावेशन योजनाओं की संतृप्ति सुनिश्चित करने के लिए 3 महीने का अभियान (01.07.2025 से 30.09.2025) शुरू किया। इसका उद्देश्य विभिन्न गतिविधियों जैसे कि री-केवाईसी, पीएमजेडीवाई खाता खोलना, बीमा और पेंशन नामांकन आदि के माध्यम से पूरे भारत में 2.70 लाख जीपी और यूएलबी को कवर करना है।

2-9 जुलाई, 2025 तक, पीएम मोदी पाँच देशों की यात्रा करेंगे: घाना, त्रिनिदाद और टोबैगो, अर्जेंटीना, ब्राज़ील और नामीबिया। वे पहले चरण में दो दिनों के लिए घाना की यात्रा करेंगे, जो तीस से अधिक वर्षों में किसी भारतीय प्रधान मंत्री की पहली यात्रा है।

Ques: As per the RBI's new directive effective from January 1, 2026, which of the following types of loans are exempted from prepayment penalties when offered on floating interest rates?
RBI के 1 जनवरी 2026 से प्रभावी नए निर्देशों के अनुसार, निम्नलिखित में से किन ऋणों पर फ्लोटिंग ब्याज दर पर प्रीपेमेंट पेनल्टी नहीं लगेगी?

A. Loans to large corporates / बड़े कॉरपोरेट को दिए गए ऋण
B. Floating rate personal loans & MSE business loans / फ्लोटिंग रेट पर्सनल लोन और MSE व्यावसायिक ऋण
C. Fixed rate home loans / फिक्स्ड रेट होम लोन
D. Education loans only / केवल शिक्षा ऋण
E. Loans sanctioned before January 2024 / जनवरी 2024 से पहले स्वीकृत ऋण

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has barred banks, NBFC-ULs, and certain other lenders from levying foreclosure or prepayment charges on floating rate loans extended to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) and on floating rate personal loans.
• The norms apply to loans sanctioned or renewed after January 1, 2026.
• This includes loans by commercial banks, tier-4 UCBs, NBFC-ULs, and All India Financial Institutions.
• Small Finance Banks, RRBs, and Local Area Banks have been excluded, as they are already prohibited from charging prepayment fees on loans up to Rs.50 lakh.
• For cash credit/overdraft, no charges will apply if the borrower gives prior notice of non-renewal as per the agreement.

Ques : What is the interest rate applicable on RBI's Floating Rate Savings Bond 2020 (Taxable) for July–December 2025?
जुलाई–दिसंबर 2025 के लिए RBI के फ्लोटिंग रेट सेविंग्स बॉन्ड 2020 (कर योग्य) पर लागू ब्याज दर क्या है?

A. 8.05%
B. 7.70%
C. 7.50%
D. 8.35%
E. 7.85%

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• The Floating Rate Savings Bonds (FRSB) 2020 (Taxable) have an interest rate that is reset every 6 months, in January and July.
• The interest rate is linked to the National Savings Certificate (NSC) rate, with a +0.35% spread.
• For July to December 2025, the NSC rate is 7.70%, hence the bond's rate is: 7.70% + 0.35% = 8.05%
• The interest is non-cumulative and paid semi-annually, next on January 1, 2026.

Ques: What initiative has SBI launched to contribute to India's Net Zero 2070 targets?
भारत के नेट ज़ीरो 2070 लक्ष्यों में योगदान देने के लिए SBI ने कौन सी पहल शुरू की है?

A. Green Credit Programme / ग्रीन क्रेडिट कार्यक्रम
B. Solar Rooftop Programme / सोलर रूफटॉप कार्यक्रम
C. Net Zero Financing Scheme / नेट ज़ीरो वित्त योजना
D. Sustainable Homes Mission / सतत आवास मिशन
E. Eco India Solar Drive / ईको इंडिया सोलर ड्राइव

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• To support India's Net Zero 2070 goals, State Bank of India (SBI) launched a Solar Rooftop Programme aimed at solarising 4 million homes by FY2027.
• The announcement was made as SBI marked its 70th anniversary.
• SBI also reported the highest agricultural lending in the country, exceeding Rs.3.5 lakh crore in FY25.
• Additionally, SBI spent Rs.610.8 crore on CSR activities in 94 aspirational districts.
• On July 1, 2025, SBI inaugurated Global Trade Finance Centres in Kolkata and Hyderabad.

Ques: What is the purpose of the Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI) developed by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT)?
दूरसंचार विभाग (DoT) द्वारा विकसित Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI) का उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. Classify banks by size / बैंकों को उनके आकार के आधार पर वर्गीकृत करना
B. Predict inflation levels / महंगाई के स्तर की भविष्यवाणी करना
C. Detect fraudulent mobile numbers and help prevent cyber-enabled financial fraud
साइबर वित्तीय धोखाधड़ी से जुड़े मोबाइल नंबरों का पता लगाना और उसे रोकना
D. Rank telecom companies / टेलीकॉम कंपनियों की रैंकिंग करना
E. Identify loan defaulters / ऋण चूककर्ताओं की पहचान करना

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI) is a risk-based tool developed by DoT's Digital Intelligence Unit (DIU).
• It classifies mobile numbers into Medium, High, and Very High risk categories using inputs from sources like I4C-NCRP, Chakshu, and banks/UPI platforms.
• Helps banks take real-time preventive actions such as blocking, warning, or delaying high-risk financial transactions.
• Already adopted by institutions like PhonePe, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Paytm, etc.
• Supports inter-agency coordination, enhancing Digital India's cyber resilience.

Ques: Which bank has classified Reliance Communications' loan account as 'fraud' and reported Anil Ambani to the RBI?
किस बैंक ने रिलायंस कम्युनिकेशंस के ऋण खाते को 'धोखाधड़ी' के रूप में वर्गीकृत किया और अनिल अंबानी को RBI को रिपोर्ट किया?

A. Punjab National Bank / पंजाब नेशनल बैंक
B. Bank of Baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा
C. State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
D. ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक
E. HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The State Bank of India (SBI) has decided to classify the loan account of Reliance Communications Ltd (RCom) as "fraud" under RBI guidelines.
• The case involves questionable usage of two loans, including a Rs.250 crore loan from Dena Bank and another Rs.248 crore for capital expenditure, where misappropriation of funds was suspected.
• SBI's Fraud Identification Committee (FIC) flagged the matter, leading to Anil Ambani's name being reported to the RBI.
• While RCom claims the loans were used for repayments, SBI found no valid purpose, raising concerns about management integrity.

Ques: Who has been appointed as the President of the Kho-Kho Federation of India (KKFI) for a 4-year term in 2025?
2025 में किसे 4 वर्ष के कार्यकाल के लिए भारतीय खो-खो महासंघ (KKFI) का अध्यक्ष नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Upkar Singh Virk / उपकार सिंह विरक
B. Govind Sharma / गोविंद शर्मा
C. Rajeev Mehta / राजीव मेहता
D. Sudhanshu Mittal / सुधांशु मित्तल
E. Sharad Chauhan / शरद चौहान

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• Sudhanshu Mittal, former BJP MP, has been appointed as the President of the Kho-Kho Federation of India (KKFI) for a 4-year term in 2025.
• He has also been serving as the President of the International Kho Kho Federation (IKKF) since 2018.
• Under his leadership, KKFI successfully hosted the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup 2025 in New Delhi.
• Additionally, Upkar Singh Virk was appointed as the Secretary and Govind Sharma (Maharashtra Kho Kho Association) as the Treasurer of KKFI.

Ques: Which state achieved the highest score in the Management Effectiveness Evaluation report 2025 for Protected Areas in India?
भारत में संरक्षित क्षेत्रों के लिए प्रबंधन प्रभावशीलता मूल्यांकन रिपोर्ट 2025 में किस राज्य ने सर्वोच्च स्कोर प्राप्त किया?

A. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
B. Punjab / पंजाब
C. Himachal Pradesh / हिमाचल प्रदेश
D. Kerala / केरल
E. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) report 2025, launched by Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav during the Indian Conservation Conference (ICCON) 2025 in Dehradun, assessed 438 National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries.
• Kerala topped all states with a score of 76.22%, making it the only state rated as "Very Good."
• It outperformed Karnataka (74.24%), Punjab (71.74%), and Himachal Pradesh (71.36%) which were rated as "Good."
• Chandigarh topped among UTs with 85.16%, while Ladakh was the only region rated as "Poor" (34.9%).
• Eravikulam National Park (Kerala) and Dachigam National Park (J&K) received the highest individual scores of 92.97% each.
• The 2025 edition also included evaluations for 113 Coastal and Marine Protected Areas for the first time.
• A platform called TechBridge was also launched during the event to showcase innovations in conservation technology

Ques: Which university's researchers built the world's first CMOS computer without silicon using two-dimensional materials?
किस विश्वविद्यालय के शोधकर्ताओं ने दो-आयामी सामग्री का उपयोग करके सिलिकॉन के बिना दुनिया का पहला CMOS कंप्यूटर बनाया?

A. Stanford University / स्टैनफोर्ड विश्वविद्यालय
B. Harvard University / हार्वर्ड विश्वविद्यालय
C. MIT / एमआईटी
D. Pennsylvania State University / पेंसिल्वेनिया स्टेट यूनिवर्सिटी
E. University of California, Berkeley / कैलिफोर्निया विश्वविद्यालय, बर्कले

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Researchers at Pennsylvania State University (Penn State) built a computer without using silicon, marking a significant milestone in the development of future computing technologies.
• This computer is based on Complementary Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor (CMOS) architecture but utilizes two-dimensional (2D) materials, which are paper-thin at the nanoscale.
• The computer was fabricated at a nanofabrication unit at Penn State, proving the potential for non-silicon alternatives that could lead to smaller and faster devices in the future

Ques: Which state government launched the Digi Lakshmi Scheme to empower SHG women as entrepreneurs?
SHG महिलाओं को उद्यमी बनाने के लिए Digi Lakshmi योजना किस राज्य सरकार ने शुरू की है?

A. Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
B. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
C. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
D. Telangana / तेलंगाना
E. Kerala / केरल

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• The Government of Andhra Pradesh launched the Digi Lakshmi Scheme under the Mission for Elimination of Poverty in Municipal Areas (MEPMA).
• The scheme supports Self-Help Group (SHG) women to become entrepreneurs under the state's 'One Family, One Entrepreneur' (OF-OE) vision.
• It aims to transform SHGs into Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and set up 9,034 Common Service Centres (CSCs) across Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).
• Selected women will receive support to secure loans between Rs.2 lakh to Rs.2.5 lakh to establish and run CSCs sustainably.

Eligibility includes:

• Minimum 3 years of active SHG membership
• Age between 21 and 40 years
• Must be married, settled locally, and hold a graduate degree with technical aptitude

Ques: Which Indian city launched the country's first QR-based Digital House Address System?
भारत का पहला क्यूआर आधारित डिजिटल हाउस एड्रेस सिस्टम किस शहर ने शुरू किया?

A. Bhopal / भोपाल
B. Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
C. Pune / पुणे
D. Indore / इंदौर
E. Hyderabad / हैदराबाद

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Indore, Madhya Pradesh, became the first city in India to launch a QR-based Digital House Address System.
• The Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) installed digital plates with QR codes on houses, which display the GPS-based digital address when scanned.
• This initiative is linked to the Digipin system, a digital postal indexing project of the central government, and aims to streamline urban navigation and service delivery.

Ques: What is the name of the Unified Flood Inundation Forecasting System launched by the Ministry of Jal Shakti in collaboration with C-DAC Pune and other agencies?
जल शक्ति मंत्रालय द्वारा सी-डैक पुणे और अन्य एजेंसियों के सहयोग से लॉन्च की गई एकीकृत बाढ़ पूर्वानुमान प्रणाली का नाम क्या है?

A. JalRakshak / जलरक्षक
B. FloodWatch / फ्लडवॉच
C. C-FLOOD / सी-फ्लड
D. Samarth-FIM / समर्थ-FIM
E. MeghAlert / मेघअलर्ट

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• 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.
• It was launched by Union Minister C. R. Patil at Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi.
• The platform uses 2D hydrodynamic flood modeling powered by National Supercomputing Mission (NSM).
• It provides two-day advance flood forecasts up to village level for Mahanadi, Godavari, and Tapi river basins.
• The system acts as a decision-support tool for disaster management and will expand to more regions under the National Hydrology Project (NHP).

Ques: Which platform is being upgraded under a new MoU between the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the Digital India Corporation in 2024?
युवा मामलों और खेल मंत्रालय और डिजिटल इंडिया कॉरपोरेशन के बीच 2024 में हस्ताक्षरित नए समझौता ज्ञापन (MoU) के तहत किस प्लेटफॉर्म को उन्नत किया जा रहा है?

A. MY Bharat 2.0 / माई भारत 2.0
B. Bharat Net Yuva Portal / भारत नेट युवा पोर्टल
C. Digital India Youth Hub / डिजिटल इंडिया यूथ हब
D. India Yuva Connect / इंडिया युवा कनेक्ट
E. Youth Power Portal / यूथ पावर पोर्टल

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• In a key initiative to enhance digital engagement with the youth, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) signed an MoU with the Digital India Corporation (DIC) under the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) for developing MY Bharat 2.0 platform.
• MY Bharat (https://mybharat.gov.in) was launched on 31st October 2023 by the Hon'ble Prime Minister and currently has over 1.76 crore youth users and 1.19 lakh+ organizations onboard.
• The platform promotes structured youth engagement, civic duty (Kartavya Bodh) and service mindset (Seva Bhav), offering volunteering, learning, and mentoring opportunities.
• The upgraded MY Bharat 2.0 will further empower youth using technology-driven solutions and contribute toward building a Viksit Bharat by 2047.

Ques: What is the title of the autobiography recently released by former India opener Shikhar Dhawan in 2025?
पूर्व भारतीय ओपनर शिखर धवन द्वारा 2025 में जारी की गई आत्मकथा का क्या शीर्षक है?

A. Straight Drive / स्ट्रेट ड्राइव
B. The Warrior Within / द वॉरियर विदिन
C. The One / द वन
D. Cover Story / कवर स्टोरी
E. Game Changer / गेम चेंजर

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• "The One" is the official autobiography of Shikhar Dhawan, released in July 2025.
• The book provides insights into his cricketing career, personal challenges, injuries, mental strength, and life beyond cricket.
• It serves as an inspirational story for aspiring athletes and youth, showcasing Dhawan's resilience and comeback spirit.
• Known for his flamboyant style and match-winning innings, Dhawan's charisma and candid reflections are central to this memoir.

Ques: Who has been appointed as the non-executive director on the Board of InterGlobe Aviation (IndiGo)?
इंटरग्लोब एविएशन (इंडिगो) के बोर्ड में गैर-कार्यकारी निदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Rajiv Bansal / राजीव बंसल
B. Amitabh Kant / अमिताभ कांत
C. Ajay Bhushan Pandey / अजय भूषण पांडे
D. Rakesh Mohan / राकेश मोहन
E. Subhash Chandra Garg / सुभाष चंद्र गर्ग

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Amitabh Kant has been appointed as a non-executive director on the Board of Directors of InterGlobe Aviation Ltd, which operates IndiGo Airlines.
• He previously served as India's G20 Sherpa, CEO of NITI Aayog, and was a board member of the NHAI (National Highways Authority of India).
• After stepping down as Sherpa, he joined Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd, a Canadian investment firm.

Ques: Who organized the Digital Payments Awards 2024–25 to recognize excellence in India's digital payments ecosystem?
भारत के डिजिटल भुगतान पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र में उत्कृष्टता को मान्यता देने के लिए Digital Payments Awards 2024–25 का आयोजन किसने किया?

A. Reserve Bank of India / भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक
B. Ministry of Electronics and IT / इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और आईटी मंत्रालय
C. NITI Aayog / नीति आयोग
D. Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance / वित्त मंत्रालय का वित्तीय सेवा विभाग
E. National Payments Corporation of India / नेशनल पेमेंट्स कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The Department of Financial Services (DFS) under the Ministry of Finance organized the Digital Payments Awards 2024–25 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, to recognize institutions advancing India's digital payment ecosystem.
• During the ceremony, 21 honors were given out. 10 prizes were given to the best-performing banks.
• Fintech businesses were given 11 awards in three different categories : Emerging Technical Service Providers, Digital Payments Acceptance Infrastructure, and Third-Party Application Providers (TPAPs)

Important Award Winners by Category:

• Public Sector Banks (PSBs) : Punjab National Bank (PNB), Bank of Baroda (BoB) and UCO Bank
• Private Sector Banks : HDFC Bank, City Union Bank (CUB) and and IndusInd Bank
• Small Finance Banks (SFB) : Equitas Small Finance Bank
• Payments Banks : India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)
• Fintech : PhonePe

Ques: What is the name of the community engagement framework launched by the Coal Ministry for mine closure and repurposing?
खनन बंदी और पुनः उपयोग के लिए कोयला मंत्रालय द्वारा शुरू की गई सामुदायिक सहभागिता रूपरेखा का क्या नाम है?

A. RESET / रीसेट
B. RENEW / रिन्यू
C. RECLAIM / रिक्लेम
D. RESTART / रिस्टार्ट
E. RESTORE / रिस्टोर

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Coal Ministry is launching a new initiative named RECLAIM, a structured community engagement and development framework for mine closure and repurposing.
• It will be launched on 4th July 2025 by Union Coal Minister G. Kishan Reddy.
• Developed in partnership with the Heartfulness Institute, it promotes inclusive, equitable, and sustainable community transition after mines are shut down.
• RECLAIM stands for : R – Reach Out, E – Envision, C – Co-Design, L – Localise, A – Act, I – Integrate and M – Maintain
• The model uses tools, templates, and local context to guide post-mining development effectively.

Ques: Which key event did Union Home Minister Amit Shah chair to celebrate the International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) 2025?
अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहकारिता वर्ष (IYC) 2025 के उपलक्ष्य में केंद्रीय गृह मंत्री अमित शाह ने किस प्रमुख बैठक की अध्यक्षता की?

A. Cooperative India Summit / कोऑपरेटिव इंडिया शिखर सम्मेलन
B. Sahkar Sammelan / सहकार सम्मेलन
C. National PACS Conclave / राष्ट्रीय पैक्स सम्मेलन
D. Sahkar Bharat Meet / सहकार भारत मीट
E. Manthan Baithak / मंथन बैठक

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• 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 meeting was organized by the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India.
• Key discussions included the implementation of 2 lakh Multi-Purpose Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (M-PACS), and the promotion of dairy and fisheries cooperatives for improved rural services.
• The role of states in supporting three new national multi-state cooperative societies—NCEL, NCOL, and BBSSL—was reviewed.
• The meeting also emphasized the White Revolution 2.0, which aims to build a sustainable and circular dairy economy in India.

Ques: Swami Vivekananda is best known for his speech at which event, where he introduced Hindu philosophy to the Western world?
स्वामी विवेकानंद किस कार्यक्रम में अपने भाषण के लिए प्रसिद्ध हैं, जहां उन्होंने पश्चिमी दुनिया को हिंदू दर्शन से परिचित कराया?

A. World Hindu Congress / वर्ल्ड हिंदू कांग्रेस
B. Parliament of the World's Religions, Chicago / विश्व धर्म महासभा, शिकागो
C. Global Interfaith Forum / वैश्विक अंतरधार्मिक मंच
D. Indian National Congress Session / भारतीय राष्ट्रीय कांग्रेस सत्र
E. Arya Samaj Convention / आर्य समाज सम्मेलन

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Swami Vivekananda passed away on July 4, 1902, at the age of 39.
• Born as Narendranath Datta on January 12, 1863, in Kolkata, he became a key figure in introducing Vedanta and Yoga to the Western world.
• His spiritual journey was influenced by Ramakrishna Paramahamsa, whom he met in 1881.
• In 1897, he founded the Ramakrishna Mission, headquartered at Belur Math, Howrah, West Bengal.
• His iconic speech at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago in 1893 marked a historic moment where he introduced Hindu philosophy globally.
• He also promoted Neo-Vedanta, blending spiritual and material progress.

Ques: Which state/UT became the first to include tuberculosis (TB) screening under the Family Adoption Programme (FAP)?
परिवार गोद लेने की योजना (FAP) के तहत क्षय रोग (टीबी) जांच शामिल करने वाला पहला राज्य/केंद्रशासित प्रदेश कौन बना?

A. Kerala / केरल
B. Gujarat / गुजरात
C. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
D. Puducherry / पुडुचेरी
E. Delhi / दिल्ली

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Puducherry became the first state/UT to integrate TB screening into the Family Adoption Programme (FAP) initiated by the National Medical Commission (NMC).
• Under FAP, MBBS students adopt 3–5 families to learn and practice community-based healthcare.
• If any member of an adopted family shows TB symptoms, students help in diagnosis and treatment.
• The effort supports the fight against TB, especially relevant on World TB Day (March 24), commemorating Dr. Robert Koch's discovery of the TB bacterium in 1882.

Ques: What major announcement did Union Home Minister Amit Shah make regarding the implementation of new criminal laws in India?
केंद्रीय गृह मंत्री अमित शाह ने भारत में नए आपराधिक कानूनों के कार्यान्वयन को लेकर क्या प्रमुख घोषणा की?

A. New laws will focus on punishment / नए कानून दंड पर केंद्रित होंगे
B. FIRs will no longer be filed manually / अब एफआईआर मैन्युअल रूप से दर्ज नहीं होगी
C. Justice will be ensured from FIR to Supreme Court with set timelines / एफआईआर से सुप्रीम कोर्ट तक न्याय सुनिश्चित करने के लिए समयसीमा तय की गई है
D. Only DNA evidence will be used in trials / केवल डीएनए साक्ष्य का प्रयोग किया जाएगा
E. IPC, CrPC, and Evidence Act remain unchanged / आईपीसी, सीआरपीसी और साक्ष्य अधिनियम में कोई बदलाव नहीं हुआ है

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Union Home Minister Amit Shah, speaking at the “A Golden Year of Trust in the Justice System” programme in New Delhi, stated that the new criminal laws will ensure justice is delivered from the FIR stage to the Supreme Court, with clearly defined deadlines for investigation (within 90 days), chargesheet filing, charge framing, and judgment delivery.
• The Indian Penal Code (IPC) has been replaced with Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS) 2023, CrPC with Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023, and the Indian Evidence Act with Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) 2023.
• The focus of these new laws is justice, not punishment.
• Mandatory forensic examination for crimes with punishment of 7+ years and DNA matching in POCSO cases have been introduced.
• E-evidence and e-summons are active in 11 states/UTs, community service in 12, and Nyay Shruti in 6.
• Delhi has been acknowledged as the best-performing region in implementing these reforms.
• For the first time, terrorism and organised crime have been defined legally with provisions for stricter punishment.

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

The Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Ministry of Power, Government of India, and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee signed an MoU to collaborate on knowledge sharing, capacity building, and interdisciplinary research in the power and energy sector.

Adani Green Energy Limited has commissioned 1,011.5 megawatts of power projects in Khavda, Gujarat, pushing its total operational capacity beyond the 15,000 MW mark to reach 15,539.9 MW.

Zeynep Sonmez became the first Turkish player in the professional era to reach the third round of a Grand Slam at Wimbledon

Defence Minister pays tribute to Alluri Sitaram Raju on his birth anniversary . Alluri Sitarama Raju was born on July 4, 1897, in the village of Mogallu, near Bhimavaram in present-day Andhra Pradesh

Defence Research and Development Organization has developed India's first indigenous Photonic Radar, marking a significant milestone in India's air defence technology, with ultra-high resolution, stealth detection, and immunity to electronic jamming.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-लाइनर करंट अफेयर्स

केंद्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण (सीईए), विद्युत मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार और भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (आईआईटी) रुड़की ने विद्युत और ऊर्जा क्षेत्र में ज्ञान साझा करने, क्षमता निर्माण और अंत:विषय अनुसंधान पर सहयोग करने के लिए एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए।

अडानी ग्रीन एनर्जी लिमिटेड ने गुजरात के खावड़ा में 1,011.5 मेगावाट की विद्युत परियोजनाओं को चालू किया है, जिससे इसकी कुल परिचालन क्षमता 15,000 मेगावाट के निशान को पार कर 15,539.9 मेगावाट तक पहुँच गई है।

जेनेप सोनमेज़ पेशेवर युग में विंबलडन में ग्रैंड स्लैम के तीसरे दौर में पहुँचने वाली पहली तुर्की खिलाड़ी बनीं

रक्षा मंत्री ने अल्लूरी सीताराम राजू को उनकी जयंती पर श्रद्धांजलि दी। अल्लूरी सीताराम राजू का जन्म 4 जुलाई, 1897 को वर्तमान आंध्र प्रदेश के भीमावरम के पास मोगल्लू गांव में हुआ था। रक्षा अनुसंधान एवं विकास संगठन ने भारत का पहला स्वदेशी फोटोनिक रडार विकसित किया है, जो भारत की वायु रक्षा प्रौद्योगिकी में एक महत्वपूर्ण मील का पत्थर है, जिसमें अल्ट्रा-हाई रेजोल्यूशन, स्टेल्थ डिटेक्शन और इलेक्ट्रॉनिक जैमिंग से प्रतिरक्षा है।

Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)?
प्रश्न: रिज़र्व बैंक इनोवेशन हब (RBIH) के नए मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (CEO) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Rajesh Bansal / राजेश बंसल
B. Nandan Nilekani / नंदन निलेकणी
C. Sahil Kini / साहिल किणी
D. Sameer Nigam / समीर निगम
E. Shaktikanta Das / शक्तिकांत दास

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.

Ques : Which two organizations have partnered to launch India's first weather derivatives?
भारत के पहले वेदर डेरिवेटिव्स शुरू करने के लिए किन दो संस्थाओं ने साझेदारी की है?

A. NCDEX & IMD / एनसीडीईएक्स और आईएमडी
B. RBI & NCDEX / आरबीआई और एनसीडीईएक्स
C. SEBI & IMD / सेबी और आईएमडी
D. NABARD & IMD / नाबार्ड और आईएमडी
E. NSE & IMD / एनएसई और आईएमडी

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.

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?
गुजरात में भारत की सबसे बड़ी 180 मेगावाट बैटरी ऊर्जा भंडारण प्रणाली (BESS) परियोजना के लिए इंडीग्रिड को Rs.460 करोड़ (USD 55 मिलियन) का ऋण किस संगठन ने दिया है?

A. Asian Development Bank / एशियाई विकास बैंक
B. World Bank / विश्व बैंक
C. International Monetary Fund / अंतरराष्ट्रीय मुद्रा कोष
D. International Finance Corporation / अंतर्राष्ट्रीय वित्त निगम
E. Green Climate Fund / ग्रीन क्लाइमेट फंड

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

Ques : Which is the third Indian state to cross one crore registered stock market investors, as per NSE 2025 data?
एनएसई 2025 के आंकड़ों के अनुसार, 1 करोड़ पंजीकृत शेयर बाजार निवेशकों को पार करने वाला तीसरा भारतीय राज्य कौन सा है?

A. Rajasthan / राजस्थान
B. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
C. Gujarat / गुजरात
D. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
E. Bihar / बिहार

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?
Orbiting Now की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, 2025 तक किस देश के पास पृथ्वी की कक्षा में सबसे अधिक उपग्रह हैं?

A. China / चीन
B. Russia / रूस
C. United States of America / अमेरिका
D. India / भारत
E. Japan / जापान

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

Ques: Which country became the first to officially recognize the Taliban government in Afghanistan?
तालिबान सरकार को औपचारिक रूप से मान्यता देने वाला पहला देश कौन बना?

A. China / चीन
B. Pakistan / पाकिस्तान
C. Russia / रूस
D. United Arab Emirates / संयुक्त अरब अमीरात
E. Uzbekistan / उज्बेकिस्तान

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.

Ques: Who has been selected as the Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassador for the 2025–2027 term?
2025–2027 कार्यकाल के लिए कॉमनवेल्थ यूथ पीस एम्बेसडर के रूप में किसे चयनित किया गया है?

A. Ananya Singh / अनन्या सिंह
B. Riya Chakraborty / रिया चक्रवर्ती
C. Sukanya Sonowal / सुकन्या सोनवाल
D. Meenakshi Das / मीनाक्षी दास
E. Tanvi Joshi / तन्वी जोशी

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.

Ques: During Prime Minister Modi's historic visit, which Latin American country did he become the first Indian PM to visit in 57 years?
57 वर्षों में पहली बार प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने किस लैटिन अमेरिकी देश की ऐतिहासिक यात्रा की?

A. Brazil / ब्राज़ील
B. Chile / चिली
C. Argentina / अर्जेंटीना
D. Peru / पेरू
E. Colombia / कोलंबिया

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?
जुलाई 2025 में किस देश ने संयुक्त राष्ट्र सुरक्षा परिषद (UNSC) की अध्यक्षता संभाली?

A. Colombia / कोलंबिया
B. Pakistan / पाकिस्तान
C. Greece / ग्रीस
D. Denmark / डेनमार्क
E. Bahrain / बहरीन

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.

Ques : Which prestigious civilian honour was recently conferred upon PM Narendra Modi by Trinidad and Tobago?
ट्रिनिडाड और टोबैगो द्वारा प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी को हाल ही में कौन सा प्रतिष्ठित नागरिक सम्मान प्रदान किया गया?

A. Order of the Caribbean Star / ऑर्डर ऑफ द कैरेबियन स्टार
B. Companion of Honour / कॉम्पैनियन ऑफ ऑनर
C. The Grand Order of Excellence / द ग्रैंड ऑर्डर ऑफ एक्सीलेंस
D. The Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago / द ऑर्डर ऑफ द रिपब्लिक ऑफ ट्रिनिडाड एंड टोबैगो
E. The Order of the Caribbean States / द ऑर्डर ऑफ द कैरेबियन स्टेट्स

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.

Ques: When is the third edition of the Bharat Mobility Global Expo (BMGE) scheduled to be held?
भारत मोबिलिटी ग्लोबल एक्सपो (BMGE) का तीसरा संस्करण कब आयोजित किया जाएगा?

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.

Ques : What is the name of the high-capacity switch-cum-router launched by C-DOT with 25.6 Tbps throughput in 2025?
2025 में C-DOT द्वारा 25.6 टेराबिट प्रति सेकंड क्षमता वाला उच्च क्षमता स्विच-कम-राउटर का क्या नाम है?

A. PRAGATI-5000 / प्रगति-5000
B. SAKSHAM-3000 / सक्षम-3000
C. SURAKSHA-2000 / सुरक्षा-2000
D. VAANI-1000 / वाणी-1000
E. BANDHAN-X / बंधन-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?
इंडो-पैसिफिक क्षेत्र में समुद्री सुरक्षा को बढ़ाने के लिए क्वाड देशों द्वारा विलमिंगटन घोषणा के तहत शुरू किए गए पहले समुद्री मिशन का नाम क्या है?

A. QUAD-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission / क्वाड-एट-सी शिप ऑब्जर्वर मिशन
B. QUAD Coastal Unity Program / क्वाड कोस्टल यूनिटी प्रोग्राम
C. QUAD Maritime Mission / क्वाड मैरीटाइम मिशन
D. Indo-Pacific Security Pact / इंडो-पैसिफिक सिक्योरिटी पैक्ट
E. QUAD Naval Alliance / क्वाड नेवल अलायंस

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.

Ques : For Kharif Marketing Season 2025–26, what is the MSP fixed for Arhar and Urad respectively?
खरीफ विपणन सीजन 2025–26 के लिए अरहर और उड़द का न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य (MSP) क्रमशः कितना तय किया गया है?

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?
अपनी त्रिनिदाद और टोबैगो यात्रा के दौरान प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने वहां के प्रधानमंत्री को क्या उपहार दिया?

A. Statue of Mahatma Gandhi / महात्मा गांधी की प्रतिमा
B. Kalash & Sacred soil from Ayodhya / अयोध्या की पवित्र मिट्टी और कलश
C. Bhagavad Gita & Indian flag / भगवद गीता और भारतीय ध्वज
D. Silver coin & Indian handicrafts / चांदी का सिक्का और भारतीय हस्तशिल्प
E. Holy water & Ram Mandir replica / पवित्र जल और राम मंदिर की प्रतिकृति

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.

Ques: What is the new name of the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) as renamed in 2025?
2025 में राष्ट्रीय जन सहयोग और बाल विकास संस्थान (NIPCCD) का नया नाम क्या रखा गया है?

A. Rani Laxmibai National Institute of Women and Child Development / रानी लक्ष्मीबाई राष्ट्रीय महिला एवं बाल विकास संस्थान
B. Indira Gandhi Institute of Women and Child Welfare / इंदिरा गांधी महिला एवं बाल कल्याण संस्थान
C. Savitribai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development / सावित्रीबाई फुले राष्ट्रीय महिला एवं बाल विकास संस्थान
D. Sarojini Naidu National Centre for Women and Children / सरोजिनी नायडू राष्ट्रीय महिला एवं बाल केंद्र
E. Kasturba Gandhi National Institute of Women and Child Welfare / कस्तूरबा गांधी राष्ट्रीय महिला एवं बाल कल्याण संस्थान

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?
भारत के हथकरघा क्षेत्र में क्रांति लाने के लिए 'हैंडलूम हैकाथॉन 2025' किसके द्वारा औपचारिक रूप से लॉन्च किया गया?

A. Ministry of Culture / संस्कृति मंत्रालय
B. NITI Aayog / नीति आयोग
C. Ministry of Skill Development / कौशल विकास मंत्रालय
D. Development Commissioner (Handlooms) / विकास आयुक्त (हैंडलूम)
E. Textile Research Institute / वस्त्र अनुसंधान संस्थान

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.

Ques : What is the total worth of indigenous defence procurement cleared by DAC in July 2025?
जुलाई 2025 में DAC द्वारा स्वीकृत स्वदेशी रक्षा खरीद की कुल लागत कितनी है?

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

Ques: Where will the first-ever Khelo India Water Sports Festival (KIWSF) 2025 be held?
पहला खेलो इंडिया जल क्रीड़ा महोत्सव (KIWSF) 2025 कहां आयोजित किया जाएगा?

A. Diu / दीव
B. Goa / गोवा
C. Mumbai / मुंबई
D. Srinagar / श्रीनगर
E. Kochi / कोच्चि

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).

Ques: Who won the Mental Health Award 2025 at the 24th Annual International Mental Health Conference?
24वें वार्षिक अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मानसिक स्वास्थ्य सम्मेलन में 2025 का मानसिक स्वास्थ्य पुरस्कार किसने जीता?

A. Soumya Swaminathan / सौम्या स्वामीनाथन
B. Saima Wazed / सायमा वाजेद
C. Poonam Khetrapal Singh / पूनम क्षेत्रपाल सिंह
D. Tedros Adhanom / टेड्रोस अधानोम
E. Harsh Vardhan / हर्षवर्धन

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.

Ques: Where was the first-ever Astro Tourism Festival organized in the Union Territory of Ladakh?
केंद्र शासित प्रदेश लद्दाख में पहली बार एस्ट्रो टूरिज्म फेस्टिवल का आयोजन कहाँ किया गया?

A. Hanle Observatory / हनले वेधशाला
B. Pangong Tso / पांगोंग झील
C. District Panchayat Resource Centre, Agling / जिला पंचायत संसाधन केंद्र, एग्लिंग
D. Magnetic Hill / मैग्नेटिक हिल
E. Thiksey Monastery / थिकसे मठ

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.

Ques: Who was Shekhar Dutt, the notable Indian bureaucrat who recently passed away?
हाल ही में निधन होने वाले भारत के प्रतिष्ठित नौकरशाह शेखर दत्त कौन थे?

A. Former Cabinet Secretary / पूर्व कैबिनेट सचिव
B. Former Governor of Chhattisgarh / छत्तीसगढ़ के पूर्व राज्यपाल
C. Former Chief of Army Staff / पूर्व थलसेना प्रमुख
D. Former National Security Advisor / पूर्व राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा सलाहकार
E. Former Chief Election Commissioner / पूर्व मुख्य निर्वाचन आयुक्त

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

Ques: When is World Kiswahili Language Day observed?
विश्व किस्वाहिली भाषा दिवस कब मनाया जाता है?

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

Ques: On which date was Muharram (Islamic New Year) observed in 2025?
2025 में मुहर्रम (इस्लामी नववर्ष) किस तारीख को मनाया गया?

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.

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

महत्वपूर्ण एक-लाइनर करेंट अफेयर्स

सुश्री ममता वेंकटेश को वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय के उद्योग एवं आंतरिक व्यापार संवर्धन विभाग (DPIIT) के अंतर्गत स्टार्टअप इंडिया का प्रमुख नियुक्त किया गया

क्वाड देशों ने वाशिंगटन में आयोजित क्वाड समूह के विदेश मंत्रियों की बैठक के बाद महत्वाकांक्षी 'क्रिटिकल मिनरल्स इनिशिएटिव' के शुभारंभ की घोषणा की। इसका उद्देश्य महत्वपूर्ण खनिजों के प्रसंस्करण और आपूर्ति में चीन के प्रभुत्व का मुकाबला करना भी है।

कैनबरा (ऑस्ट्रेलिया) स्थित रक्षा विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी समूह (DSTG) के सूचना विज्ञान प्रभाग और रक्षा अनुसंधान एवं विकास संगठन (DRDO) की नौसेना भौतिक एवं समुद्र विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला (NPOL) ने पनडुब्बी और स्वायत्त पानी के नीचे के वाहनों (AUV) का शीघ्र पता लगाने और ट्रैकिंग पर ध्यान केंद्रित करते हुए, समुद्र के नीचे निगरानी क्षमताओं को बढ़ाने के लिए एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए।

तेलंगाना ने आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस नवाचार में चुनौतियों का समाधान करने के लिए भारत का पहला राज्य-नेतृत्व वाला डिजिटल सार्वजनिक अवसंरचना, तेलंगाना डेटा एक्सचेंज (TGDeX) लॉन्च किया है।

घाना ने भारत के अरिमा फार्म्स और कुमासी (घाना) के पास स्थित वैज्ञानिक और औद्योगिक अनुसंधान परिषद-फसल अनुसंधान संस्थान (सीएसआईआर-सीआरआई) के साथ साझेदारी में जलवायु-अनुकूल गेहूं पहल शुरू की है। यह कार्यक्रम भारत के ग्रीनप्राइड द्वारा विकसित 'गेहूं प्राइड 999' को पेश करता है।

Ques: Which organization has provided a USD 200 million loan to support the ADB-led clean energy investment programme in India?
भारत में एडीबी-नेतृत्व वाले स्वच्छ ऊर्जा निवेश कार्यक्रम का समर्थन करने के लिए किस संगठन ने 200 मिलियन अमरीकी डॉलर का ऋण प्रदान किया है?

A. World Bank / विश्व बैंक
B. IMF / अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मुद्रा कोष
C. Green Climate Fund (GCF) / ग्रीन क्लाइमेट फंड
D. AIIB / एशियाई अवसंरचना निवेश बैंक
E. NDB / न्यू डेवलपमेंट बैंक

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Green Climate Fund (GCF) has provided a USD 200 million loan (approximately Rs.17.07 billion) to support an Asian Development Bank (ADB)-led programme aimed at investing in high-impact and emerging clean energy sectors in India.
• This loan is part of GCF's larger initiative to invest approximately USD 1.2 billion across 17 new climate projects, primarily in Asia and Africa.

Asian Development Bank (ADB):

- Established: 19 December 1966
- Headquarters: Manila, Philippines
- Members: 69
- President: Masato Kanda
- Chief Economist: Albert Park

Ques: What action has SEBI taken against US-based trading firm Jane Street in 2025?
2025 में सेबी ने अमेरिकी ट्रेडिंग फर्म Jane Street के खिलाफ क्या कार्रवाई की है?

A. Allowed unlimited trades / असीमित ट्रेडिंग की अनुमति दी
B. Appointed Jane Street as F&O regulator / Jane Street को F&O नियामक नियुक्त किया
C. Barred Jane Street from markets and froze ₹4,844 crore / Jane Street को बाजार से प्रतिबंधित किया और ₹4,844 करोड़ फ्रीज किए
D. Gave tax exemption to Jane Street / Jane Street को कर छूट दी
E. Declared Jane Street a stock exchange / Jane Street को स्टॉक एक्सचेंज घोषित किया

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) took strict action against Jane Street, a US-based proprietary trading firm, for manipulating Bank Nifty expiry prices.
• The firm used large expiry-day trades to create artificial market movements and mislead small investors.
• SEBI barred Jane Street and its four affiliated entities from accessing the Indian securities markets.
• It also froze Rs.4,844 crore in illegal gains made through such trades.
• Despite prior warnings from NSE in February 2025, the firm allegedly continued these activities.
• Between Jan 2023 and Mar 2025, Jane Street earned Rs.36,502.12 crore, largely from such manipulative expiry trades.

Ques: What are the names of the two newly launched plans by LIC in 2025 offering guaranteed returns and flexible policy terms?
एलआईसी द्वारा 2025 में शुरू की गई दो नई योजनाओं के नाम क्या हैं, जो गारंटीड रिटर्न और लचीली पॉलिसी अवधि प्रदान करती हैं?

A. Jeevan Saral & Jeevan Umang / जीवन सरल और जीवन उमंग
B. Bima Jyoti & Jeevan Anand / बीमा ज्योति और जीवन आनंद
C. Dhan Varsha & Jeevan Lakshya / धन वर्षा और जीवन लक्ष्य
D. Jeevan Labh & Jeevan Tarun / जीवन लाभ और जीवन तरुण
E. Nav Jeevan Shree & Nav Jeevan Shree Single Premium / नव जीवन श्री और नव जीवन श्री सिंगल प्रीमियम

Answer: Option E

Explanation:
• The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) launched two new plans in 2025: Nav Jeevan Shree (Plan 912) and Nav Jeevan Shree Single Premium (Plan 911).
• For both programs, the minimum entry age is 30 days (completed) and the maximum age is 60 years.
• Both plans require a minimum maturity age of 18 years (finished) and a maximum of 75 years.

Features of Nav Jeevan Shree Plan (912):

• LIC's Nav Jeevan Shree (912) endowment plan offers guaranteed annual premium increases of 8.5% to 9.5%.
• Premiums can be paid for 6, 8, 10, or 12 years, depending on the plan's length.
• The plan has a minimum period of 10 years and a maximum of 20 years.
• This plan has a minimum basic sum assured of Rs 5 lakh and no maximum limit, subject to board approved underwriting policy.

Features of Nav Jeevan Shree Single Premium (Plan 911):

• This single premium plan provides guaranteed additions at a rate of Rs 85 per Rs 1,000 base sum assured at the end of each policy year from conception to the conclusion of the policy term.
• This plan offers policy terms ranging from 5 to 20 years.

Ques: According to the Geo Semi-Annual India FinTech Report (SEA TECH)-H1 2025, what is India's global ranking in startup funding for the FinTech sector?
Geo Semi-Annual India FinTech Report (SEA TECH)-H1 2025 के अनुसार, फिनटेक सेक्टर में स्टार्टअप फंडिंग के लिए भारत की वैश्विक रैंकिंग क्या है?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Geo Semi-Annual India FinTech Report (SEA TECH)-H1 2025, published by Tracxn Technologies Limited, ranked India third globally in startup funding for the FinTech sector, following the United States and the United Kingdom.
• In H1 2025 (January–June), India's FinTech sector raised USD 889 million, a 26% decline from H2 2024 (USD 1.2 billion) and a 5% drop from H1 2024 (USD 936 million).
• Despite the decline in overall funding, there was a 10% increase in early-stage funding, amounting to USD 361 million.
• However, seed-stage funding dropped to USD 91.2 million, down 27% from H2 2024 and 33% from H1 2024.
• Bengaluru led the funding landscape with 55% of total FinTech investments, followed by Mumbai at 14%.

Ques: Which ministry has proposed amendments to the 2014 guidelines for Television Rating Agencies to modernize viewership measurement in India?
भारत में दर्शक मापन प्रणाली को आधुनिक बनाने के लिए किस मंत्रालय ने 2014 की टेलीविजन रेटिंग एजेंसियों की नीति दिशानिर्देशों में संशोधन का प्रस्ताव रखा है?

A. Ministry of Electronics and IT / इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और आईटी मंत्रालय
B. Ministry of Broadcasting and Telecom / प्रसारण और दूरसंचार मंत्रालय
C. Ministry of Consumer Affairs / उपभोक्ता मामले मंत्रालय
D. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting / सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय
E. Ministry of Corporate Affairs / कॉर्पोरेट मामलों का मंत्रालय

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has proposed amendments to the Policy Guidelines for Television Rating Agencies, originally issued in 2014, to reflect India's changing TV viewership habits.
• The goal is to modernise and democratise the measurement ecosystem, currently dominated by BARC (Broadcast Audience Research Council).
• India has 230 million TV households, but only about 58,000 people meters (0.025%) are used for measuring viewership.
• The proposal allows for multiple rating agencies to foster competition, encourage new technologies, and ensure more representative data across platforms like smart TVs and OTT apps.
• The move aims to enhance transparency, boost investments, and align with evolving digital consumption trends.

Ques: Kerala's first skin bank will be inaugurated in which city?
केरल का पहला स्किन बैंक किस शहर में शुरू किया जाएगा?

A. Kochi / कोच्चि
B. Kozhikode / कोझिकोड
C. Thiruvananthapuram / तिरुवनंतपुरम
D. Alappuzha / अलप्पुझा
E. Thrissur / त्रिशूर

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Kerala's first skin bank will be inaugurated at the Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram.
• The facility, worth ₹6.75 crore, was approved by the Kerala State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation.
• It will collect donated skin to treat burn victims and patients with severe skin injuries.
• The inauguration is scheduled for 15 July 2025, coinciding with World Plastic Surgery Day.
• The announcement was made by Kerala Health Minister Veena George.

Ques: What is the primary goal of the World Health Organization's "3 by 35" initiative?
विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन की "3 बाय 35" पहल का प्रमुख उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. To provide 3 vaccines to 35 low-income countries by 2035 / 2035 तक 35 कम आय वाले देशों को 3 टीके उपलब्ध कराना
B. To reduce child mortality by 35% through 3 key interventions / 3 प्रमुख हस्तक्षेपों के माध्यम से बाल मृत्यु दर को 35% तक कम करना
C. To increase prices of tobacco, alcohol, and sugary drinks by at least 50% by 2035 / 2035 तक तंबाकू, शराब और शर्करा युक्त पेय पदार्थों की कीमतों में कम से कम 50% की वृद्धि करना
D. To plant 35 million trees in 3 high-risk regions by 2035 / 2035 तक 3 उच्च जोखिम वाले क्षेत्रों में 35 मिलियन पेड़ लगाना
E. To reduce global obesity by 3% annually until 2035 / 2035 तक वैश्विक मोटापे को सालाना 3% तक कम करना

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The World Health Organization (WHO) launched the "3 by 35" initiative to address the global burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as heart disease, cancer, and diabetes.
• The initiative aims to raise the prices of three harmful products—tobacco, alcohol, and sugary drinks—by at least 50% in real terms by 2035, using health and excise taxes.
• These products are major contributors to the global NCD crisis, which accounts for over 75% of deaths globally.
• The dual objective is to reduce consumption, improve public health, and generate US$1 trillion in additional public revenue by 2035.
• The initiative also supports broader Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by promoting healthier societies and stronger health systems.

Ques: Where has SAIL recently opened its first international office in the Middle East?
SAIL ने हाल ही में मध्य पूर्व में अपना पहला अंतरराष्ट्रीय कार्यालय कहां खोला है?

A. Abu Dhabi / अबू धाबी
B. Doha / दोहा
C. Jeddah / जेद्दाह
D. Dubai / दुबई
E. Muscat / मस्कट

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) opened its first international office in Dubai, marking its entry into the Middle East region.
• This initiative aims to expand SAIL's global presence and strengthen its position in international steel markets.
• It also becomes the third PSU under the Ministry of Steel to establish an overseas office in Dubai.
• The Dubai office will focus on developing trade relations and boosting exports from India to international clients.

Ques: Where was India's first Equine Disease-Free Compartment (EDFC) established?
भारत का पहला "इक्वाइन डिज़ीज़-फ्री कंपार्टमेंट (EDFC)" कहाँ स्थापित किया गया है?

A. Pune, Maharashtra / पुणे, महाराष्ट्र
B. Hisar, Haryana / हिसार, हरियाणा
C. Meerut Cantonment, Uttar Pradesh / मेरठ छावनी, उत्तर प्रदेश
D. Bengaluru, Karnataka / बेंगलुरु, कर्नाटक
E. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh / भोपाल, मध्य प्रदेश

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• India's first Equine Disease-Free Compartment (EDFC) was established at the Remount Veterinary Corps (RVC) Centre & College, Meerut Cantonment, Uttar Pradesh.
• It is a scientifically managed and internationally recognised zone that allows horses to participate in global trade and competitions by ensuring they are free from certain equine diseases.
• Recognised by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and set up under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
• It is officially declared free from diseases like Equine Influenza, Glanders, Surra, Equine Piroplasmosis, and Equine Infectious Anemia.
• Implements strict biosecurity protocols, round-the-clock surveillance, and adheres to WOAH's Terrestrial Animal Health Code for maintaining disease-free status.
• India has also remained free from African Horse Sickness since 2014.

Ques: Who has been appointed as the Co-President of the BRICS CCI Women's Wing for a two-year term?
ब्रिक्स चैंबर ऑफ कॉमर्स एंड इंडस्ट्री (BRICS CCI) महिला विंग की सह-अध्यक्ष के रूप में दो साल के कार्यकाल के लिए किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Priyanka Kakkar / प्रियंका कक्कड़
B. Atishi Marlena / आतिशी मार्लेना
C. Ruby Sinha / रूबी सिन्हा
D. Raghav Chadha / राघव चड्ढा
E. Swati Maliwal / स्वाति मालीवाल

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• Priyanka Kakkar, Chief Spokesperson of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), has been appointed as Co-President of the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BRICS CCI) Women's Wing.
• Her term is for two years.
• Ruby Sinha, the founder of SheAtWork, continues to serve as the President of the BRICS CCI Women's Wing.
• Ruby Sinha was appointed to her role in June 2023 for a three-year term.

Ques: Which Indian ministry recently rejoined the Unicode Consortium as a Supporting Member, making India one of only two governments globally with voting rights?
किस भारतीय मंत्रालय ने हाल ही में यूनिकोड कंसोर्टियम में सपोर्टिंग सदस्य के रूप में दोबारा शामिल होकर भारत को वैश्विक स्तर पर मतदान अधिकार प्राप्त करने वाली केवल दो सरकारों में से एक बना दिया है?

A. Ministry of External Affairs / विदेश मंत्रालय
B. Ministry of Culture / संस्कृति मंत्रालय
C. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology / इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय
D. Ministry of Communication / संचार मंत्रालय
E. Ministry of Education / शिक्षा मंत्रालय

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) rejoined the Unicode Consortium as a Supporting Member, making India and the United States the only two governments with voting rights in the international body that standardizes text and emoji encoding across digital platforms.
• The Supporting Membership entails a USD 20,000 annual fee and grants half a vote in the Unicode Technical Committee (UTC).
• India was previously a member from 2000 to 2019, and again briefly in 2021.
• Tamil Virtual Academy from Chennai is the only other Indian Supporting Member.

Ques: What was the winning throw distance by Neeraj Chopra at the 2025 Neeraj Chopra Classic?
2025 नीरज चोपड़ा क्लासिक में नीरज चोपड़ा की विजेता थ्रो कितनी थी?

A. 85.76m
B. 84.51m
C. 88.07m
D. 87.43m
E. 86.18m

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• Neeraj Chopra, reigning world javelin champion, won the inaugural Neeraj Chopra Classic 2025 held at Sree Kanteerava Stadium, Bengaluru.
• He secured the title with a winning throw of 86.18 metres on his third attempt.
• The event saw participation from global athletes including Julius Yego (Kenya) and Rumesh Pathirage (Sri Lanka), with throws of 84.51m and 84.34m, respectively.
• Over 15,000 fans witnessed Neeraj's victory in a tournament named in his own honour.

Ques: Which state launched the 'Bauddha Teerth Darshan Yojana' and 'Panch Takht Yatra Yojana' for Buddhist and Sikh pilgrims?
किस राज्य ने बौद्ध और सिख श्रद्धालुओं के लिए 'बौद्ध तीर्थ दर्शन योजना' और 'पंच तख्त यात्रा योजना' शुरू की?

A. Punjab / पंजाब
B. Haryana / हरियाणा
C. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
D. Bihar / बिहार
E. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath of Uttar Pradesh launched two pilgrimage schemes 'Bauddha Teerth Darshan Yojana' for Buddhist pilgrims and 'Panch Takht Yatra Yojana' for Sikh devotees
• Each selected beneficiary will receive a minimum of Rs.10,000 as financial assistance for pilgrimage.
• The Bauddha Teerth Darshan Yojana aims to help Hindu/Buddhist residents of Uttar Pradesh visit key Buddhist sites across India, with priority given to Buddhist monks.
• Applications will be handled online via IRCTC, with selection based on transparency and socio-economic criteria.

The Panch Takht Yatra Yojana facilitates pilgrimages to the five sacred Takht Sahib sites in Sikhism:

• Shri Anandpur Sahib (Punjab)
• Shri Akal Takht Sahib (Amritsar, Punjab)
• Shri Damdama Sahib (Talwandi Sabo, Punjab)
• Shri Takht Sachkhand Hazur Sahib (Nanded, Maharashtra)
• Shri Harmandir Ji Sahib (Patna Sahib, Bihar)

Ques: What is the full form of the BHARAT initiative launched by IISc Bengaluru to build India's first comprehensive aging database?
IISc बेंगलुरु द्वारा लॉन्च की गई BHARAT पहल का पूरा नाम क्या है, जिसका उद्देश्य भारत का पहला व्यापक उम्र बढ़ने का डेटाबेस बनाना है?

A. Biometric Health Assessment Research and Tracking / बायोमेट्रिक स्वास्थ्य मूल्यांकन अनुसंधान और ट्रैकिंग
B. Biomarkers of Healthy Aging, Resilience, Adversity, and Transitions / स्वस्थ उम्र बढ़ने, लचीलापन, प्रतिकूलता और संक्रमण के बायोमार्कर
C. Biological Health and Resilience Analysis Technique / जैविक स्वास्थ्य और लचीलापन विश्लेषण तकनीक
D. Bharat Health and Aging Research on Transitions / भारत स्वास्थ्य और उम्र बढ़ने के संक्रमण पर अनुसंधान
E. Biological Hormonal Assessment and Research for Aging Transitions / उम्र बढ़ने के संक्रमण के लिए जैविक हार्मोनल मूल्यांकन और अनुसंधान

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru launched the BHARAT initiative as part of its Longevity India Program.
• BHARAT stands for "Biomarkers of Healthy Aging, Resilience, Adversity, and Transitions".
• It is a large-scale study aimed at creating India's first comprehensive aging database.
• The project focuses on identifying biomarkers — measurable biological indicators — such as genomic mutations, proteomic and metabolic profiles, and environmental/lifestyle factors.
• The goal is to establish a BHARAT Baseline, a reference standard for the Indian population, challenging Western health norms that may mislabel Indians as deficient in nutrients like vitamin D or B12.
• Biomarkers include measurable characteristics such as proteins, enzymes, genes, RNA, DNA, hormones, lipids, and more — used to assess health or disease conditions.

Ques: In how many states will the 134th Durand Cup football tournament be played?
दुरंड कप फुटबॉल टूर्नामेंट के 134वें संस्करण में कितने राज्यों में मुकाबले खेले जाएंगे?

A. 3
B. 4
C. 5
D. 6
E. 7

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The 134th edition of the Durand Cup, Asia's oldest football tournament, will take place from July 23 to August 23, 2025.
• Matches will be played in five Indian states West Bengal, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya and Jharkhand
• 24 teams will participate, divided into six groups.
• The trophies were unveiled by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
• The tournament is organised by the Indian Army and is the third oldest football tournament in the world.

Ques: According to the World Bank, what is India's global rank among the world's most equal societies based on the Gini Index?
विश्व बैंक के अनुसार, जिनी सूचकांक के आधार पर भारत विश्व के सबसे समान समाजों में कौन से स्थान पर है?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• According to the World Bank, India ranks 4th among the world's most equal societies.
• India has a Gini Index score of 25.5, just behind the Slovak Republic (24.1), Slovenia (24.3), and Belarus (24.4).
• The Gini Index is a measure of income, wealth, or consumption inequality, where 0 denotes perfect equality and 100 represents complete inequality.
• With its score, India falls in the "moderately low inequality" category (25–30), nearing the "low inequality" status.
• India's position is better than China (35.7), the USA (41.8), and all G7 and G20 countries.
• Only 30 countries globally fall into this "moderately low" inequality bracket, including Iceland, Norway, Finland, Belgium, UAE, and Poland.

Ques: Who was recently appointed as the first woman pilot in the fighter stream of Indian Naval Aviation?
भारतीय नौसेना उड्डयन की फाइटर स्ट्रीम में हाल ही में पहली महिला पायलट के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया?

A. Lt Shivangi / लेफ्टिनेंट शिवांगी
B. SLt Aastha Poonia / सब-लेफ्टिनेंट आस्था पूनिया
C. Lt Avani Chaturvedi / लेफ्टिनेंट अवनी चतुर्वेदी
D. SLt Riti Singh / सब-लेफ्टिनेंट रीति सिंह
E. Lt Bhawana Kanth / लेफ्टिनेंट भावना कांत

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Sub-Lieutenant (SLt) Aastha Poonia was appointed as the first woman pilot in the fighter stream of Indian Naval Aviation.
• Her appointment was announced during the graduation ceremony of the Second Basic Hawk Conversion Course held at INS Dega, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
• She was awarded the prestigious 'Wings of Gold' along with Lieutenant Atul Kumar Dhull.
• This milestone comes in the wake of the Indian Air Force's 2016 decision to induct women into fighter streams, which currently has 25 serving women fighter pilots.

Ques: What was the name of the mango promotion festival launched by APEDA in Abu Dhabi in 2025?
2025 में अबू धाबी में एपीडा द्वारा शुरू किए गए आम प्रचार उत्सव का क्या नाम था?

A. Mango Utsav 2025 / मैंगो उत्सव 2025
B. Indian Mango Festival / भारतीय आम महोत्सव
C. Mango Magic 2025 / मैंगो मैजिक 2025
D. Indian Mango Mania 2025 / इंडियन मैंगो मेनिया 2025
E. Mango Delight Expo / मैंगो डिलाइट एक्सपो

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, organized a Mango Promotion Programme in Abu Dhabi in collaboration with the Embassy of India in the UAE and Lulu Group.
• The event launched “Indian Mango Mania 2025”, a vibrant in-store mango festival to promote Indian mangoes globally.
• The UAE is India’s top export destination for mangoes—over 12,000 metric tonnes worth USD 20 million were exported in 2024.

Ques: How many laptops did India gift to school students of Trinidad and Tobago under the new cooperation?
त्रिनिदाद और टोबैगो के छात्रों को भारत ने कितने लैपटॉप उपहार में देने की घोषणा की?

A. 1,000
B. 2,000
C. 5,000
D. 10,000
E. 500

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Under the recent cooperation between India and Trinidad and Tobago, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a gift of 2,000 laptops to school students in the Caribbean nation.
• This gesture is part of India's broader effort to support digital education, capacity-building, and youth empowerment initiatives abroad.
• The bilateral engagement also included six MoUs in finance and pharma, support for millet cultivation, and a grant program under Quick Impact Projects (QIPs).

Ques: What is the target year set in the Aluminium Vision Document to position India as a global aluminium production hub?
एलुमिनियम विजन दस्तावेज़ में भारत को वैश्विक एलुमिनियम उत्पादन केंद्र के रूप में स्थापित करने के लिए कौन सा लक्ष्य वर्ष निर्धारित किया गया है?

A. 2030
B. 2035
C. 2040
D. 2047
E. 2050

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy unveiled the Aluminium Vision Document at the International Conference on Sustainable and Responsible Mining in Hyderabad.
• The vision sets the goal to make India a global aluminium production hub by the year 2047.
• Aluminium is identified as a critical mineral essential for clean energy (solar, wind), electric vehicles (EVs), defence, and infrastructure.
• Although India is the 2nd largest aluminium producer, it contributes just 6% of global production, indicating significant growth potential.

The key objectives include:

• Six-fold increase in aluminium production by 2047
• Expansion of bauxite production capacity to 150 MTPA
• Doubling the aluminium recycling rate
• Promoting low-carbon technologies
• Strengthening raw material security

Ques: Where has Seiko Epson Corporation set up its first production unit in India?
Seiko Epson Corporation ने भारत में अपनी पहली उत्पादन इकाई कहां स्थापित की है?

A. Pune / पुणे
B. Noida / नोएडा
C. Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
D. Chennai / चेन्नई
E. Hyderabad / हैदराबाद

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Seiko Epson Corporation, a leading Japanese technology company, has established its first manufacturing facility in India at Chennai.
• The plant, located in SIPCOT Industrial Park, Sriperumbudur, is being set up in collaboration with Rikun and will focus on EcoTank ink tank printers.
• Operations are set to begin in October 2025, with an initial production goal of 20,000 printers per month.
• This initiative supports India's 'Make in India' programme, while Chennai's strategic location and port access were key factors in site selection.
• Over the next few years, Epson aims to increase localisation and may also explore exports once production stabilises.

Ques: Which university has been renamed as 'Dr. Manmohan Singh City University' by the Karnataka Cabinet in 2025?
कर्नाटक कैबिनेट द्वारा 2025 में किस विश्वविद्यालय का नाम बदलकर 'डॉ. मनमोहन सिंह सिटी यूनिवर्सिटी' रखा गया है?

A. Bengaluru University / बेंगलुरु विश्वविद्यालय
B. Bengaluru North University / बेंगलुरु नॉर्थ विश्वविद्यालय
C. Bengaluru City University / बेंगलुरु सिटी विश्वविद्यालय
D. Mysore University / मैसूर विश्वविद्यालय
E. Karnataka State Open University / कर्नाटक स्टेट ओपन यूनिवर्सिटी

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Karnataka Cabinet, headed by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, approved the renaming of Bengaluru City University (BCU) as Dr. Manmohan Singh City University in honour of the former Prime Minister who passed away on December 26, 2024.
• This marks the first university in India named after Dr. Manmohan Singh.
• The cabinet also approved the renaming of Bengaluru Rural district to Bengaluru North and Bagepalli taluk to Baghyanagara.
• Dr. Manmohan Singh served as India's 13th Prime Minister (2004–2014) and played a key role in the 1991 economic liberalization as Finance Minister.
• He was awarded the Padma Bhushan (1987) and Padma Vibhushan (2001) for his contributions to Public Affairs.

Ques: What is the name of the new political party launched by Elon Musk in the United States to challenge the two-party system?
अमेरिका में दो-दलीय व्यवस्था को चुनौती देने के लिए एलन मस्क द्वारा शुरू की गई नई राजनीतिक पार्टी का क्या नाम है?

A. Liberty Party / लिबर्टी पार्टी
B. United Future Party / यूनाइटेड फ्यूचर पार्टी
C. The America Party / द अमेरिका पार्टी
D. National Progress Party / नेशनल प्रोग्रेस पार्टी
E. Vision 2040 Party / विज़न 2040 पार्टी

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Elon Musk has launched a new political party in the United States called "The America Party", aiming to disrupt the long-standing two-party dominance of Republicans and Democrats.
• While Musk is not eligible to run for U.S. President due to being born outside the U.S., he has not yet announced the party's presidential candidate.
• Vaibhav Taneja, Tesla's Indian-origin Chief Financial Officer, has been appointed Treasurer of the America Party.

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The Startup Policy Forum has launched #100DesiDeepTechs, a multi-stakeholder initiative aimed at identifying and supporting 100 leading deep-tech startups in India.

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian signed a law suspending cooperation with the Vienna based International Atomic Energy Agency

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.

The third edition of the National Conference on Responsible Business Conduct (NCRBC) 2025 was inaugurated in New Delhi. Organised by the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs

Himachal Pradesh became the first state in the country to introduce Aadhaar-based face authentication (FaceAuth) for the distribution of ration to eligible beneficiaries under the Public Distribution System (PDS)

Defence Electronics Application Laboratory successfully conduct the field trials of Software Defined Radio (SDR) Manpack and Compact Transhorizon Communication System (CTCS) in Joshimath, Uttarakhand. SDR Manpack is an advanced, indigenous tactical communication system, developed by DEAL.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

स्टार्टअप नीति मंच ने #100DesiDeepTechs नामक एक बहु-हितधारक पहल शुरू की है, जिसका उद्देश्य भारत में 100 अग्रणी डीप-टेक स्टार्टअप्स की पहचान करना और उन्हें सहयोग प्रदान करना है।

ईरान के राष्ट्रपति मसूद पेजेशकियन ने वियना स्थित अंतर्राष्ट्रीय परमाणु ऊर्जा एजेंसी के साथ सहयोग निलंबित करने वाले एक कानून पर हस्ताक्षर किए।

सीसीआईएल-अंतर्राष्ट्रीय वित्तीय सेवा केंद्र लिमिटेड (सीसीआईएल आईएफएससी) ने गांधीनगर स्थित गुजरात अंतर्राष्ट्रीय वित्त प्रौद्योगिकी (गिफ्ट) सिटी में अमेरिकी डॉलर के लेनदेन का रीयल-टाइम निपटान सुनिश्चित करने के लिए स्टैंडर्ड चार्टर्ड बैंक (एससीबी) के साथ एक समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं।

राष्ट्रीय उत्तरदायी व्यावसायिक आचरण सम्मेलन (एनसीआरबीसी) 2025 के तीसरे संस्करण का उद्घाटन नई दिल्ली में हुआ। भारतीय कॉर्पोरेट मामलों के संस्थान द्वारा आयोजित

हिमाचल प्रदेश सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली (पीडीएस) के अंतर्गत पात्र लाभार्थियों को राशन वितरण हेतु आधार-आधारित चेहरा प्रमाणीकरण (फेसऑथ) शुरू करने वाला देश का पहला राज्य बन गया है।

रक्षा इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स अनुप्रयोग प्रयोगशाला ने जोशीमठ, उत्तराखंड में सॉफ्टवेयर डिफाइंड रेडियो (एसडीआर) मैनपैक और कॉम्पैक्ट ट्रांसहोराइज़न कम्युनिकेशन सिस्टम (सीटीसीएस) के क्षेत्र परीक्षण सफलतापूर्वक किए। एसडीआर मैनपैक डील द्वारा विकसित एक उन्नत, स्वदेशी सामरिक संचार प्रणाली है।

Ques: Which two countries were recently admitted as borrowing members of the New Development Bank (NDB) ahead of the 17th BRICS Summit?
17वें ब्रिक्स शिखर सम्मेलन से पहले न्यू डेवलपमेंट बैंक (NDB) में किन दो देशों को उधार लेने वाले सदस्य के रूप में शामिल किया गया?

A. Argentina and Saudi Arabia / अर्जेंटीना और सऊदी अरब
B. Uzbekistan and Colombia / उज्बेकिस्तान और कोलंबिया
C. Algeria and Uruguay / अल्जीरिया और उरुग्वे
D. Bangladesh and UAE / बांग्लादेश और यूएई
E. Indonesia and Mexico / इंडोनेशिया और मेक्सिको

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Colombia and Uzbekistan were officially admitted as borrowing members of the New Development Bank (NDB) just before the 17th BRICS Summit.
• The NDB was established in 2015 by BRICS countries to fund infrastructure and sustainable development in Emerging Market Economies and Developing Countries (EMDCs).
• Its headquarters is located in Shanghai, China.
• Existing members include Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Bangladesh, UAE, Egypt, and Algeria, with Uruguay listed as a prospective member.

Ques : As per recent government advisory, for how long must a Jan Dhan account remain transaction-free to be classified as "inoperative"?
हाल ही की सरकारी सलाह के अनुसार, किसी जन धन खाते को "निष्क्रिय" घोषित करने के लिए कितने समय तक लेन-**देन** नहीं होना चाहिए?

A. 6 Months
B. 12 Months
C. 18 Months
D. 24 Months
E. 36 Months

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• According to RBI guidelines, a Jan Dhan account is marked as "inoperative" if no customer-initiated transaction occurs for 24 consecutive months.
• The government has directed banks to shut down such inactive accounts, as many are being misused as mule accounts for fraud and money laundering.
• Re-KYC procedures are being initiated to revive these accounts, but if customers do not respond, closure will follow.
• As of June 2025, there are 55.7 crore Jan Dhan accounts, with Rs.2.6 lakh crore in deposits.
• This move is aligned with RBI's "Mule Hunter" initiative, which uses AI and ML to trace fraud-linked accounts.

Ques: What is the name of the dual-benefit insurance product launched by Karur Vysya Bank and Kshema General Insurance?
करूर वैश्य बैंक और क्षेम जनरल इंश्योरेंस द्वारा शुरू किए गए दोहरे लाभ वाले बीमा उत्पाद का क्या नाम है?

A. Kisan Suraksha Yojana / किसान सुरक्षा योजना
B. Kshema Kisan Sathi / क्षेम किसान साथी
C. Krishi Raksha Bima / कृषि रक्षा बीमा
D. Kisan Kavach Policy / किसान कवच पॉलिसी
E. Agro Suraksha Plus / एग्रो सुरक्षा प्लस

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Kshema Kisan Sathi is a dual-benefit insurance product launched through a bancassurance partnership between Karur Vysya Bank (KVB) and Kshema General Insurance.
• It offers combined insurance coverage for crop loss and personal accidents, specifically designed for rural and agriculture-dependent communities.
• The product is made available through KVB's wide branch network to enhance insurance penetration in semi-urban and rural regions.
• This initiative reflects KVB's focus on rural financial inclusion and agricultural protection.

Ques: According to an SBI Research report, what percentage did India contribute to the global economy's incremental growth in FY25?
SBI अनुसंधान रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, भारत ने FY25 में वैश्विक अर्थव्यवस्था की वृद्धिशील वृद्धि में कितने प्रतिशत योगदान दिया?

A. 4.5%
B. 5.8%
C. 8.2%
D. 7.5%
E. 6.7%

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• According to a survey by SBI research, India accounted for around 6.7% of the incremental growth in the global economy in FY25, with the State Bank of India (SBI) alone responsible for 1.1% of the increase.
• The report emphasizes India's impressive performance in the global economy, which contributed $297 billion to the overall growth in the global GDP in FY25.
• In FY25, India's contribution to the world GDP was approximately 6.7% of the total.
• In FY25, the global economy expanded by $4,118 billion, of which $297 billion came from India.
• Additionally, according to the research, SBI contributed almost 16% of India's total GDP growth in FY25.

Ques: Which BlackBuck subsidiary has received RBI approval for a Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) licence?
RBI से प्रीपेड पेमेंट इंस्ट्रूमेंट *(PPI)* लाइसेंस की मंजूरी *BlackBuck* की किस सहायक कंपनी को मिली है*?*

A. BBK Fintech Solutions / बीबीके फिनटेक सॉल्यूशन्स
B. BB Payments Pvt. Ltd. / बीबी पेमेंट्स प्रा. लि.
C. TZF Logistics Solutions / टीजेडएफ लॉजिस्टिक्स सॉल्यूशन्स
D. FreightPay Technologies / फ्रेटपे टेक्नोलॉजीज
E. BlackPay Logistics / ब्लैकपे लॉजिस्टिक्स

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• TZF Logistics Solutions, a subsidiary of logistics-tech firm BlackBuck, has received the Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) licence from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
• The licence was granted under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.
• With this authorisation, TZF can issue and manage prepaid wallets, allowing users to load money and make payments, especially aiding the logistics ecosystem.
• This move is expected to streamline payment settlements and foster digital transaction adoption in the sector.

Ques: Receivables Exchange of India Limited (RXIL), a TReDS platform, recently crossed which milestone in MSME invoice financing?
ट्रेड्स प्लेटफॉर्म RXIL (Receivables Exchange of India Limited) ने एमएसएमई चालान वित्तपोषण में हाल ही में कौन-सी उपलब्धि प्राप्त की?

A. Rs.1 lakh crore
B. Rs.1.5 lakh crore
C. Rs.2 lakh crore
D. Rs.2.5 lakh crore
E. Rs.3 lakh crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Receivables Exchange of India Limited (RXIL), a Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platform, has surpassed the Rs.2 lakh crore milestone in MSME invoice financing.
• RXIL is promoted by SIDBI and NSE, with participation from SBI, ICICI Bank, and Yes Bank.
• In FY25 alone, RXIL facilitated invoice financing worth Rs.80,500 crore, indicating the growing trust and utility of digital receivables financing platforms for MSMEs in India.

Ques: Which fintech company's broking arm received SEBI approval to act as a stockbroker and clearing member?
किस फिनटेक कंपनी की ब्रोकिंग शाखा को स्टॉकब्रोकर और क्लियरिंग मेंबर के रूप में कार्य करने के लिए SEBI की मंजूरी मिली है?

A. Paytm / पेटीएम
B. PhonePe / फोनपे
C. Mobikwik / मोबिक्विक
D. BharatPe / भारतपे
E. Razorpay / रेजरपे

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Mobikwik Securities Broking Private Limited (MSBPL), a wholly owned subsidiary of One Mobikwik Systems, has secured regulatory approval from SEBI.
• This approval enables MSBPL to function as both a stockbroker and a clearing member in the Indian stock market ecosystem.
• The move marks Mobikwik's entry into the online trading and brokerage services sector, aligning with its broader fintech ambitions.
• Mobikwik is expanding its offerings in payments, credit, insurance, and now securities broking, further diversifying its fintech portfolio.

Ques: What recent solar discovery was made by Indian and international astronomers using advanced telescopes?
भारतीय और अंतरराष्ट्रीय खगोलविदों ने उन्नत दूरबीनों का उपयोग करते हुए सूर्य से संबंधित कौन-सी हालिया खोज की?

A. Giant solar storms / विशाल सौर तूफान
B. Permanent sunspots / स्थायी सनस्पॉट
C. Helium core fusion / हीलियम कोर संलयन
D. Tiny, short-lived plasma loops / छोटे, अल्पकालिक प्लाज्मा लूप
E. Discovery of a new solar layer / सूर्य की नई परत की खोज

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Astronomers discovered tiny, short-lived plasma loops in the lower layers of the Sun's atmosphere for the first time.
• These loops are 3,000–4,000 km long but less than 100 km wide, lasting just a few minutes.
• The discovery was led by researchers from the Indian Institute of Astrophysics with support from NASA, Max Planck Institute, and Big Bear Solar Observatory.
• Instruments used include the Goode Solar Telescope, NASA's IRIS satellite, and SDO.
• The upcoming National Large Solar Telescope (NLST) near Pangong Lake, Ladakh, will enhance further study.

Ques: What is the name of the new multi-state milk co-operative launched in Gujarat to source milk from 20 States and 2 UTs?
20 राज्यों और 2 केंद्रशासित प्रदेशों से दूध एकत्र करने के लिए गुजरात में शुरू की गई नई बहु-राज्य दुग्ध सहकारी संस्था का नाम क्या है?

A. Amul Dairy Federation Ltd / अमूल डेयरी फेडरेशन लिमिटेड
B. National Milk Federation Ltd / नेशनल मिल्क फेडरेशन लिमिटेड
C. Sardar Patel Co-operative Dairy Federation Ltd / सरदार पटेल कोऑपरेटिव डेयरी फेडरेशन लिमिटेड
D. Kisan Milk Union of India / किसान मिल्क यूनियन ऑफ इंडिया
E. Bharat Milk Co-operative Federation / भारत मिल्क कोऑपरेटिव फेडरेशन

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• A new co-operative named Sardar Patel Co-operative Dairy Federation Ltd was registered in Gandhinagar, Gujarat under Section 7 of the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002.
• It aims to source milk from 20 States and 2 Union Territories, focusing on connecting 20,000 untapped village-level milk cooperatives.
• The cooperative is not a competitor to Amul (GCMMF), but a complementary body to support milk collection from unregistered rural groups.
• Equity structure are 20% with GCMMF, 60% shared with district milk unions of Gujarat and 20% allotted to village-level cooperatives in other States/UTs
• Initial capital corpus is Rs.200 crore
• The co-operative cannot engage in credit or housing finance operations.

lQues: Who has been appointed as the 7th Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the International Cricket Council (ICC) in 2025?
2025 में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट परिषद (ICC) के 7वें मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (CEO) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Geoff Allardice / ज्योफ एलार्डिस
B. Sanjog Gupta / संजोग गुप्ता
C. Anurag Thakur / अनुराग ठाकुर
D. Manu Sawhney / मनु सावनी
E. Nita Ambani / नीता अंबानी

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Sanjog Gupta, CEO of JioStar Sports, has been appointed as the 7th CEO of the International Cricket Council (ICC).
• He replaces Geoff Allardice of Australia, who previously held the position.
• Gupta assumed the role of CEO at JioStar Sports in November 2024, following the merger of Viacom18 and Disney Star, marking a significant development in Indian sports broadcasting.
• His appointment to the ICC signifies increasing Indian representation in global cricket governance.

About International Cricket Council (ICC) :

• Established : 1909
• HQ : Dubai, United Arab Emirates
• Chairman : Jay Shah
• Deputy Chairman : Imran Khwaja
• General Manager : Wasim Khan

Ques: Which Indian institute has developed a new low-cost sensor to detect toxic sulfur dioxide (SO_2) gas at extremely low concentrations?
अत्यंत कम सांद्रता पर विषाक्त सल्फर डाइऑक्साइड (SO_2) गैस का पता लगाने के लिए किस भारतीय संस्थान ने एक नया कम-लागत वाला सेंसर विकसित किया है?

A. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru / भारतीय विज्ञान संस्थान, बेंगलुरु
B. Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS), Bengaluru / सेंटर फॉर नैनो एंड सॉफ्ट मैटर साइंसेज, बेंगलुरु
C. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai / भाभा परमाणु अनुसंधान केंद्र, मुंबई
D. National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), Nagpur / राष्ट्रीय पर्यावरण अभियांत्रिकी अनुसंधान संस्थान, नागपुर
E. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi / भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, दिल्ली

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Scientists at Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS), Bengaluru, under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), have developed a low-cost sensor for detecting sulfur dioxide (SO_2) gas.
• The sensor is made using nickel oxide (NiO) and neodymium nickelate ($NdNiO_3$) through a simple synthesis method.
• A portable prototype has been developed for real-time SO_2 monitoring.
• SO_2 is a toxic air pollutant emitted from vehicles and industries, known to cause respiratory and long-term lung damage, even at minute concentrations.

Ques: Under the new UAE Golden Visa policy, how much fee is required to be paid by Indians without business/property investment?
नई UAE गोल्डन वीज़ा नीति के तहत, भारतीयों को बिना व्यापार/संपत्ति निवेश के कितना शुल्क देना होगा?

A. Rs.10 lakh
B. Rs.15 lakh
C. Rs.23.3 lakh
D. Rs.30 lakh
E. Rs.50 lakh

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The UAE Government has launched a new nomination-based Golden Visa policy for Indians and Bangladeshis in the first phase.
• Unlike earlier, no property or business investment of AED 2 million (Rs.4.66 crore) is required.
• Under this new scheme, Indians can now obtain a lifetime UAE Golden Visa by paying just AED 1,00,000, which is approximately Rs.23.3 lakh.
• This policy broadens access but still includes certain eligibility conditions.
• Over 5,000 Indians are expected to apply in the initial three months.

Ques: Who has become the first Indian actress to be honoured with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Class of 2026?
हॉलीवुड वॉक ऑफ फेम 2026 की सूची में स्टार से सम्मानित होने वाली पहली भारतीय अभिनेत्री कौन बनी हैं?

A. Priyanka Chopra / प्रियंका चोपड़ा
B. Aishwarya Rai Bachchan / ऐश्वर्या राय बच्चन
C. Deepika Padukone / दीपिका पादुकोण
D. Alia Bhatt / आलिया भट्ट
E. Tabu / तब्बू

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Hollywood Chamber of Commerce (California, USA) announced that Deepika Padukone will be honoured with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame (Class of 2026) under the Motion Pictures category.
• She becomes the first Indian actress to receive this global honour.
• The Hollywood Walk of Fame, established in 1960, features over 2,800 stars across five categories: Motion Pictures, Television, Live Theatre/Performance, Recording, and Radio.
• Before Deepika, the only Indian-origin individual honoured was Sabu Dastagir, who received a star in 1960 for early contributions to Hollywood cinema.

Ques: What is the name of the joint sea exercise between the Indian Coast Guard and Japan Coast Guard during the 2025 port call in Chennai?
2025 में चेन्नई में बंदरगाह यात्रा के दौरान भारतीय तटरक्षक बल और जापानी तटरक्षक बल के बीच आयोजित समुद्री अभ्यास का नाम क्या है?

A. Dharma Guardian / धर्म गार्जियन
B. Malabar / मालाबार
C. Jaa Mata / जा माता
D. Shakti / शक्ति
E. Suraksha Setu / सुरक्षा सेतु

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Japan Coast Guard Ship Itsukushima arrived at Chennai Port as part of a Global Ocean Voyage Training.
• This visit reinforces Indo-Japan cooperation under India's SAGAR vision and the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative.
• The port call will culminate in a joint sea exercise named 'Jaa Mata' (meaning See you later) on July 12, 2025.

lQues: Which Indian company recently secured a Rs.300 crore emergency procurement contract from the Indian Army for bulletproof jackets and advanced ballistic helmets?
भारतीय सेना से बुलेटप्रूफ जैकेट और उन्नत बैलिस्टिक हेलमेट की आपातकालीन खरीद के लिए RS.300 करोड़ का अनुबंध हाल ही में किस भारतीय कंपनी को मिला है?

A. Tata Advanced Systems / टाटा एडवांस्ड सिस्टम्स
B. SMPP Limited / एसएमपीपी लिमिटेड
C. Bharat Electronics Limited / भारत इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स लिमिटेड
D. Kalyani Group / कल्याणी समूह
E. MKU Ltd / एमकेयू लिमिटेड

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• SMPP Limited has secured two emergency procurement contracts worth Rs.300 crore from the Indian Army.
• The contracts include the supply of 27,700 bulletproof jackets and 11,700 advanced ballistic helmets.
• The helmets are claimed to be the world's first to offer protection against steel-core bullets fired from the AK-47 (Avtomat Kalashnikova model 1947).
• These gear are designed to meet extreme combat conditions, enhancing the safety of Indian soldiers during operations.

Ques: What is the name of the State-led platform launched by Telangana to support AI development?
तेलंगाना द्वारा एआई विकास को समर्थन देने के लिए लॉन्च किए गए राज्य-स्तरीय प्लेटफॉर्म का क्या नाम है?

A. TGDeX / टीजीडीईएक्स
B. Telangana AI Bridge / तेलंगाना एआई ब्रिज
C. T-Hub AI Portal / टी-हब एआई पोर्टल
D. T-SmartAI / टी-स्मार्टएआई
E. T-AI Grid / टी-एआई ग्रिड

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• TGDeX (Telangana Data Exchange) is India's first State-led Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) designed to support AI innovation.
• It was launched by Telangana's IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu in Hyderabad.
• TGDeX helps overcome barriers in AI development, such as lack of clean datasets, affordable compute resources, and institutional support.
• The platform offers subsidized infrastructure and public datasets for startups, researchers, and developers.
• Knowledge Partner: Boston Consulting Group (BCG)
• Enabling Partners: T-Hub, T-Works, WE Hub, and others.

:Ques: How many gold medals did India win at the World Boxing Cup 2025 held in Kazakhstan?
कज़ाखस्तान में आयोजित वर्ल्ड बॉक्सिंग कप 2025 में भारत ने कितने स्वर्ण पदक जीते?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• At the World Boxing Cup 2025 in Kazakhstan, the Indian boxing team took home 11 medals, including three gold, five silver, and three bronze.
• Women boxers Sakshi, Jasmine Lamboria, and Nupur took home all three golds.
• From June 30 to July 7, 2025, Astana, Kazakhstan, hosted the 2025 World Boxing Cup.
• India sent a 20-person team to Kazakhstan for the 2025 World Boxing Cup.

World Boxing Cup Kazakhstan 2025: Indian Gold medal winners

• Sakshi : Women's 54kg
• Jaismine Lamboria : Women's 57kg
• Nupur : Women's 80+kg

:Ques: Where was the 17th BRICS Summit held, during which Indonesia was welcomed as a full member?
17वें ब्रिक्स शिखर सम्मेलन का आयोजन कहां किया गया, जिसमें इंडोनेशिया को पूर्ण सदस्य के रूप में शामिल किया गया?

A. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil / रियो डी जनेरियो, ब्राज़ील
B. Kazan, Russia / कज़ान, रूस
C. New Delhi, India / नई दिल्ली, भारत
D. Jakarta, Indonesia / जकार्ता, इंडोनेशिया
E. Cape Town, South Africa / केप टाउन, दक्षिण अफ्रीका

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• The 17th BRICS Summit was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 6–7 July 2025.
• Indonesia was officially welcomed as a full member of BRICS during this summit.
• The theme of the summit was: "Strengthening Global South Cooperation for a More Inclusive and Sustainable Governance".
• The Rio de Janeiro Declaration was adopted, emphasizing global governance reforms and sustainable development.
• The 16th BRICS Summit was held earlier in Kazan, Russia, from 22–24 October 2024.

Ques: What is the primary objective of the Asteroid Terrestrial-impact Last Alert System (ATLAS)?
एस्टेरॉइड टेरेस्ट्रियल-इम्पैक्ट लास्ट अलर्ट सिस्टम (ATLAS) का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. Detecting solar flares / सौर ज्वालाओं का पता लगाना
B. Tracking satellites / उपग्रहों को ट्रैक करना
C. Searching for killer asteroids close to Earth / पृथ्वी के पास जानलेवा क्षुद्रग्रहों की खोज करना
D. Monitoring black hole activity / ब्लैक होल गतिविधियों की निगरानी
E. Studying comets within our solar system / हमारे सौर मंडल के भीतर धूमकेतुओं का अध्ययन

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• ATLAS (Asteroid Terrestrial-impact Last Alert System) is an early warning system developed by the University of Hawaii and funded by NASA.
• It uses four telescopes (located in Hawaii, Chile, and South Africa) to scan the entire sky multiple times a night.
• Its primary goal is to detect “killer asteroids”—large near-Earth objects that could pose a serious impact threat to life on Earth.
• ATLAS can detect objects even closer than the Moon (within 384,000 km).

Ques: Which Indian school won the first prize in the NASA-NSS Space Settlement Design Contest 2025 for the 8th grade category?
NASA-NSS स्पेस सेटलमेंट डिज़ाइन कॉन्टेस्ट 2025 की आठवीं कक्षा श्रेणी में प्रथम पुरस्कार किस भारतीय विद्यालय ने जीता?

A. Delhi Public School, Bengaluru / दिल्ली पब्लिक स्कूल, बेंगलुरु
B. S.R.N. Mehta CBSE School, Kalaburagi / एस.आर.एन. मेहता सीबीएसई स्कूल, कलबुर्गी
C. Kendriya Vidyalaya, Hyderabad / केंद्रीय विद्यालय, हैदराबाद
D. The Doon School, Dehradun / दून स्कूल, देहरादून
E. National Public School, Chennai / नेशनल पब्लिक स्कूल, चेन्नई

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The S.R.N. Mehta CBSE School in Kalaburagi, Karnataka won the first prize in the NASA-NSS Space Settlement Design Contest 2025 in the 8th grade category.
• The project, created by a team of 11 students, focused on creative and sustainable space colony designs.
• The contest was jointly organized by NASA Ames Research Center and the National Space Society (NSS).
• The winning team was invited to present their project at the International Space Development Conference (ISDC-2025) in Orlando, Florida, USA.

Ques: What is the name of India's first National Biobank launched in July 2025 for health research?
स्वास्थ्य अनुसंधान के लिए जुलाई 2025 में लॉन्च किए गए भारत के पहले राष्ट्रीय बायोबैंक का क्या नाम है?

A. GenIndia Biobank / जेनइंडिया बायोबैंक
B. Swasth Bharat Repository / स्वस्थ भारत रिपॉजिटरी
C. Phenome India National Biobank / फीनोम इंडिया नेशनल बायोबैंक
D. CSIR Gene Vault / सीएसआईआर जीन वॉल्ट
E. Ayush Health Data Bank / आयुष हेल्थ डेटा बैंक

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Phenome India National Biobank was launched on 6 July 2025 at CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB), New Delhi.
• It is modeled after the UK Biobank, aiming to store biological samples (like DNA and blood) along with health, lifestyle, and clinical data.
• Initially includes 10,000 participants from across India.
• Supported by the Ministry of Science and Technology, it aims to improve disease prediction, enable personalized medicine, and fuel cutting-edge research like CRISPR, AI diagnostics, and AMR studies.

Ques : When is World Bioproduct Day observed every year?
विश्व जैव-उत्पाद दिवस हर साल कब मनाया जाता है?

A. June 5
B. July 1
C. July 7
D. August 12
E. October 16

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• World Bioproduct Day is celebrated every year on July 7 to promote awareness about bio-based products and their role in environmental sustainability and the global bioeconomy.
• The first World Bioproduct Day was observed in 2021, initiated by the World BioEconomy Forum.
• Bioproducts include items like ethanol (from sugarcane) and biodiesel (from vegetable oils), derived from renewable resources.
• India marked World Bioproduct Day 2025 under the theme: "World Bioproduct Day – The BioE3 Way".

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Dr. Jitendra Singh, the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy, and Space, opened a brand-new Tea Lounge called "Sahkar" and a cutting-edge digital studio called "Shrishti" at the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) headquarters.

After PM Paetongtarn Shinawatra was suspended by the Thai Constitutional Court, the Cabinet of Thailand named Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Phumtham Wechayachai as the country's acting prime minister.

Harvinder Singh, world number 1 and reigning Paralympic champion, won two gold medals at the Asian Para-Archery Championships 2025 in Beijing. Recurve Men's Open and Recurve Open Mixed Team (with Bhawna). India finished second overall with 9 medals (3 Gold, 3 Silver, 3 Bronze), behind China.

Jennifer Simons Appointed as First female President of Suriname. She Replaced Chandrikapersad Santokhi. Paramaribo is the capital of Suriname and Currency is Suriname Dollar

Sonal Holland, India's first Master of Wine, launches her memoir 'One in a Billion'

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी, पृथ्वी विज्ञान, प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय, कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत, पेंशन, परमाणु ऊर्जा और अंतरिक्ष राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) डॉ. जितेंद्र सिंह ने भारतीय लोक प्रशासन संस्थान (आईआईपीए) मुख्यालय में "सहकार" नामक एक बिल्कुल नए टी लाउंज और "सृष्टि" नामक एक अत्याधुनिक डिजिटल स्टूडियो का उद्घाटन किया।

थाई संवैधानिक न्यायालय द्वारा प्रधानमंत्री पैतोंगटार्न शिनावात्रा को निलंबित किए जाने के बाद, थाईलैंड के मंत्रिमंडल ने उप-प्रधानमंत्री और गृह मंत्री फुमथम वेचायाचाई को देश का कार्यवाहक प्रधानमंत्री नियुक्त किया।

विश्व के नंबर एक और मौजूदा पैरालंपिक चैंपियन हरविंदर सिंह ने बीजिंग में 2025 एशियाई पैरा-तीरंदाजी चैंपियनशिप में दो स्वर्ण पदक जीते। रिकर्व पुरुष ओपन और रिकर्व ओपन मिश्रित टीम (भावना के साथ)। भारत 9 पदकों (3 स्वर्ण, 3 रजत, 3 कांस्य) के साथ चीन के बाद दूसरे स्थान पर रहा।

जेनिफर सिमंस सूरीनाम की पहली महिला राष्ट्रपति नियुक्त हुईं। उन्होंने चंद्रिकाप्रसाद संतोखी का स्थान लिया। पारामारिबो सूरीनाम की राजधानी है और मुद्रा सूरीनाम डॉलर है।

भारत की पहली वाइन मास्टर, सोनल हॉलैंड ने अपने संस्मरण 'वन इन अ बिलियन' का विमोचन किया।

Ques: The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) is developing which upgraded version of UPI to allow automated payments via smart devices?
भारतीय राष्ट्रीय भुगतान निगम (NPCI) स्मार्ट डिवाइस के माध्यम से स्वचालित भुगतान की अनुमति देने के लिए UPI का कौन-सा उन्नत संस्करण विकसित कर रहा है?

A. UPI Lite 2.0 / यूपीआई लाइट 2.0
B. UPI for IoT / स्मार्ट डिवाइस हेतु यूपीआई
C. AutoPay UPI / ऑटोपे यूपीआई
D. UPI SmartPay / यूपीआई स्मार्टपे
E. Bharat UPI Connect / भारत यूपीआई कनेक्ट

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• NPCI is developing an IoT-enabled version of UPI that will allow automatic payments through smart appliances like refrigerators, cars, and wearables.
• Each device will be assigned a UPI ID linked to the user's account, enabling delegated payments without needing a mobile app.
• This is part of NPCI's 2025 innovation roadmap and may launch at the Global Fintech Fest after regulatory approval.

:Ques: Which country became the first in the Caribbean region to enable UPI services for Indian travellers?
भारतीय यात्रियों के लिए UPI सेवा शुरू करने वाला पहला कैरिबियाई देश कौन सा बना है?

A. Trinidad and Tobago / त्रिनिडाड और टोबैगो
B. Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका
C. Mauritius / मॉरीशस
D. Bhutan / भूटान
E. Fiji / फिजी

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• Trinidad and Tobago has become the first Caribbean nation and the eighth country overall to adopt India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) system.
• This allows Indian travellers to make seamless digital payments abroad using their Indian bank accounts.
• The service is enabled through local partnerships and managed by NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL).
• With this addition, UPI is now live in 8 countries, including UAE, Singapore, France, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Ques : What is the name of the initiative launched by Startup Policy Forum to identify and support India's top 100 deep-tech startups?
भारत के शीर्ष 100 डीप-टेक स्टार्टअप्स की पहचान और सहायता के लिए स्टार्टअप पॉलिसी फोरम द्वारा शुरू की गई पहल का क्या नाम है?

A. 100DesiDeepTechs / 100DesiDeepTech
B. IndiaDeepTech Mission / इंडियाडीपटेक मिशन
C. DesiTech100 / DesiTech100
D. Bharat Tech Foundry / भारत टेक फाउंड्री
E. DeepTech Bharat Yatra / डीपटेक भारत यात्रा

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• Startup Policy Forum (SPF) launched the #100DesiDeepTechs initiative to identify and support India's top 100 deep-tech startups.
• It is a first-of-its-kind multi-stakeholder programme, in collaboration with Startup India (DPIIT), MeitY Startup Hub, and IIT-Madras.
• IIT-Madras will lead the startup selection process.
• Ikigai Law (knowledge partner) will draft the whitepaper, while Kaio will manage the programme.
• The government has announced a second tranche of Rs.10,000 crore for deep-tech startups through the Fund of Funds (FoF), led by MoF and MoC&I (Piyush Goyal and Nirmala Sitharaman).

About the FoF Scheme (Fund of Funds for Startups) :

• Launched : 2016
• Managed by : Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
• Implemented by : Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
• Initial Outlay : Rs.10,000 crore
• As of December 2024, Rs.10,229 crore has been committed to 129 AIFs, which have collectively mobilized Rs.17,534 crore, benefiting over 969 startups across sectors

Ques : Which organization has signed an MoU with the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities to implement 'Project Inclusion'?
दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण विभाग ने 'प्रोजेक्ट इंक्लूज़न' को लागू करने के लिए किस संगठन के साथ समझौता ज्ञापन (MoU) पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

A. NCERT / एनसीईआरटी
B. NIOS / एनआईओएस
C. Tata Institute of Social Sciences / टाटा सामाजिक विज्ञान संस्थान
D. Sri Aurobindo Society / श्री अरविंद सोसाइटी
E. Rehabilitation Council of India / पुनर्वास परिषद भारत

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities has signed an MoU with Sri Aurobindo Society (SAS) to implement 'Project Inclusion'.
• This initiative aims to build inclusive education capacity under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016, specifically Sections 16, 17, and 47.
• Under this project, SAS will operate through its 'Rupantar Programme' using a mobile app and web-based platform.
• The project will provide training, issue e-certificates, and promote inclusive teaching tools and innovations to support educators, school counsellors, and rehabilitation professionals

Ques : Which company has become the first to integrate India Post's DIGIPIN system into its platform?
किस कंपनी ने भारत पोस्ट की DIGIPIN प्रणाली को अपने प्लेटफॉर्म में एकीकृत करने वाली पहली कंपनी बनकर पहचान बनाई है?

A. Google Maps / गूगल मैप्स
B. ISRO / इसरो
C. Zomato / ज़ोमैटो
D. MapmyIndia / मैपमाईइंडिया
E. Ola / ओला

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• MapmyIndia has become the first company to integrate DIGIPIN, a 10-character alphanumeric digital address system developed by India Post, into its Mappls app.
• DIGIPIN offers 3.8m x 3.8m grid-level accuracy, addressing issues like last-mile delivery and enhancing location precision.
• This aligns with the goals of Digital India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat, aiming to provide universal digital addresses for all.
• Mappls also adds contextual information (like floor, building names, landmarks) alongside the DIGIPIN.

Ques: What is India's target for the size of its bioeconomy by 2030?
भारत का 2030 तक जैव-अर्थव्यवस्था के आकार का लक्ष्य क्या है?

A. $150 billion
B. $200 billion
C. $250 billion
D. $300 billion
E. $350 billion

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Union Minister Jitendra Singh reaffirmed that India aims to expand its bioeconomy to $300 billion by 2030.
• Bioeconomy refers to the sustainable use of biological resources like crops, forests, and microorganisms to produce goods, energy, and services.
• As of March 2024, India's bioeconomy was valued at $165.7 billion.
• The initiative supports India's commitments to climate action and sustainable economic growth.

Ques: Which ministry launched the 'Kalaa Setu – Real-Time Language Tech for Bharat' Challenge under the WaveX platform?
'कला सेतु – रियल-टाइम लैंग्वेज टेक फॉर भारत' चैलेंज किस मंत्रालय ने WaveX प्लेटफॉर्म के तहत लॉन्च किया है?

A. Ministry of Culture / संस्कृति मंत्रालय
B. Ministry of Electronics and IT / इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय
C. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting / सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय
D. Ministry of Education / शिक्षा मंत्रालय
E. Ministry of Skill Development / कौशल विकास मंत्रालय

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MIB) launched the "Kalaa Setu – Real-Time Language Tech for Bharat" Challenge under its WaveX Startup Accelerator Platform.
• The challenge invites AI startups to create scalable, indigenous solutions for automated generation of audio, video, and graphic content from text, supporting multiple Indian languages.
• It is part of the WAVES initiative, launched to promote innovation in media, entertainment, and language technologies.
• The 'Bhasha Setu' Challenge, launched on 30th June 2025, is also part of this initiative, focusing specifically on real-time language translation.
• The WAVES Summit took place in May 2025 in Mumbai to kick off these efforts.

Ques : Which state government has signed an MoU with Skymet Weather Services to implement the WINDS project for weather data and risk management?
किस राज्य सरकार ने मौसम डेटा और जोखिम प्रबंधन के लिए WINDS परियोजना लागू करने हेतु स्काइमेट वेदर सर्विसेज के साथ समझौता ज्ञापन (MoU) पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

A. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
B. Gujarat / गुजरात
C. Odisha / ओडिशा
D. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
E. Rajasthan / राजस्थान

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Government of Odisha signed an MoU with Skymet Weather Services Pvt. Ltd. in Bhubaneswar to implement the WINDS project — Weather Information Network Data System.
• The aim is to enhance access to weather data, improve agricultural risk management, and strengthen the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).
• The project will be jointly implemented by Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment (A&FE) and Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Government of Odisha
• Funding will be provided from the PMFBY budget and managed by the Cooperation Department of the Odisha Government.

Ques: Which civilian honour was conferred upon PM Narendra Modi by Namibia in July 2025?
जुलाई 2025 में नामीबिया द्वारा प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी को कौन सा नागरिक सम्मान प्रदान किया गया?

A. Order of the Rising Sun / उगते सूर्य का आदेश
B. Order of the Baobab / बाओबाब का आदेश
C. Order of the Leopard / तेंदुआ का आदेश
D. Order of the Most Ancient Welwitschia Mirabilis / सबसे प्राचीन वेल्विट्चिया मिराबिलिस का आदेश
E. Order of Unity / एकता का आदेश

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded Namibia's highest civilian honour, the "Order of the Most Ancient Welwitschia Mirabilis", on 9 July 2025.
• The award was presented by Namibian President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah in Windhoek.
• It recognises PM Modi's leadership, commitment to the Global South, and strengthening of India-Namibia ties.
• The award is named after a rare, resilient desert plant found in the Namib Desert, symbolising endurance and strength.

Ques : What is the name of the AI-powered mosquito surveillance system launched as a pilot in Andhra Pradesh?
आंध्र प्रदेश में शुरू की गई कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) आधारित मच्छर निगरानी प्रणाली का नाम क्या है?

A. eMosquito
B. SMoSS
C. SmartGuard
D. VectorShield
E. MosBot

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• A pilot project known as the Smart Mosquito Surveillance System (SMoSS) will be introduced by the Andhra Pradesh government
• It is launched at 66 places throughout six municipal corporations: Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, Kaknada, Rajamahendravaram, Nellore, and Kurnool.
• In order to detect mosquito species, gender, population density, and meteorological factors like temperature and humidity, SMoSS uses AI-powered mosquito sensors, drones, and other devices.
• Automatic alerts are sent when mosquito populations in a given area surpass safe thresholds, allowing civic teams to quickly respond and conduct fogging or spraying operations.

Ques : Who won the Formula 1 Qatar Airways British Grand Prix 2025?
फॉर्मूला 1 कतर एयरवेज ब्रिटिश ग्रां प्री 2025 किसने जीती?

A. Max Verstappen / मैक्स वेरस्टैप्पन
B. Lewis Hamilton / लुईस हैमिल्टन
C. Oscar Piastri / ऑस्कर पियास्त्री
D. Charles Leclerc / चार्ल्स लेक्लेर
E. Lando Norris / लैंडो नॉरिस

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• The Formula One (F1) British Grand Prix (GP) 2025, also known as the Formula 1 Qatar Airways British GP 2025, was won by Lando Norris of the United Kingdom, who was driving for McLaren.
• It was Norris's fourth victory of the 2025 season and his eighth overall.

Recent Grand Prix Winner :

• 2025 Australian Grand Prix : Lando Norris
• 2025 Chinese Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri
• 2025 Japanese Grand Prix : Max Verstappen
• 2025 Bahrain Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri
• 2025 Saudi Arabian Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri
• 2025 Miami Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri
• 2025 Emilia Romagna Grand Prix : Max Verstappen
• 2025 F1 Monaco Grand Prix : Lando Norris
• 2025 Spanish Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri
• 2025 Canadian Grand Prix : George Russell
• 2025 Austrian Grand Prix : Lando Norris

Ques: What is the name of the first malaria drug approved specifically for newborns and infants weighing 2–5 kg?
नवजात शिशुओं और 2–5 किलोग्राम वजन वाले शिशुओं के लिए स्वीकृत पहली मलेरिया दवा का क्या नाम है?

A. Malarivon / मलेरियावोन
B. Novababy / नोवाबेबी
C. Coartem Baby / कोर्टेम बेबी
D. Infalaria / इन्फलारिया
E. Artemsafe / आर्टेमसेफ

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Switzerland has approved Coartem Baby, the first-ever malaria treatment specifically designed for newborns and infants.
• It is intended for babies weighing between 2–5 kg, typically up to 6 months old.
• Developed by Novartis in collaboration with Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV) and other global health partners.
• It aims to close the treatment gap for the youngest age group, who were previously excluded from clinical trials and malaria vaccine coverage.
• Coartem Baby will be offered largely on a not-for-profit basis in malaria-endemic countries.

Ques: Which ministry runs the National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) Scheme that funds higher education abroad for students from marginalized communities?
कौन सा मंत्रालय हाशिए पर मौजूद समुदायों के छात्रों को विदेश में उच्च शिक्षा के लिए वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करने वाली राष्ट्रीय प्रवासी छात्रवृत्ति (NOS) योजना संचालित करता है?

A. Ministry of External Affairs / विदेश मंत्रालय
B. Ministry of Education / शिक्षा मंत्रालय
C. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship / कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्रालय
D. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment / सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय
E. NITI Aayog / नीति आयोग

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment implements the National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) Scheme.
• It provides financial assistance to students from Scheduled Castes, Denotified Tribes, Landless Agricultural Labourers, and Traditional Artisans for Master's and Ph.D. studies abroad.
• Recently, provisional award letters for 66 out of 106 candidates were withheld due to fund shortage.
• Selection is conducted in two phases and no more than 10% slots per state to ensure regional diversity.
• A candidate already settled or studying abroad is not eligible.
• 125 slots/year are available (115 for SCs), with 30% reserved for women.

Eligibility includes:

• Age ≤ 35 years (as on April 1 of the selection year)
• Family income ≤ ₹8 lakh annually
• Minimum 60% marks in qualifying degree
• Unconditional admission in Top 500 QS-ranked institutions

Ques: According to the 2025 edition of the Statistical Review of World Energy, which country became the world's fourth-largest biofuel consumer in 2024, surpassing China?
वर्ल्ड एनर्जी के 2025 सांख्यिकीय समीक्षा संस्करण के अनुसार, 2024 में चीन को पछाड़ते हुए दुनिया का चौथा सबसे बड़ा बायोफ्यूल उपभोक्ता कौन सा देश बना?

A. Brazil / ब्राज़ील
B. Germany / जर्मनी
C. United States / संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका
D. India / भारत
E. Indonesia / इंडोनेशिया

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The 74th edition of the Statistical Review of World Energy 2025 was published by the London-based Energy Institute (EI) in collaboration with Kearney and KPMG.
• In 2024, India became the world's 4th largest biofuel consumer, overtaking China for the second consecutive year.
• India's biofuel consumption grew at a CAGR of 31.8% from 2014 to 2024, reaching 77,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day—a 40% YoY increase.
• Globally, biofuel demand hit a record high of 2.2 million barrels/day in 2024, rising 3% year-on-year.

Ranking of Top 5 Biofuel Consumers (2024):

1 USA
2 Brazil
3 Indonesia
4 India
5 China

Ques: Which Indian state has become the first to integrate a model predicting the possibility of TB deaths among patients into its elimination programme?
टीबी उन्मूलन कार्यक्रम में 'टीबी से मौत की संभावना' की भविष्यवाणी वाला मॉडल जोड़ने वाला भारत का पहला राज्य कौन सा है?

A. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
B. Kerala / केरल
C. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
D. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
E. Gujarat / गुजरात

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Tamil Nadu has become the first state in India to integrate a predictive model into its TB elimination programme.
• The model assesses the risk of death in TB patients and is integrated into the state's digital health application.
• It enables early screening at the diagnosis stage and ensures quicker hospital admissions for high-risk patients.
• This step is expected to significantly reduce TB-related mortality in a country that bears the highest global TB burden.

Ques : What is the name of the indigenous anti-submarine rocket system recently tested successfully by India?
भारत द्वारा हाल ही में सफलतापूर्वक परीक्षण की गई स्वदेशी पनडुब्बी-रोधी रॉकेट प्रणाली का नाम क्या है?

A. BRAHMOS-NG
B. ERASR
C. NASM-MR
D. Varunastra
E. Astra-MK2

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• ERASR stands for Extended Range Anti-Submarine Rocket, designed to combat enemy submarines from Indian Navy ships.
• The trials were successfully conducted from INS Kavaratti.
• It is a completely indigenous system, developed by DRDO's ARDE (Armament Research & Development Establishment), Pune.
• The production of these rockets is being carried out by Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad and Solar Defence & Aerospace Limited, Nagpur

Ques: Which district ranked 1st in the North Eastern Region (NER) SDG Index 2023-24?
उत्तर-पूर्व क्षेत्र SDG इंडेक्स 2023-24 में किस जिले ने पहला स्थान प्राप्त किया है?

A. Champhai (Mizoram) / चम्फाई (मिजोरम)
B. Gomati (Tripura) / गोमती (त्रिपुरा)
C. Mokokchung (Nagaland) / मोकोकचुंग (नगालैंड)
D. Hnahthial (Mizoram) / ह्नाथियाल (मिजोरम)
E. Gangtok (Sikkim) / गंगटोक (सिक्किम)

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The second edition of the NER District SDG Index Report (2023–24), released by NITI Aayog and MoDoNER with UNDP's technical support, assessed districts from the 8 North Eastern states.
• Hnahthial district in Mizoram secured the top rank with a score of 81.43, falling in the 'Front Runner' category.
• The Index categorizes districts into Achiever (100), Front Runner (65–99), Performer (50–65), and Aspirant (<50).
• In total, 85% of NER districts are now in the Front Runner category, a rise from 62% in 2021–22.

Ques: Which country will host the 2025 Artistic Gymnastics World Championships scheduled from October 19 to 25?
19 से 25 अक्टूबर तक आयोजित होने वाली 2025 आर्टिस्टिक जिम्नास्टिक्स विश्व चैंपियनशिप की मेज़बानी कौन सा देश करेगा?

A. Japan / जापान
B. Belgium / बेल्जियम
C. Indonesia / इंडोनेशिया
D. South Korea / दक्षिण कोरिया
E. France / फ्रांस

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Indonesia will host the 2025 Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in Senayan, Jakarta, from October 19 to 25.
• The Artistic Gymnastics World Championships are an annual event featuring men's and women's competitions.
• The championships were first held in 1903 for men, and the women's events were added in 1934.
• The previous edition took place in 2023 in Antwerp, Belgium.

Ques: Which Indian state police won the highest number of medals for India at the World Police and Fire Games 2025 held in the US?
अमेरिका में आयोजित वर्ल्ड पुलिस एंड फायर गेम्स 2025 में भारत के लिए सबसे ज्यादा पदक किस राज्य की पुलिस ने जीते?

A. Maharashtra Police / महाराष्ट्र पुलिस
B. Delhi Police / दिल्ली पुलिस
C. Punjab Police / पंजाब पुलिस
D. Uttar Pradesh Police / उत्तर प्रदेश पुलिस
E. Haryana Police / हरियाणा पुलिस

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The Uttar Pradesh Police secured the highest number of medals for India, winning 95 medals (including 45 Gold, 34 Silver, and 16 Bronze) at the World Police and Fire Games 2025.
• The event was held in Alabama, USA.
• India ranked third overall with 560 medals across events such as athletics, wrestling, shooting, weightlifting, and swimming.
• The United States topped the medal tally with 1,354 medals, followed by Brazil in second place.

Ques: Which Indian state recently launched the 'Mukhya Mantri Pratigya' scheme (CMPRATIGYA) to support youth skill training and internships with monthly financial **aid?**
किस भारतीय राज्य ने हाल ही में युवाओं को कौशल प्रशिक्षण और इंटर्नशिप में मासिक वित्तीय सहायता देने के लिए 'मुख्यमंत्री प्रतिज्ञा' (CMPRATIGYA) योजना शुरू की है?

A. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
B. Bihar / बिहार
C. Rajasthan / राजस्थान
D. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश
E. Jharkhand / झारखंड

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The CMPRATIGYA (Chief Minister – Promotion of Readiness, Awareness and Technical Insights for Guiding Youth Advancement) scheme was launched by Bihar CM Nitish Kumar.
• It is part of Bihar's Saat Nischay-2 development agenda and aims to support 1 lakh youth by 2030–31.

Youths aged 18–28 will receive monthly financial assistance based on their qualification and internship/training status:

• Rs.4,000/month for Class 12 pass undergoing skill training
• Rs.5,000/month for ITI/diploma holders
• Rs.6,000/month for graduates/postgraduates in internships
• Additional Rs.2,000 if interning outside their home district, and Rs.5,000 if interning outside Bihar.

Ques: Which French company acquired Indian BPM firm WNS in 2025 for $3.3 billion?
2025 में किस फ्रांसीसी कंपनी ने भारतीय BPM फर्म WNS को $3.3 बिलियन में अधिग्रहीत किया?

A. Deloitte / डेलॉयट
B. Atos / एटोस
C. Capgemini / कैपजेमिनी
D. Accenture / एक्सेंचर
E. CGI / सीजीआई

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• French consulting firm Capgemini acquired Indian BPM company WNS for $3.3 billion, marking one of the largest deals in the business process management sector.
• WNS was initially founded by British Airways in 1996 and later renamed World Network Services.
• The acquisition will boost Capgemini's agentic-AI capabilities, enhance its digitally integrated services, and expand its presence in the US market.
• The combined workforce will exceed 2 lakh employees across 24+ global locations.

Ques: What is the name of the first indigenously designed and built Diving Support Vessel delivered to the Indian Navy?
भारतीय नौसेना को सौंपा गया पहला स्वदेशी रूप से डिज़ाइन और निर्मित डाइविंग सपोर्ट वेसल (DSV) का नाम क्या है?

A. Samudra / समुद्र
B. Varun / वरुण
C. Nistar / निस्तार
D. Rakshak / रक्षक
E. Prithvi / पृथ्वी

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• 'Nistar' is the first indigenously designed and constructed Diving Support Vessel (DSV) delivered to the Indian Navy.
• Built by Hindustan Shipyard Limited in Visakhapatnam, it boasts approximately 75% indigenous content.
• The vessel is designed according to the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) standards.
• It is equipped with state-of-the-art diving equipment, capable of performing Deep Sea Saturation Diving up to 300 meters and side diving operations up to 75 meters.
• The 118-meter-long, 10,000-ton vessel will also act as the 'Mother Ship' for the Deep Submergence Rescue Vessel (DSRV), enabling rescue and evacuation in case of submarine emergencies.
• The name 'Nistar', derived from Sanskrit, means liberation, rescue, or salvation

Ques : Guru Purnima, celebrated on the full moon day of Ashada month, marks the birth anniversary of which ancient sage?
आषाढ़ माह की पूर्णिमा को मनाया जाने वाला गुरु पूर्णिमा पर्व किस प्राचीन ऋषि की जयंती के रूप में मनाया जाता है?

A. Rishi Vishwamitra / ऋषि विश्वामित्र
B. Rishi Valmiki / ऋषि वाल्मीकि
C. Maharishi Ved Vyasa / महर्षि वेदव्यास
D. Rishi Agastya / ऋषि अगस्त्य
E. Gautam Buddha / गौतम बुद्ध

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Guru Purnima is celebrated on the full moon day (Purnima) of Ashada month. This year it is celebrated on 6th July.
• It commemorates the birth anniversary of Maharishi Ved Vyasa, the legendary sage who compiled the Mahabharata, Vedas, and Puranas.
• The day is observed with reverence by Hindus, Buddhists, and Jains to honor their spiritual teachers (Gurus).
• In Buddhism, the day also marks Lord Buddha's first sermon at Sarnath, making it a spiritually significant occasion.

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

The Finance Ministry has extended the deadline to choose between Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) and National Pension System (NPS) to September 30, 2025, from the earlier deadline of June 30, 2025

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.

Vatsala', considered to be Asia's oldest elephant, died recently at the age of more than 100 years at the Panna Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh.

The new Carnac bridge will reopen after being renamed the "Sindoor bridge" by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) in observance of Operation Sindoor, the military operation against Pakistani terror installations.

One of the city's oldest bridges, the Carnac Bridge was constructed in 1868 and is named for Sir James Rivett-Carnac, the governor of Bombay from 1839 to 1841.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

वित्त मंत्रालय ने एकीकृत पेंशन योजना (UPS) और राष्ट्रीय पेंशन प्रणाली (NPS) में से किसी एक को चुनने की समय सीमा 30 जून, 2025 से बढ़ाकर 30 सितंबर, 2025 कर दी है।

अनंत टेक्नोलॉजीज लिमिटेड देश भर के उपयोगकर्ताओं को स्थानीय रूप से निर्मित भूस्थिर उपग्रह का उपयोग करके उपग्रह संचार (सैटकॉम) सेवाएँ प्रदान करने वाली भारत की पहली निजी कंपनी बनने के लिए तैयार है।

एशिया की सबसे वृद्ध हथिनी मानी जाने वाली 'वत्सला' का हाल ही में मध्य प्रदेश के पन्ना टाइगर रिजर्व में 100 वर्ष से अधिक आयु में निधन हो गया।

पाकिस्तानी आतंकवादी ठिकानों के खिलाफ सैन्य अभियान, ऑपरेशन सिंदूर के उपलक्ष्य में, बृहन्मुंबई नगर निगम (BMC) द्वारा "सिंदूर पुल" का नाम बदलने के बाद, नया कारनैक पुल फिर से खुल जाएगा।

शहर के सबसे पुराने पुलों में से एक, कार्नैक ब्रिज का निर्माण 1868 में हुआ था और इसका नाम 1839 से 1841 तक बॉम्बे के गवर्नर रहे सर जेम्स रिवेट-कार्नैक के नाम पर रखा गया है।

Ques: How much dividend did Indian Bank pay to the Government of India for FY 2024–25?
इंडियन बैंक ने वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 के लिए भारत सरकार को कितना डिविडेंड भुगतान किया?

A. Rs.1,212 crore
B. Rs. 1,616.14 crore
C. Rs.1,500 crore
D. Rs.1,400 crore
E. Rs.1,800 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Indian Bank paid a dividend of Rs.1,616.14 crore to the Government of India for the financial year 2024–25.
• The dividend was handed over by MD & CEO Binod Kumar to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
• The bank declared a dividend of Rs.16.25 per share, reflecting its strong financial performance for FY25.
• Other officials present included M Nagaraju (Secretary, DFS), Alok Pande (Additional Secretary & Govt Nominee Director), and Ashish Madhaorao More (Joint Secretary, DFS).
• Indian Bank reiterated its focus on long-term value creation and consistent growth.

Ques: How much capital does the Indian government plan to raise through QIPs by diluting stakes in PSBs during FY 2025–26?
वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 में सरकार सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंकों (PSBs) में हिस्सेदारी घटाकर QIP के माध्यम से कितनी पूंजी जुटाने की योजना बना रही है?

A. Rs 30,000 crore
B. Rs 45,000 crore
C. Rs 50,000 crore
D. Rs 60,000 crore
E. Rs 20,000 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Indian government plans to mobilise Rs 45,000 crore in FY 2025–26 by diluting stakes in public sector banks (PSBs) through Qualified Institutional Placements (QIPs).
• The State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest lender, will lead the fundraising with plans to raise Rs 20,000 crore via QIPs.
• Five PSBs — Bank of Maharashtra, Indian Overseas Bank, UCO Bank, Central Bank of India, and Punjab and Sind Bank — have been shortlisted for partial disinvestment.
• Additionally, the Department of Financial Services has approved a stake sale in Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) through Offer for Sale (OFS), marking the first LIC dilution since its IPO in 2022.

Ques: Which state recorded the highest CAGR in GST collection between FY19 and FY25?
FY19 से FY25 के बीच GST संग्रह में सबसे अधिक वार्षिक वृद्धि दर (CAGR) किस राज्य ने दर्ज की?

A. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
B. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
C. Odisha / ओडिशा
D. Haryana / हरियाणा
E. Kerala / केरल

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Odisha achieved the highest Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 14.6% in GST collections between FY19 and FY25, becoming the only state to surpass the 14% benchmark under the GST compensation formula.
• Odisha's GST collections grew by 126.1%, reaching Rs.60,928 crore in FY25.
• The growth was driven by factors like tax base expansion, mining & infrastructure development, and strict enforcement against tax evasion.
• Other states like Haryana (13.7%), Maharashtra (13.3%), and Kerala (12.5%) also showed strong GST growth, but Odisha led the chart.
• Uttarakhand recorded the slowest GST growth among all states with just 5.3% CAGR.

Ques: From July 16, Indian government departments must process payments above what amount through RBI's e-Kuber system?
16 जुलाई से भारतीय सरकारी विभागों को कितनी राशि से ऊपर के भुगतान RBI के ई-कुबर सिस्टम के माध्यम से करने होंगे?

A. Rs.500 crore
B. Rs.100 crore
C. Rs.75 crore
D. Rs.50 crore
E. Rs.25 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• From July 16, 2025, Indian government departments are mandated to process payments over Rs.75 crore using the Reserve Bank of India's e-Kuber system.
• Earlier, this requirement applied only to payments exceeding Rs.500 crore.
• For certain types of transactions, the threshold has also been revised to Rs.100 crore.
• The e-Kuber system helps improve transparency, ensure faster fund reconciliation, and reduce delays in high-value payments.
• The government may further lower the limit to ₹50 crore in the future to tighten payment controls.

Ques: What are Catastrophe Bonds (Cat Bonds) primarily used for?
कैटस्ट्रॉफी बॉन्ड्स (कैट बॉन्ड्स) का मुख्य उपयोग क्या है?

A. To fund long-term infrastructure projects / दीर्घकालिक बुनियादी ढांचा परियोजनाओं के लिए धन जुटाना
B. To raise emergency funds for disasters by sharing risk with investors / आपदाओं के लिए आपातकालीन धन जुटाना और निवेशकों के साथ जोखिम साझा करना
C. To support education and health programs / शिक्षा और स्वास्थ्य कार्यक्रमों का समर्थन करना
D. To reduce inflation by controlling money supply / मुद्रा आपूर्ति को नियंत्रित कर मुद्रास्फीति को कम करना
E. To promote foreign trade agreements / विदेशी व्यापार समझौतों को बढ़ावा देना

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Catastrophe Bonds (Cat Bonds) are risk-sharing financial instruments that help governments or insurers raise emergency funds before disasters occur.
• If no disaster happens, investors earn interest.
• If a specified disaster (like an earthquake or cyclone) occurs, the issuer keeps the money to fund recovery and relief, and investors may lose their money.
• For India, Cat Bonds offer quick disaster relief funding, reduce pressure on government finances, attract private investment, and spread disaster risks globally, supporting climate resilience and disaster management goals.

Ques: What new technology is set to redefine the global standard for measuring a "second"?
"सेकंड" मापने के वैश्विक मानक को पुनर्परिभाषित करने के लिए कौन सी नई तकनीक प्रस्तावित है?

A. Quantum Entanglement Clocks / क्वांटम एंटैंगलमेंट क्लॉक
B. Caesium Atomic Clocks / सीज़ियम एटॉमिक क्लॉक
C. Optical Atomic Clocks / ऑप्टिकल एटॉमिक क्लॉक
D. Pulsar Timekeeping / पल्सर टाइमकीपिंग
E. Satellite Synchronised Clocks / सैटेलाइट सिंक्रोनाइज्ड क्लॉक

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Since 1967, the second has been defined by caesium atomic clocks, which measure time based on the vibrations of cesium-133 atoms.
• However, optical atomic clocks are about 100 times more accurate, stable over billions of years, and can detect minute changes in gravity.
• These clocks can count time with precision up to 18 decimal places, making them ideal for future technologies like advanced GPS, climate science, and fundamental physics.
• Scientists expect optical clocks to replace caesium clocks as the new global time standard by around 2030.

Ques: Which company is set to become India's first private firm to offer satellite communication services using a locally-built geostationary satellite?
किस कंपनी के भारत की पहली निजी कंपनी बनने की संभावना है जो स्वदेशी जियोस्टेशनरी सैटेलाइट का उपयोग करके सैटेलाइट संचार सेवाएं प्रदान करेगी?

A. Ananth Technologies Limited / आनंद टेक्नोलॉजीज लिमिटेड
B. Larsen & Toubro / एलएंडटी
C. Tata Advanced Systems / टाटा एडवांस्ड सिस्टम्स
D. Bharat Electronics Limited / भारत इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स लिमिटेड
E. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited / हिंदुस्तान एयरोनॉटिक्स लिमिटेड

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• 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.
• ATL has received authorization from IN-SPACe (Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre) based in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
• The company plans to launch a 4-tonne GEO communication satellite by 2028, with a maximum data capacity of 100 Gbps.
• The satellite will be positioned 35,000 km above Earth, providing broadband-from-space services across India

Ques: Who became the first Indian sprinter to run the Men's 100m in under 10.20 seconds?
पुरुषों की 100 मीटर दौड़ में 10.20 सेकंड से कम समय में दौड़ने वाले पहले भारतीय धावक कौन बने?

A. Gurindervir Singh / गुरिंदरवीर सिंह
B. Animesh Kujur / अनीमेश कुजुर
C. Amiya Kumar Mallick / अमिया कुमार मलिक
D. Mohammed Anas / मोहम्मद अनस
E. Amlan Borgohain / अमलान बोरगोहेन

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• 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.
• He surpassed the previous national record held by Gurindervir Singh.
• In the overall event standings, he finished third, behind Benjamin Richardson (10.01 seconds) of South Africa and Ali Anwar Al-Balushi (10.12 seconds) of Oman.
• Animesh Kujur also holds the national record in the 200m, with 20.32 seconds, set at the 2025 Asian Athletics Championships in South Korea.

Ques: Where was India's first private Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal inaugurated recently?
हाल ही में भारत का पहला निजी गति शक्ति कार्गो टर्मिनल कहां शुरू किया गया?

A. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
B. Rajasthan / राजस्थान
C. Gujarat / गुजरात
D. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश
E. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India (DFCCIL) inaugurated India's first private Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal near Surat, Gujarat.
• The terminal is called the New Sanjali Terminal, developed by the Sawariya Shakti Group over 120 acres of private land.
• It is part of the Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal policy (Schedule-1) aimed at promoting private investment in logistics infrastructure.
• The terminal is strategically located between New Sanjali station (freight corridor) and Panoli station (Indian Railways).
• This initiative supports the Gati Shakti National Master Plan for enhancing multi-modal connectivity in India.

Ques: Which Indian state launched the 'Mukhya Mantri Sehat Yojana' providing free and cashless medical treatment of up to Rs.10 lakh per year for every family?
किस भारतीय राज्य ने 'मुख्यमंत्री सेहत योजना' शुरू की, जो हर परिवार को सालाना Rs.10 लाख तक का मुफ्त और कैशलेस इलाज उपलब्ध कराती है?

A. Haryana / हरियाणा
B. Delhi / दिल्ली
C. Rajasthan / राजस्थान
D. Punjab / पंजाब
E. Bihar / बिहार

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Punjab government launched the Mukhya Mantri Sehat Yojana, a universal health cover initiative.
• Under the scheme, every family in the state, regardless of income, will receive free and cashless medical treatment up to Rs.10 lakh per year.
• This is an increase from the earlier limit of Rs.5 lakh per family.
• The scheme will be operational from October 2, 2025.
• Camps will be organised across the state to enroll beneficiaries for the scheme.

Ques: What is the purpose of the Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND) Scheme?
ब्रॉडकास्टिंग इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर एंड नेटवर्क डेवलपमेंट (BIND) योजना का उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. To privatize broadcasting services / प्रसारण सेवाओं का निजीकरण करना
B. To promote private radio stations / निजी रेडियो स्टेशनों को बढ़ावा देना
C. To provide financial support to Prasar Bharati for infrastructure and content development / प्रसार भारती को आधारभूत संरचना और सामग्री विकास के लिए वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करना
D. To establish private news networks / निजी समाचार नेटवर्क स्थापित करना
E. To regulate media advertisements / मीडिया विज्ञापनों को विनियमित करना

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND) Scheme is a Central Sector Scheme aimed at providing financial support to Prasar Bharati (which includes All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD)).
• Cabinet Approves BIND scheme with an outlay of Rs.2539.61 crore.
• It covers infrastructure expansion, upgradation of broadcasting equipment, content development, and civil works related to broadcasting services.
• Under the scheme, an Akashvani Kendra will be established in Ujjain to enhance public broadcasting outreach.

Ques: Who won the 2025 PEN Pinter Prize for her writing on migration, faith, and the lives of women?
प्रवास, आस्था और महिलाओं के जीवन पर लेखन के लिए 2025 का PEN पिंटर पुरस्कार किसे प्रदान किया गया?

A. Arundhati Roy / अरुंधति रॉय
B. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie / चिमामांडा न्गोज़ी अदिची
C. Leila Aboulela / लैला अबूलेला
D. Margaret Atwood / मार्गरिट एटवुड
E. Jhumpa Lahiri / झुंपा लाहिड़ी

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Sudanese-Scottish author Leila Aboulela was awarded the 2025 PEN Pinter Prize.
• She was recognised for her powerful writing on themes like migration, religion, and the experiences of women.
• Her notable works include The Translator (1999), Minaret (2005), and River Spirit (2023).
• The PEN Pinter Prize, named after Nobel Laureate Harold Pinter, honors writers who show an "unflinching, unswerving" gaze upon the world.
• The award was established in 2009 and has previously been given to authors such as Salman Rushdie and Arundhati Roy.

Ques : How Many mines received the Seven-Star Rating for sustainable mining practices from the Ministry of Mines in 2025?
2025 में खान मंत्रालय से टिकाऊ खनन प्रथाओं के लिए कितनी खदानों को सेवन-स्टार रेटिंग प्राप्त हुई?

A. 4
B. 5
C. 1
D. 2
E. 3

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Mines conferred the Seven-Star Rating, the highest recognition for sustainable mining practices, to three mines in 2025.
- Naokari Limestone Mine of UltraTech Cement in Chandrapur, Maharashtra was awarded for exceptional green mining efforts.
- Noamundi Iron Ore Mine of Tata Steel in Jharkhand received the 7-star rating for its outstanding sustainability measures.
- Kammatharu Iron Ore Mine of Sandur Manganese & Iron Ores Limited in Karnataka was also honored with the Seven-Star Rating.
- In total, 98 mines were recognized in the ceremony: 3 with 7-star ratings and 95 with 5-star ratings.

Ques: What is the name of the book authored by Arvind Yadav on the 14th Dalai Lama, set to be released in September 2025?
प्रश्न: 14वें दलाई लामा पर अरविंद यादव द्वारा लिखित पुस्तक का नाम क्या है, जिसे सितंबर 2025 में प्रकाशित किया जाएगा?

A. Path of Peace / पाथ ऑफ पीस
B. Eternal Light / एटरनल लाइट
C. Light of Wisdom / लाइट ऑफ विजडम
D. The Lama's Legacy / द लामा'स लेगेसी
E. Spirit of Tibet / स्पिरिट ऑफ तिब्बत

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Senior journalist and author Arvind Yadav has written a biography titled "Eternal Light: The Life and Times of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama."
• The book is scheduled for release in September 2025.
• It covers the life journey, teachings, and global influence of the Dalai Lama.
• The book also highlights Tibetan culture, the struggle for peace, compassion, and non-violence, central to the Dalai Lama's philosophy.

Ques: Which state announced the development of Asia's largest jungle safari in the Aravalli Hills?
अरावली की पहाड़ियों में एशिया के सबसे बड़े जंगल सफारी के विकास की घोषणा किस राज्य ने की है?

A. Haryana / हरियाणा
B. Gujarat / गुजरात
C. Rajasthan / राजस्थान
D. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश
E. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• The Government of Haryana has announced the development of Asia's largest jungle safari in the Aravalli Hills.
• The project will cover 10,000 acres, with 6,000 acres in Gurugram and 4,000 acres in Nuh, Haryana.
• The aim is to boost eco-tourism and promote wildlife conservation.
• The Aravalli Range, one of the oldest mountain ranges in India, spans Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Delhi, covering 1.15 million hectares.

Ques: Who is the author of the book "Honest John: A Life of John Matthai"?
"ऑनेस्ट जॉन: अ लाइफ ऑफ जॉन मथाई" पुस्तक के लेखक कौन हैं?

A. Syloo Matthai / सायलू मथाई
B. Rajmohan Gandhi / राजमोहन गांधी
C. Bakhtiar K. Dadabhoy / बख्तियार के. डादाभॉय
D. Jairam Ramesh / जयराम रमेश
E. Gurcharan Das / गुरचरण दास

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The book "Honest John: A Life of John Matthai" is authored by Bakhtiar K. Dadabhoy.
• It chronicles the life of John Matthai, India's first Railway Minister and second Finance Minister after independence.
• The biography highlights his policy decisions, political contributions, and role in shaping India's early economy.
• The book also features a foreword by Syloo Matthai, providing a personal perspective on John Matthai's life and legacy.

Ques: What is the title of the book written by retired Army officer S.N. Ahmed, paying tribute to the postcard era?
सेवानिवृत्त सेना अधिकारी एस.एन. अहमद द्वारा लिखी गई, पोस्टकार्ड युग को समर्पित पुस्तक का नाम क्या है?

A. Patra Ki Kahani / पत्र की कहानी
B. Das Paise ka Postcard / दस पैसे का पोस्टकार्ड
C. Yaadon ka Patra / यादों का पत्र
D. Antim Chitthi / अंतिम चिट्ठी
E. Sandeh Ka Safar / सन्देश का सफर

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The book titled Das Paise ka Postcard has been authored by retired Army man S.N. Ahmed.
• It is a nostalgic tribute to the era when postcards were a primary mode of communication in India.
• The title reflects the price of a postcard (10 paise) during that time.

Ques: Who inaugurated the ASMITA Weightlifting League in Modinagar?
मोडिनगर में ASMITA वेटलिफ्टिंग लीग का उद्घाटन किसने किया?

A. Anurag Thakur / अनुराग ठाकुर
B. Smriti Irani / स्मृति ईरानी
C. Rajeev Chandrasekhar / राजीव चंद्रशेखर
D. Mansukh Mandaviya / मनसुख मांडविया
E. Bhupender Yadav / भूपेंद्र यादव

Answer : Option D

Explanation:

• Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the ASMITA Weightlifting League at the Weightlifting Warriors Academy in Modinagar.
• The league is focused on promoting women's participation in weightlifting, with 42 girls competing in 8 weight categories over two days.
• Under the broader ASMITA initiative (Adolescent Girls' Sports Motivation Initiative), the government aims to organize 852 competitions in 15 sports disciplines in FY 2024-25, targeting 70,000 female athletes.
• Last year, 550 competitions were held with around 53,000 women participants.

Ques: How many Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) drones has India approved for procurement to enhance border surveillance?
भारत ने सीमा निगरानी को मजबूत करने के लिए कितने मीडियम ऑल्टिट्यूड लॉन्ग एंड्योरेंस (MALE) ड्रोन की खरीद को मंजूरी दी है?

A. 47
B. 60
C. 78
D. 100
E. 87

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• The Indian government has fast-tracked the procurement of 87 MALE drones worth Rs.20,000 crore.
• These drones operate at medium altitudes (up to ~35,000 feet) and can fly for over 30 hours continuously.
• Their primary use includes Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) and limited combat roles.
• The drones will be 60% indigenous, developed under the Make in India initiative.
• Previously, India relied on Israeli-made drones, but the new procurement boosts self-reliance in defense technology.

Ques: According to Houlihan Lokey's report, which IPL franchise is the most valuable in 2024?
हूलिहान लोकी की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, 2024 में सबसे मूल्यवान आईपीएल फ्रेंचाइज़ी कौन सी है?

A. Mumbai Indians / मुंबई इंडियंस
B. Chennai Super Kings / चेन्नई सुपर किंग्स
C. Royal Challengers Bengaluru / रॉयल चैलेंजर्स बैंगलोर
D. Kolkata Knight Riders / कोलकाता नाइट राइडर्स
E. Punjab Kings / पंजाब किंग्स

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• 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.
• RCB surpassed other popular teams like Mumbai Indians and Chennai Super Kings in brand valuation.
• The overall IPL valuation rose to $18.5 billion, with the brand value reaching $3.9 billion.
• The significant increase in RCB's value is due to factors like increased viewership, sponsorship deals, and notably, their first IPL title win in 2024.

Ques: Which country will become the 21st member of the eurozone by adopting the euro from January 1, 2026?
1 जनवरी 2026 से यूरो को अपनाकर कौन सा देश यूरोजोन का 21वां सदस्य बनेगा?

A. Romania / रोमानिया
B. Bulgaria / बुल्गारिया
C. Serbia / सर्बिया
D. Hungary / हंगरी
E. Poland / पोलैंड

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The European Union ministers have granted final approval for Bulgaria to adopt the euro from January 1, 2026.
• Bulgaria will replace its current currency, the Bulgarian Lev, with the euro (EUR).
• This makes Bulgaria the 21st member of the eurozone, which is the group of EU countries using the euro as their official currency.
• The euro is the second most used currency in the world after the US dollar.
• Croatia was the most recent country to join the eurozone, adopting the euro on January 1, 2023.

About Bulgaria :

• Capital : Sofia
• Currency : Bulgarian Lev
• PM : Rosen Dimitrov Zhelyazkov

Ques: Where will the 7th Regional Committee Meeting of ISA for the Asia-Pacific region be held in July 2025?
एशिया-प्रशांत क्षेत्र के लिए ISA की 7वीं क्षेत्रीय समिति की बैठक जुलाई 2025 में कहाँ आयोजित की जाएगी?

A. New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
B. Kathmandu / काठमांडू
C. Dhaka / ढाका
D. Colombo / कोलंबो
E. Jakarta / जकार्ता

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The International Solar Alliance (ISA) will conduct its 7th Regional Committee Meeting for the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region in Colombo, Sri Lanka, from July 15 to 17, 2025.
• The focus of the meeting is to accelerate solar energy deployment and promote investment-ready, scalable energy solutions in the Asia-Pacific region.
• The event will facilitate collaboration between governments, private sector leaders, and energy experts to develop innovative solar solutions for the future.
• This meeting is part of ISA's ongoing efforts to make solar energy affordable, reliable, and accessible across member countries.

Ques: What is the name of the initiative launched by NESTS and UNICEF India to support holistic development among EMRS students?
EMRS छात्रों के सर्वांगीण विकास के लिए NESTS और UNICEF India द्वारा शुरू की गई पहल का क्या नाम है?

A. PRAGATI
B. UDAAN
C. TALASH
D. GATI
E. RISE

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• TALASH (Tribal Aptitude, Life Skills and Self-Esteem Hub) is a national initiative launched by the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) in collaboration with UNICEF India.
• It supports the holistic development of students in Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) across 28 States and 8 Union Territories.
• The program includes psychometric assessments, career counselling, and life skills modules to empower tribal students with confidence, self-awareness, and career clarity.

Ques: Whose 125th birth anniversary is being officially commemorated with a postage stamp and coin release from July 6, 2025 to July 6, 2027?
6 जुलाई 2025 से 6 जुलाई 2027 तक किसकी 125वीं जयंती के अवसर पर डाक टिकट और सिक्का जारी कर आधिकारिक रूप से स्मरण किया जा रहा है?

A. Dr. Rajendra Prasad / डॉ. राजेंद्र प्रसाद
B. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel / सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल
C. Syama Prasad Mookerjee / श्यामा प्रसाद मुखर्जी
D. Bal Gangadhar Tilak / बाल गंगाधर तिलक
E. Lala Lajpat Rai / लाला लाजपत राय

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Department of Posts released a postage stamp and coin to mark the 125th birth anniversary of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee.
• The official two-year commemoration (2025–2027) was announced by the Ministry of Culture.
• Born on 6 July 1901 in Kolkata, Mookerjee was a noted educationist, barrister, and freedom fighter.
• He founded the Bharatiya Jana Sangh in 1951, which later evolved into the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).
• He was nicknamed "The Lion of Parliament" for his powerful speeches on national issues.

Ques: What is the new condition set by the Bihar Cabinet for women to claim the 35% reservation in state government jobs?
बिहार सरकार ने महिलाओं को सरकारी नौकरियों में 35% आरक्षण का लाभ उठाने के लिए कौन सी नई शर्त लगाई है?

A. Age relaxation / आयु में छूट
B. Minimum education qualification / न्यूनतम शिक्षा योग्यता
C. Domicile certificate mandatory / निवास प्रमाण पत्र अनिवार्य
D. Income ceiling / आय सीमा
E. Marital status proof / वैवाहिक स्थिति प्रमाण

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Bihar Cabinet, chaired by CM Nitish Kumar, has made it compulsory for women to produce a Bihar domicile certificate to avail the 35% reservation in state government jobs, which was introduced in 2016.
• Earlier, women from outside Bihar could also apply under this quota.
• Now, only Bihar resident women will be eligible for the reservation.
• Women from other states can still apply but will be considered under the general category.
• Additionally, the Cabinet has approved setting up the Bihar Youth Commission to promote self-reliance, skill development, and employment among the youth

Ques: What is the theme of World Population Day 2025 observed on July 11?
प्रश्न: 11 जुलाई को मनाए गए 2025 विश्व जनसंख्या दिवस की थीम क्या है?

A. Investing in Teenage Health / किशोर स्वास्थ्य में निवेश
B. Rights and Choices are the Answer / अधिकार और विकल्प ही उत्तर हैं
C. Empowering youth for sustainable future / स्थायी भविष्य के लिए युवाओं को सशक्त बनाना
D. Empowering young people to create the families they want in a fair and hopeful world / युवाओं को एक निष्पक्ष और आशावान दुनिया में अपने मनचाहे परिवार बनाने के लिए सशक्त बनाना
E. Reproductive Health and Gender Equality / प्रजनन स्वास्थ्य और लैंगिक समानता

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The theme of World Population Day 2025 is “Empowering young people to create the families they want in a fair and hopeful world.”
• World Population Day was established in 1989 by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme.
• The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution in December 1990 to continue observing this day annually.
• The first observance took place on 11 July 1990 in over 90 countries

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Puri, a popular shrine and tourism destination in Odisha, would be transformed into a municipal corporation, according to Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi's announcement. Puri will join Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Sambalpur, Berhampur, and Rourkela as Odisha's sixth municipal corporation.

The Kerala Fisheries department has awarded Kasaragod district the Fisheries department Excellence Award 2025, recognising its achievements in the fisheries sector under the Popular Fish Farming Project.

Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya kicksoff ASMITA Weightlifting League in Modinagar, Uttar Pradesh. ASMITA (Achieving Sports Milestone by Inspiring Women) is part of Khelo India’s gender neutral mission Started in 2021.

Vidarbha Industries Power Ltd (VIPL), a 600 MW coal-based thermal project, was acquired by Adani Power Ltd (APL) for ₹4,000 crore. Located in Maharashtra's Butibori, Nagpur district, VIPL consists of two 300 MW domestic coal-fired facilities.

Priya Nair, who already serves as President of Unilever's Beauty and Well-Being division, will take over as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) on August 1, 2025, the company revealed.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

मुख्यमंत्री मोहन चरण माझी की घोषणा के अनुसार, ओडिशा का एक लोकप्रिय तीर्थस्थल और पर्यटन स्थल पुरी, नगर निगम में तब्दील हो जाएगा। पुरी, भुवनेश्वर, कटक, संबलपुर, बरहामपुर और राउरकेला के साथ ओडिशा का छठा नगर निगम बन जाएगा।

केरल मत्स्य विभाग ने लोकप्रिय मत्स्य पालन परियोजना के तहत मत्स्य पालन क्षेत्र में कासरगोड जिले की उपलब्धियों को मान्यता देते हुए, मत्स्य विभाग उत्कृष्टता पुरस्कार 2025 से सम्मानित किया है।

केंद्रीय मंत्री मनसुख मंडाविया ने उत्तर प्रदेश के मोदीनगर में अस्मिता भारोत्तोलन लीग का शुभारंभ किया। अस्मिता (महिलाओं को प्रेरित करके खेल जगत में उपलब्धि हासिल करना) 2021 में शुरू किए गए खेलो इंडिया के लिंग-तटस्थ मिशन का हिस्सा है।

विदर्भ इंडस्ट्रीज पावर लिमिटेड (वीआईपीएल), एक 600 मेगावाट की कोयला-आधारित ताप विद्युत परियोजना, अदानी पावर लिमिटेड (एपीएल) द्वारा ₹4,000 करोड़ में अधिग्रहित की गई। महाराष्ट्र के नागपुर जिले के बुटीबोरी में स्थित वीआईपीएल में 300 मेगावाट की दो घरेलू कोयला-आधारित इकाइयाँ शामिल हैं।

प्रिया नायर, जो पहले से ही यूनिलीवर के सौंदर्य और कल्याण विभाग की अध्यक्ष के रूप में कार्यरत हैं, 1 अगस्त, 2025 को हिंदुस्तान यूनिलीवर लिमिटेड (एचयूएल) की मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी और प्रबंध निदेशक का पदभार संभालेंगी, कंपनी ने खुलासा किया।

Ques: Which company became the first to cross a $4 trillion market valuation milestone?
$4 ट्रिलियन मार्केट वैल्यूएशन का आंकड़ा पार करने वाली पहली कंपनी कौन बनी?

A. Nvidia / एनविडिया
B. Microsoft / माइक्रोसॉफ्ट
C. Apple / एप्पल
D. Alphabet / अल्फाबेट
E. Amazon / अमेज़न

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• Nvidia became the first company to cross a $4 trillion market valuation, marking a historic achievement in the tech and AI sectors.
• Nvidia's market cap is now approximately 75% of India's total equity market capitalization.
• It has a higher valuation than the total market cap of all countries except the US, China, Japan, Hong Kong, and India.
• In India, the top companies by market cap are Reliance Industries ($240 billion), HDFC Bank ($180 billion), and TCS ($143 billion).

Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) for 2025-26?
2025-26 के लिए सेल्युलर ऑपरेटर्स एसोसिएशन ऑफ इंडिया (COAI) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Rahul Vatts / राहुल वत्स
B. Sunil Bharti Mittal / सुनील भारती मित्तल
C. Gopal Vittal / गोपाल विट्टल
D. Abhijit Kishore / अभिजीत किशोर
E. Akash Ambani / आकाश अंबानी

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• Abhijit Kishore, Chief Operating Officer of Vodafone Idea Ltd, has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) for the term 2025-26.
• Rahul Vatts, Chief Regulatory Officer at Bharti Airtel, has been appointed as the Vice Chairperson of COAI.
• COAI is the industry body representing major telecom operators in India.
• COAI established in 1995 and headquarter in New Delhi.

Ques: Which organisation recently authorised Starlink to operate broadband satellite services in India?
भारत में ब्रॉडबैंड सैटेलाइट सेवा संचालित करने के लिए स्टारलिंक को हाल ही में किस संस्था से मंजूरी मिली?

A. ISRO / इसरो
B. TRAI / ट्राई
C. IN-SPACe / इन-स्पेस
D. DoT / दूरसंचार विभाग
E. BARC / बार्क

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Starlink, owned by Elon Musk's SpaceX, has received approval from the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) to operate its broadband satellite services in India.
• This is the second major clearance after the GMPCS (Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite) authorisation from the Department of Telecommunications (DoT).
• Starlink aims to provide high-speed internet connectivity in remote and rural areas where traditional mobile networks are not available.
• Earlier, concerns regarding security and ownership delayed the launch of Starlink services in India.

Ques: When will the International Conference on 'Reclaiming India's Knowledge Legacy Through Manuscript Heritage' be held?
"पांडुलिपि विरासत के माध्यम से भारत की ज्ञान परंपरा की पुनर्प्राप्ति" पर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन कब आयोजित किया जाएगा?

A. 5–7 August 2025
B. 11–13 September 2025
C. 2–4 October 2025
D. 15–17 November 2025
E. 25–27 December 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Ministry of Culture, Government of India, will organize the International Conference on 'Reclaiming India's Knowledge Legacy Through Manuscript Heritage' from 11th to 13th September 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
• This first-of-its-kind, three-day hybrid conference will celebrate India's ancient manuscript heritage and revive the guru–sisya tradition.
• The event commemorates Swami Vivekananda's iconic speech at the Parliament of the World's Religions on 11th September 1893, symbolizing India's civilizational continuity.

Ques: Which greenfield smart industrial city did Japan's Ambassador to India, Mr. Keiichi Ono, recently visit with a delegation of Japanese companies?
जापान के भारत में राजदूत केइची ओनो ने हाल ही में जापानी कंपनियों के प्रतिनिधिमंडल के साथ किस ग्रीनफील्ड स्मार्ट औद्योगिक शहर का दौरा किया?

A. Dholera SIR / धोलेरा एसआईआर
B. GIFT City / गिफ्ट सिटी
C. Auric City / औरिक सिटी
D. Noida Electronics City / नोएडा इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स सिटी
E. Bengaluru ITIR / बेंगलुरु आईटीआईआर

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• 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 Japanese Ambassador to India, Keiichi Ono, led a delegation of top Japanese companies to Dholera SIR.
• The delegation was briefed about the Tata Electronics Semiconductor Fabrication Facility, which is being developed in partnership with Taiwan's Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation (PSMC).
• This semiconductor project is a crucial part of the Semicon India Programme, with over ₹1.54 lakh crore investments in Gujarat.

Ques: Which Indian healthcare technology company has partnered with Telecom Egypt to develop a national digital healthcare platform in Egypt?
किस भारतीय हेल्थकेयर टेक्नोलॉजी कंपनी ने टेलीकॉम इजिप्ट के साथ मिलकर मिस्र में एक राष्ट्रीय डिजिटल स्वास्थ्य मंच विकसित करने के लिए समझौता किया है?

A. Practo / प्रैक्टो
B. Tata Digital Health / टाटा डिजिटल हेल्थ
C. Medanta Digital Health / मेदांता डिजिटल हेल्थ
D. 1mg Technologies / 1एमजी टेक्नोलॉजीज
E. KareXpert Technologies / केयरएक्सपर्ट टेक्नोलॉजीज

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• 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.
• The agreement was signed during the Africa Health ExCon 2025 in Cairo, Egypt.
• The platform will be hosted on Egypt's secure national cloud infrastructure to ensure data sovereignty and privacy.
• Key features include a Hospital Information Management System (HIMS), Unified Electronic Medical Records (EMR), and Revenue Cycle Management tools, all designed to enhance healthcare access and operational efficiency in Egypt.

Ques: Who is the only Indian content creator featured in the TIME 100 Creators List 2025?
टाइम 100 क्रिएटर्स लिस्ट 2025 में शामिल होने वाली एकमात्र भारतीय कंटेंट क्रिएटर कौन हैं?

A. Jay Shetty / जे शेट्टी
B. Samir Chaudry / समीर चौधरी
C. Dhar Mann / धार मैन
D. Prajakta Koli / प्राजक्ता कोली
E. Michelle Khare / मिशेल खरे

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• TIME Magazine published the first-ever TIME 100 Creators List in 2025, covering 15 countries and five categories: Titans, Leaders, Entertainers, Phenomena, Catalysts.
• Prajakta Koli, known for her popular YouTube and Instagram content, is the only Indian featured in the list under the Entertainment category.
• She has 7 million YouTube subscribers and 8 million Instagram followers.
• Additionally, four Indian-origin creators – Dhar Mann, Michelle Khare, Samir Chaudry, and Jay Shetty – were also featured in the list, though they represent other countries.

Ques: Which city will host the ISSF Combined World Cup 2027 and Junior World Championships 2028?
ISSF संयुक्त वर्ल्ड कप 2027 और जूनियर वर्ल्ड चैंपियनशिप 2028 की मेजबानी कौन सा शहर करेगा?

A. Mumbai / मुंबई
B. New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
C. Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
D. Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
E. Chennai / चेन्नई

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• 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
• Both events will be held at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range, New Delhi.
• New Delhi also hosted the ISSF World Cup Final in 2024 and the ISSF World Cup in 2021 before the Tokyo Olympics.

Ques: Who recently resigned as the CEO of Elon Musk-owned platform X (formerly Twitter)?
एलन मस्क के स्वामित्व वाले प्लेटफॉर्म X (पूर्व में ट्विटर) की CEO के रूप में हाल ही में किसने इस्तीफा दिया है?

A. Sheryl Sandberg / शेरिल सैंडबर्ग
B. Jenna Ferrua / जेना फेरुआ
C. Susan Wojcicki / सुसान वोजसिकी
D. Omead Afshar / ओमीद अफशार
E. Linda Yaccarino / लिंडा याकरिनो

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• Linda Yaccarino, the CEO of X (formerly Twitter), has resigned unexpectedly.
• Her resignation came just months after Musk's AI company xAI took over X.
• The exit followed a controversy involving X's AI chatbot Grok, which posted anti-Semitic content.
• Other senior leaders from Musk's ventures, including at Tesla, also resigned recently, indicating broader leadership turbulence.
• Analysts cited differences in working style between Yaccarino and Elon Musk as a possible reason.

Ques: Where did the Ministry of Tribal Affairs launch the first Regional Process Lab (RPL) under the Aadi KARMAYOGI – National Mission for Responsive Governance?
जनजातीय मामलों के मंत्रालय ने "आदि कर्मयोगी – राष्ट्रीय उत्तरदायी शासन मिशन" के तहत पहला क्षेत्रीय प्रक्रिया प्रयोगशाला (RPL) कहाँ शुरू किया?

A. Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
B. Bhopal / भोपाल
C. Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
D. Ranchi / रांची
E. Bhubaneswar / भुवनेश्वर

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched the first Regional Process Lab (RPL) of the Aadi KARMAYOGI – National Mission for Responsive Governance in Bengaluru.
• This initiative aims to build a dynamic cadre of 20 lakh tribal grassroots functionaries and village-level leaders for last-mile governance delivery in tribal areas.
• The RPL will train State Master Trainers (SMTs) from Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana.
• The mission promotes bottom-up governance, community leadership, and cross-ministry collaboration, aligning with flagship initiatives like PM-JANMAN and DAJGUA.
• A cascading training model will empower District Master Trainers (DMTs) and involve civil society organizations (CSOs) for participatory learning.

Ques: What is the purpose of Google's recently launched Agricultural Monitoring and Event Detection (AMED) API?
गूगल द्वारा हाल ही में लॉन्च किए गए एग्रीकल्चरल मॉनिटरिंग एंड इवेंट डिटेक्शन (AMED) API का उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. To track global weather patterns / वैश्विक मौसम पैटर्न पर नज़र रखना
B. To provide field-level crop monitoring and agricultural event detection in India / भारत में खेत-स्तर पर फसल निगरानी और कृषि घटनाओं का पता लगाना
C. To analyze stock market data for agri-businesses / कृषि-व्यवसायों के लिए शेयर बाज़ार के आंकड़ों का विश्लेषण करना
D. To monitor livestock activities in rural areas / ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में पशुधन गतिविधियों की निगरानी करना
E. To provide subsidies directly to farmers / किसानों को सीधे सब्सिडी प्रदान करना

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Google launched the AMED (Agricultural Monitoring and Event Detection) API to provide field-level crop and agricultural event data across India.
• It uses satellite imagery and AI to map field boundaries and land use, and updates data every two weeks.

Key uses include:

• Crop monitoring (sowing, growth, health, harvest)
• Yield prediction
• Development of agri-tech tools for better farm management
• Helping financial institutions validate crop cycles for secure rural lending

Ques: What is the bilateral trade target set between India and Brazil by 2030?
भारत और ब्राज़ील के बीच 2030 तक तय किया गया द्विपक्षीय व्यापार लक्ष्य क्या है?

A. $10 Billion
B. $15 Billion
C. $20 Billion
D. $25 Billion
E. $30 Billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi set a target of $20 billion bilateral trade with Brazil by 2030, up from the current $12.2 billion.

Key highlights:

• Expansion of the Mercosur trade agreement to benefit Indian exporters
• Proposal to introduce UPI digital payments in Brazil
• Cooperation in sectors like agriculture, food processing, digital public infrastructure, and space technology
• PM Modi received Brazil's highest civilian honour – the Grand Collar of the National Order of the Southern Cross
• Additional discussions included visa liberalization, mineral resource access, clean energy, and Indian investments

Ques: Indian Railways signed an MoU with DFCCIL for the installation of which modern system to monitor the health of rolling stock?
भारतीय रेल ने रोलिंग स्टॉक की निगरानी के लिए DFCCIL के साथ किस आधुनिक प्रणाली को स्थापित करने के लिए समझौता ज्ञापन (MoU) पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

A. Automated Brake Testing System / स्वचालित ब्रेक परीक्षण प्रणाली
B. Machine Vision Based Inspection System (MVIS) / मशीन विजन आधारित निरीक्षण प्रणाली
C. Infrared Fault Detection System / इंफ्रारेड फॉल्ट डिटेक्शन सिस्टम
D. Ultrasonic Track Inspection System / अल्ट्रासोनिक ट्रैक निरीक्षण प्रणाली
E. Smart Coach Monitoring System / स्मार्ट कोच मॉनिटरिंग सिस्टम

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Indian Railways has partnered with Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL) to install Machine Vision Based Inspection System (MVIS).
• MVIS is an AI/ML-powered wayside system that captures high-resolution images of the undercarriage of moving trains.
• It detects hanging, loose, or missing components and generates real-time alerts to prevent accidents or service disruptions.
• DFCCIL will procure, install, test, and commission 4 MVIS units, marking the first deployment of this technology in Indian Railways.
• This system will enhance safety, reduce manual inspections, and prevent potential accidents

Ques: Who is known as "NASABlueberry" and is one of the strongest aspirants for NASA's first human mission to Mars in the 2030s?
"NASABlueberry" के नाम से जानी जाने वाली और 2030 के दशक में नासा के पहले मानव मंगल मिशन के लिए सबसे मजबूत दावेदारों में से एक कौन हैं?

A. Christina Koch / क्रिस्टिना कोच
B. Jessica Watkins / जेसिका वॉटकिन्स
C. Alyssa Carson / एलिसा कार्सन
D. Peggy Whitson / पेगी व्हिटसन
E. Sunita Williams / सुनीता विलियम्स

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Alyssa Carson is a 24-year-old astrobiologist from the USA, widely recognised as a strong contender for NASA's first human mission to Mars, planned for the early 2030s.
• She is popularly known by her NASA call sign "NASABlueberry."
• In 2016, at the age of 15, she became the youngest graduate of the Advanced PoSSUM Space Academy, earning certification for suborbital research missions.
• She is currently one of the youngest astronauts-in-training and aspires to be among the first people to set foot on Mars.

Ques: When was India's first-ever incentive scheme for e-trucks launched to promote clean freight mobility?
भारत में स्वच्छ माल परिवहन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए पहली ई-ट्रक प्रोत्साहन योजना कब शुरू की गई?

A. 5 July 2025
B. 11 July 2025
C. 15 August 2025
D. 1 September 2025
E. 30 June 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• On 11th July 2025, the Government of India launched the first-ever incentive scheme for e-trucks under the PM E-DRIVE initiative, led by Heavy Industries Minister H. D. Kumaraswamy.
• The scheme allocates Rs.500 crore specifically for electric trucks out of the Rs.10,900 crore PM E-DRIVE budget.
• It aims to deploy 5,600 e-trucks nationwide, covering N2 and N3 categories as per Central Motor Vehicle Rules (CMVR).
• Buyers get incentives ranging from Rs.2.7 lakh to Rs.9.6 lakh per truck, or 10% of the ex-factory cost, whichever is lower.
• To avail incentives, users must scrap an old diesel truck of equal or higher Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) via authorized scrapping centers.
• This shift is critical since diesel trucks (3% of fleet) contribute to 42% of transport-related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Ques: From where did scientists recently extract 18–20 million-year-old enamel proteins from extinct mammal fossils?
हाल ही में वैज्ञानिकों ने 18-20 मिलियन वर्ष पुराने विलुप्त स्तनधारी जीवों के दांतों की इनामेल प्रोटीन कहाँ से प्राप्त की है?

A. Lake Victoria Basin / विक्टोरिया झील बेसिन
B. Great Rift Valley / ग्रेट रिफ्ट वैली
C. Lake Turkana Basin / तुर्काना झील बेसिन
D. Congo Basin / कांगो बेसिन
E. Sahara Desert / सहारा रेगिस्तान

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Scientists extracted 18–20 million-year-old enamel proteins from extinct mammal fossils discovered in the Lake Turkana Basin, located in northern Kenya, near the border with Ethiopia.
• Lake Turkana is Africa's 4th largest lake and the world's largest permanent desert lake.
• The Omo River is the main source of inflow, contributing about 90% of the water.
• It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, known for its biodiversity and archaeological significance.

Ques: Which city is hosting the 27th Eastern Zonal Council Meeting chaired by Amit Shah?
अमित शाह की अध्यक्षता में 27वीं पूर्वी क्षेत्रीय परिषद बैठक किस शहर में आयोजित हो रही है?

A. Patna / पटना
B. Kolkata / कोलकाता
C. Bhubaneswar / भुवनेश्वर
D. Ranchi / रांची
E. Raipur / रायपुर

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Union Home Minister Amit Shah is chairing the 27th Eastern Zonal Council Meeting in Ranchi, Jharkhand.
• The meeting involves 70 delegates from Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, and West Bengal.
• Key discussions include, Sexual offence investigations, Fast-track courts, Banking facilities in rural areas and Emergency Response Support System (ERSS)
• Inter-state issues such as assets & liabilities, coal royalty, Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) status, and water sharing with West Bengal are also on the agenda.
• Over 20 issues will be discussed, including health, electricity, roads, law & order, and cooperative systems.

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Ques: Which former MP and MLA from Gonda, known as the “UP Tiger,” recently passed away?
गोंडा के किस पूर्व सांसद और विधायक, जिन्हें "यूपी टाइगर" के नाम से जाना जाता था, का हाल ही में निधन हो गया?

A. Kunwar Anand Singh / कुंवर आनन्द सिंह
B. Raja Raghvendra Pratap Singh / राजा रघुवेंद्र प्रताप सिंह
C. Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh / बृजभूषण शरण सिंह
D. Vir Bahadur Singh / वीर बहादुर सिंह
E. Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह

Answer: **Option** A

Explanation :

• Kunwar Anand Singh, former Member of Parliament from Gonda and former MLA of Uttar Pradesh, passed away.
• He was popularly known as the "UP Tiger", reflecting his dominant role in eastern Uttar Pradesh politics, especially in Gonda district.
• He became king in 1964 after the death of his father, Raja Raghvendra Pratap Singh (a Swatantra Party MLA).
• He served as an MLA in 1964, 1967, and 1969, leaving a significant political legacy in the region.

Ques: When is the International Day of Combating Sand and Dust Storms observed?
रेत और धूल भरी आंधियों का मुकाबला करने के लिए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस कब मनाया जाता है?

A. 5 June
B. 17 June
C. 15 September
D. 25 August
E. 12 July

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 12 July as the International Day of Combating Sand and Dust Storms in 2023.
• Theme (2025): “Sand and Dust Storms: Working Across Agendas for Resilience and Sustainability”
• The UN has also declared 2025–2034 as the United Nations Decade on Combating Sand and Dust Storms to address the increasing environmental and health challenges caused by these storms.
• This day promotes global cooperation to reduce the risks and impacts of sand and dust storms.

Ques: Why is 12th July observed as Malala Day?
12 जुलाई को मलाला दिवस के रूप में क्यों मनाया जाता है?

A. To celebrate women's right to vote / महिलाओं के मतदान के अधिकार का जश्न मनाने के लिए
B. To honor Malala Yousafzai's contribution to girls' education / लड़कियों की शिक्षा में मलाला यूसुफजई के योगदान का सम्मान करने के लिए
C. To recognize Nobel Prize winners from Pakistan / पाकिस्तान के नोबेल पुरस्कार विजेताओं को मान्यता देने के लिए
D. To promote anti-terrorism awareness / आतंकवाद विरोधी जागरूकता को बढ़ावा देने के लिए
E. To commemorate International Literacy Day / अंतर्राष्ट्रीय साक्षरता दिवस मनाने के लिए

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• 12th July is observed as Malala Day in honor of Malala Yousafzai, the Nobel Peace Prize recipient known for her advocacy of girls' education.
• Malala was born on 12th July 1997 in Mingora, Pakistan.
• In 2007, the Taliban took control of her city and banned girls from attending school.
• In 2009, she began blogging about life under Taliban rule.
• In 2012, she was shot in the head by the Taliban for her activism but survived.
• In 2013, TIME Magazine listed her among the most influential people in the world.
• Malala continues to be a global symbol of courage, education rights, and peace advocacy.

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Sachin Tendulkar's portrait was unveiled at the MCC Museum in Lord's, London. The painting was created by well-known British artist Stuart Pearson Wright.

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.

Maharashtra declares Sarvajanik Ganeshotsav as state festival. Sarvajanik Ganeshotsav in Maharashtra was started by Lokmanya Tilak in 1893.

The Assam Cabinet approved the Assam Goods and Services Tax (Reimbursement for Indigenous Bell Metal Industries) Scheme, 2025. The bell metal workers of Sarthebari will pay the GST, and their SGST amount will be reimbursed to them.

Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Union Minister of Communications and Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (DONER) inaugurated the VTU-VRIF-TCOE Hub and Spoke of Excellence in Bengaluru.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

लंदन के लॉर्ड्स स्थित एमसीसी संग्रहालय में सचिन तेंदुलकर के चित्र का अनावरण किया गया। यह चित्र प्रसिद्ध ब्रिटिश कलाकार स्टुअर्ट पियर्सन राइट द्वारा बनाया गया था।

तमिलनाडु सरकार, हुंडई मोटर इंडिया लिमिटेड (HMIL) और IIT मद्रास ने चेन्नई के निकट थाईयूर में IIT मद्रास के उपग्रह परिसर में हुंडई HTWO इनोवेशन सेंटर शुरू करने के लिए साझेदारी की है।

महाराष्ट्र ने सार्वजनिक गणेशोत्सव को राज्य उत्सव घोषित किया। महाराष्ट्र में सार्वजनिक गणेशोत्सव की शुरुआत लोकमान्य तिलक ने 1893 में की थी।

असम मंत्रिमंडल ने असम वस्तु एवं सेवा कर (स्वदेशी बेल धातु उद्योगों के लिए प्रतिपूर्ति) योजना, 2025 को मंजूरी दे दी है। सार्थेबारी के बेल धातु श्रमिक GST का भुगतान करेंगे और उनकी SGST राशि उन्हें वापस कर दी जाएगी।

केंद्रीय संचार मंत्री और पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र विकास मंत्री (डोनर) श्री ज्योतिरादित्य एम. सिंधिया ने बेंगलुरु में वीटीयू-वीआरआईएफ-टीसीओई हब का उद्घाटन किया और उत्कृष्टता की बात कही।

Ques: As per SEBI norms, how much stake does the government need to offload in LIC to meet the 10% public shareholding mandate by May 16, 2027?
सेबी के मानदंडों के अनुसार, सरकार को 16 मई 2027 तक LIC में 10% सार्वजनिक हिस्सेदारी सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कितनी हिस्सेदारी बेचनी होगी?

A. 3.5%
B. 10%
C. 6.5%
D. 5%
E. 4.5%

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Currently, the Government of India holds 96.5% stake in LIC.
• In May 2022, the government sold 3.5% stake via an IPO, raising approximately Rs.21,000 crore.
• As per SEBI's minimum public shareholding norms, at least 10% of LIC shares must be held by the public by May 16, 2027.
• Therefore, the government needs to offload an additional 6.5% stake in LIC to meet this requirement.
• The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) will decide the structure and timing of this disinvestment.

:Ques: Who has been appointed as the Deputy Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) at State Bank of India (SBI) in 2025?
2025 में स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इंडिया (SBI) के डिप्टी मुख्य सूचना सुरक्षा अधिकारी (CISO) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Rekha Menon / रेखा मेनन
B. Ramesh Lakshminarayanan / रमेश लक्ष्मीनारायणन
C. Shalini Warrier / शालिनी वॉरियर
D. Ramesh Narayanan / रमेश नारायणन
E. Babitha B P / बबीता बी पी

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• Babitha B P has been appointed as the Deputy Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) at the State Bank of India (SBI) in the rank of General Manager – Infrastructure Security & Special Projects.
• Previous Roles are Vice President of System Audit at Reserve Bank Information Technology (ReBIT) and Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) at CSB Bank
• This appointment strengthens SBI's leadership in cybersecurity and digital infrastructure protection.

Ques : According to NPCI data for June 2025, which platform processed the highest number of UPI transactions in India?
जून 2025 के लिए NPCI के आंकड़ों के अनुसार, भारत में सबसे अधिक UPI लेनदेन किस प्लेटफॉर्म ने किए?

A. PhonePe / फोनपे
B. Google Pay / गूगल पे
C. Paytm / पेटीएम
D. Amazon Pay / अमेज़न पे
E. BHIM / भीम

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• PhonePe processed 8.45 billion UPI transactions in June 2025, worth Rs.11.99 lakh crore.
• It captured 46.46% of the market share, making it the top UPI platform.
• Google Pay (GPay) was second with 6.54 billion transactions worth Rs.8.41 lakh crore, holding a 35.6% market share in volume.
• Combined, PhonePe and GPay handled 82.1% of total UPI volumes during this period.

Ques : Why did the Reserve Bank of India impose a Rs.2.70 lakh penalty on Shriram Finance Limited in 2025?
2025 में भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (RBI) ने श्रीराम फाइनेंस लिमिटेड पर Rs.2.70 लाख का जुर्माना क्यों लगाया?

A. For KYC non-compliance / केवाईसी नियमों के उल्लंघन के लिए
B. For routing loan repayments through a third-party account / ऋण पुनर्भुगतान को तीसरे पक्ष के खाते के माध्यम से संचालित करने के लिए
C. For NPA misclassification / एनपीए की गलत वर्गीकरण के लिए
D. For issuing loans without collateral / बिना गारंटी के ऋण जारी करने के लिए
E. For violating CRR norms / सीआरआर मानदंडों के उल्लंघन के लिए

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Shriram Finance Limited violated provisions of the RBI (Digital Lending) Directions, 2025.
• The company routed loan repayments through a third-party account, instead of having borrowers directly repay to the company's account.
• This led to a Rs.2.70 lakh penalty under the RBI Act, 1934—specifically Section 58G(1)(b) read with 58B(5)(aa).
• In the exercise of its authority under Section 11(3) of the FEMA, 1999, the Reserve Bank of India fined HDFC Bank Ltd. Rs.4.88 lakh for breaking rules when issuing a term loan to a customer.

Ques: Which bank recently withdrew the 'fraud' classification on Reliance Communications' loan account after a court stay?
हाल ही में किस बैंक ने कोर्ट द्वारा स्टे दिए जाने के बाद रिलायंस कम्युनिकेशंस के लोन अकाउंट से 'फ्रॉड' टैग हटा लिया है?

A. SBI / एसबीआई
B. Union Bank / यूनियन बैंक
C. Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक
D. PNB / पीएनबी
E. Bank of Baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Canara Bank informed the Bombay High Court that it has unconditionally withdrawn its earlier decision classifying Reliance Communications' (RComm) loan account as "fraudulent".
• The fraud tag was issued in November 2024, citing alleged fund diversion to group entities.
• The decision to withdraw the tag came after Anil Ambani, former director of RComm, challenged the classification, leading to a court stay in February 2025.
• As per Supreme Court and RBI guidelines, no loan account can be declared fraud without giving the borrower a personal hearing.
• The lender consortium to RComm includes Canara Bank, SBI, and Union Bank. While Canara Bank has withdrawn the tag, SBI may proceed to classify the account as fraud, which Anil Ambani is expected to challenge next.

Ques: Which state recently passed the Special Public Security Bill, 2024 aimed at curbing unlawful activities of Left-Wing Extremist organisations?
किस राज्य ने हाल ही में वामपंथी उग्रवादी संगठनों की गैरकानूनी गतिविधियों को रोकने के लिए विशेष सार्वजनिक सुरक्षा विधेयक, 2024 पारित किया?

A. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
B. Telangana / तेलंगाना
C. Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
D. Jharkhand / झारखंड
E. Odisha / ओडिशा

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• On July 10, 2025, the Maharashtra Assembly passed the Maharashtra Special Public Security Bill, 2024.
• The law aims to prevent unlawful activities of Left-Wing Extremist (LWE) organisations and similar groups.
• It provides for punishment ranging from 2 to 7 years of imprisonment.
• Maharashtra has become the fifth state to enact such a law, following Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha, and Jharkhand.

Ques : Where was the Dholpur Science Centre inaugurated to promote innovation and scientific learning among youth?
युवाओं में नवाचार और वैज्ञानिक शिक्षा को बढ़ावा देने के लिए धौलपुर साइंस सेंटर का उद्घाटन कहाँ किया गया?

A. Jaipur, Rajasthan / जयपुर, राजस्थान
B. Dholpur, Rajasthan / धौलपुर, राजस्थान
C. Jodhpur, Rajasthan / जोधपुर, राजस्थान
D. Udaipur, Rajasthan / उदयपुर, राजस्थान
E. Kota, Rajasthan / कोटा, राजस्थान

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the Dholpur Science Centre in Dholpur, Rajasthan, one of India's aspirational districts.
• The centre promotes STEM education, hands-on science learning, and innovation for school children and youth.
• It aligns with the government's 'Vigyan Setu' concept, which aims to connect scientific institutions with underserved regions and promote local entrepreneurship.

LQues: Which of the following products from Bihar has NOT been added to the e-NAM platform recently?
निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा बिहार का उत्पाद हाल ही में e-NAM प्लेटफॉर्म पर नहीं जोड़ा गया है?

A. Shahi Litchi / शाही लीची
B. Marcha Rice / मर्चा चावल
C. Katarni Rice / कतर्नी चावल
D. Kala Namak Rice / काला नमक चावल
E. Jardaalu Mango / जर्दालु आम

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The Government of India has recently added 7 products from Bihar to the e-NAM (National Agriculture Market) platform to promote online trading.
• Several of the listed products have GI tags, indicating their unique regional identity.
• Bihar has 20 mandis linked to e-NAM and 53 regulated market yards managed by the state.

The products added are:

• Marcha Rice
• Katarni Rice
• Jardaalu Mango
• Shahi Litchi
• Magahi Paan
• Banarasi Paan
• Sugarcane

Ques: What is the current FIFA ranking of the Indian men's football team as of June 2025, marking its lowest position in nine years?
जून 2025 में भारतीय पुरुष फुटबॉल टीम की फिफा रैंकिंग क्या है, जो पिछले नौ वर्षों में सबसे निचली रैंकिंग है?

A. 127
B. 135
C. 94
D. 120
E. 133

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• The Indian men's football team has slipped to 133rd position in the latest FIFA rankings after losing two matches in June 2025.
• This is India's lowest FIFA ranking since December 2016, when it was ranked 135th.
• India's best-ever FIFA ranking was 94th in February 1996.
• In Asia, India is currently placed 24th out of 46 countries, with Japan leading at 17th rank.

Ranking of top 5 countries in FIFA rankings :

1 Argentina
2 Spain
3 France
4 England
5 Brazil

Ques: Which Indian heritage site was recently inscribed as India's 44th UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2025?
हाल ही में भारत की 44वीं यूनेस्को विश्व धरोहर स्थल के रूप में किस स्थल को शामिल किया गया है?

A. Kakatiya Rudreshwara Temple / काकतीय रुद्रेश्वर मंदिर
B. Maratha Military Landscapes of India / भारत के मराठा सैन्य परिदृश्य
C. Sacred Ensembles of Hoysalas / होयसलों के पवित्र परिसरों
D. Satpura Tiger Reserve / सतपुड़ा टाइगर रिजर्व
E. Majuli River Island / माजुली नदी द्वीप

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• At the 47th Session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee in Paris (2025), the Maratha Military Landscapes of India were inscribed as India's 44th World Heritage Site.
• This site comprises a network of 12 strategic forts built between the 17th–19th centuries CE by the Maratha Empire, highlighting their military strategy, fort architecture, and terrain adaptability.

Locations covered:

• Maharashtra (11 forts): Salher, Shivneri, Lohgad, Khanderi, Raigad, Rajgad, Pratapgad, Suvarnadurg, Panhala, Vijaydurg, Sindhudurg
• Tamil Nadu (1 fort): Gingee Fort

Ques: Who became the first batter to score 3,000 Test runs against India?
भारत के खिलाफ टेस्ट क्रिकेट में 3,000 रन बनाने वाले पहले बल्लेबाज कौन बने?

A. Steve Smith / स्टीव स्मिथ
B. Ricky Ponting / रिकी पोंटिंग
C. Joe Root / जो रूट
D. Alastair Cook / एलेस्टर कुक
E. Kane Williamson / केन विलियमसन

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Joe Root of England has become the first batter in Test history to score 3,000 runs against India in red-ball cricket.
• This is only the third time in non-Ashes Test history that a player has scored over 3,000 runs against a single opponent.

The previous two instances are:

• Gary Sobers – 3,214 runs vs England
• Sachin Tendulkar – 3,630 runs vs Australia

Ques: Which state has recently approved the Gaja Mitra Scheme to tackle human-elephant conflict?
किस राज्य ने हाल ही में मानव-हाथी संघर्ष से निपटने के लिए गजा मित्र योजना को मंजूरी दी है?

A. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
B. Odisha / ओडिशा
C. Assam / असम
D. Kerala / केरल
E. West Bengal / पश्चिम बंगाल

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Assam Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, approved the Gaja Mitra Scheme to address human-elephant conflict.
• The scheme will be launched in eight high-risk districts of Assam.
• Under this initiative, community-based rapid response teams (with 8 local members each) will operate in 80 conflict-prone villages.
• Additionally, under the Prerona Aasoni Scheme, all Class 10 students appearing for the 2026 HSLC exams will receive a monthly allowance of Rs.300 through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

LQues: Who won the 2025 United Nations Population Award in the individual category?
2025 में व्यक्तिगत श्रेणी में संयुक्त राष्ट्र जनसंख्या पुरस्कार किसे प्रदान किया गया?

A. Sunitha Krishnan / सुनीता कृष्णन
B. Varsha Deshpande / वर्षा देशपांडे
C. Kailash Satyarthi / कैलाश सत्यार्थी
D. Vandana Shiva / वंदना शिवा
E. Aruna Roy / अरुणा रॉय

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Varsha Deshpande, a women's rights advocate from Satara, Maharashtra, won the 2025 United Nations Population Award (Individual Category).
• She is the Secretary of Dalit Mahila Vikas Mandal and is renowned for her activism to prevent sex-selective abortions and promote gender equality.
• Deshpande conducted sting operations to expose illegal prenatal sex determination practices in India, championing the cause of the 'save the girl child' movement.

About the Award:

• The UN Population Award was established in 1981 and first presented in 1983.
• It honours individuals/institutions for exceptional contributions to population and reproductive health issues.
• The award includes a gold medal, diploma, and cash prize.

Ques : Who inaugurated the new state-of-the-art office of MSTC Limited and launched the Upkaran E-Portal?
MSTC लिमिटेड के नए अत्याधुनिक कार्यालय का उद्घाटन और उपकरण ई-पोर्टल का शुभारंभ किसने किया?

A. Jyotiraditya Scindia / ज्योतिरादित्य सिंधिया
B. H.D. Kumaraswamy / एच. डी. कुमारस्वामी
C. Nitin Gadkari / नितिन गडकरी
D. Piyush Goyal / पीयूष गोयल
E. Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy (Ministry of Steel and Ministry of Heavy Industries) inaugurated the new office of MSTC Limited at Narojinagar, World Trade Center, New Delhi.
• Along with this, he also launched the "Upkaran E-Portal", aimed at connecting industry and innovation.
• The portal will support MSMEs and promote transparent and efficient trade in critical sectors.

About MSTC Limited :

• Established : 1964
• HQ : Kolkata, West Bengal
• CMD : Manobendra Ghoshal

Ques: Which state will plant over 5 lakh saplings on 16th July to mark the Harela festival?
16 जुलाई को हरेला महोत्सव के अवसर पर कौन सा राज्य 5 लाख से अधिक पौधे लगाएगा?

A. Himachal Pradesh / हिमाचल प्रदेश
B. Uttarakhand / उत्तराखंड
C. Sikkim / सिक्किम
D. Assam / असम
E. Manipur / मणिपुर

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Uttarakhand is set to create a new record by planting over 5 lakh saplings on 16th July 2025, to celebrate the Harela festival.
• Harela is a traditional festival predominantly celebrated in the Kumaon region of Uttarakhand and parts of Himachal Pradesh.
• The festival is celebrated three times a year : During Chaitra Navratri (March-April), Sharad Navratri (Ashwin month - September) and Shravan Harela, in the monsoon season (July)
• Harela marks the beginning of the sowing season and symbolizes prosperity, greenery, and new beginnings associated with the arrival of monsoon rains.

Ques: What is the Indian government promoting as an alternative to Jhum cultivation in North-East India?
भारत सरकार पूर्वोत्तर भारत में झूम खेती के विकल्प के रूप में किसे बढ़ावा दे रही है?

A. Terrace Farming / सीढ़ीदार खेती
B. Organic Farming / जैविक खेती
C. Settled Farming / स्थायी खेती
D. Mixed Farming / मिश्रित खेती
E. Hydroponics / जल कृषि

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Jhum cultivation is a slash-and-burn method of farming commonly practiced in North-East India. It causes deforestation, soil erosion, low fertility, and food insecurity.
• In Jhum, farmers shift fields every 2–3 years, leaving the land fallow to regain fertility.
• To address these issues, the Indian government is promoting settled farming by providing funds, plants, and support to encourage farmers to adopt permanent agricultural practices.
• A NITI Aayog working group has been set up to study Jhum cultivation in detail.
• Arunachal Pradesh has already seen a decline in Jhum cultivation area, from 3,088 sq km in 2000 to 1,551 sq km in 2010.
• Experts believe the transition from Jhum to settled farming will take time due to economic and environmental challenges.

Ques: What is the name of the operation launched by Uttarakhand Police to target individuals impersonating saints and cheating the public?
उत्तराखंड पुलिस द्वारा संतों का भेष धारण कर जनता से धोखाधड़ी करने वालों के खिलाफ शुरू किए गए ऑपरेशन का नाम क्या है?

A. Operation Dharmrakshak / ऑपरेशन धर्मरक्षक
B. Operation Sadbhavana / ऑपरेशन सद्भावना
C. Operation Kalanemi / ऑपरेशन कालनेमि
D. Operation Shuddhi / ऑपरेशन शुद्धि
E. Operation Tapasya / ऑपरेशन तपस्या

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami directed the State Police to launch Operation Kalanemi.
• The operation targets fake saints and individuals impersonating sadhus, who cheat the public and exploit their religious faith.
• The name "Kalanemi" is derived from a demon in Hindu mythology, who disguised himself as a saint to mislead others.

Ques : Which Indian state has collected the highest amount under the District Mineral Foundation (DMF) fund?
जिला खनिज फाउंडेशन (DMF) फंड के तहत सबसे अधिक राशि किस भारतीय राज्य ने एकत्र की है?

A. Jharkhand / झारखंड
B. Rajasthan / राजस्थान
C. Odisha / ओडिशा
D. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश
E. Chhattisgarh / छत्तीसगढ़

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Odisha has collected the highest DMF fund amounting to Rs.31,324 crores, the most among all mineral-rich states.
• It is followed by Jharkhand – Rs.13,791 crores, Rajasthan – Rs.10,833 crores and Madhya Pradesh – Rs.8,605 crores
• The District Mineral Foundation (DMF) was established under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, amended in 2015, to promote sustainable development in mining-affected areas.
• DMF is currently implemented in 646 districts across 23 states.
• The Aspirational District Mineral Foundation Programme aims to align DMF funds with development goals under the Aspirational District and Block Programmes.

Ques: Which three African World Heritage Sites were recently removed from UNESCO's List of World Heritage in Danger?
हाल ही में यूनेस्को की संकटग्रस्त विश्व धरोहर स्थलों की सूची से अफ्रीका के कौन से तीन स्थल हटाए गए हैं?

A. Pyramids of Giza, Serengeti National Park, Timbuktu / गीज़ा के पिरामिड, सेरेन्गेटी नेशनल पार्क, टिम्बकटू
B. Abu Mena, Rainforests of the Atsinanana, Old Town of Ghadamès / अबू मेना, अत्सिनाना के वर्षावन, गदामेस का पुराना शहर
C. Great Zimbabwe, Kilimanjaro National Park, Okavango Delta / ग्रेट जिम्बाब्वे, किलिमंजारो नेशनल पार्क, ओकावांगो डेल्टा
D. Luxor Temple, Victoria Falls, Lalibela Churches / लक्सर मंदिर, विक्टोरिया फॉल्स, लालिबेला चर्च
E. Djenné Mosque, Bwindi Forest, Sahara Rock Art / जेने मस्जिद, बिविंडी वन, सहारा रॉक आर्ट

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The UNESCO World Heritage Committee (2025) meeting in Paris removed three African sites from the List of World Heritage in Danger:

1. Rainforests of the Atsinanana (Madagascar):

• Inscribed in 2007 for its biodiversity
• Listed as "in danger" in 2010 due to illegal logging and threats to wildlife

2. Abu Mena (Egypt):

• Inscribed in 1979 as an ancient Christian pilgrimage site and cradle of monasticism
• Listed as "in danger" in 2001 due to structural damage from rising groundwater

3. Old Town of Ghadamès (Libya):

• Inscribed in 1986 for its desert architecture with mud-brick houses, covered pathways, and elevated walkways
• Listed as "in danger" in 2016 due to conflict, wildfires, and torrential rains

Ques : Who has been conferred the Chintha Raveendran Award for 2025?
2025 के लिए चिन्था रविंद्रन पुरस्कार किसे प्रदान किया गया है?

A. Bhalchandra Nemade / भालचंद्र नेमाडे
B. Sarankumar Limbale / सरनकुमार लिम्बाले
C. Shanta Gokhale / शांता गोखले
D. Laxman Gaikwad / लक्ष्मण गायकवाड़
E. Namdeo Dhasal / नामदेव ढसाल

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Sarankumar Limbale, a renowned Marathi writer and critic, has been awarded the Chintha Raveendran Award for 2025.
• The award ceremony was held at K.P. Kesavamenon Hall, Kozhikode, Kerala.
• The prize includes Rs.50,000 in cash, a memento, and a citation.
• The award is given in memory of Chintha Raveendran, known for his contributions to literature and social thought.

Ques : With which organization has the Indian Navy signed an agreement to implement the National Maritime Domain Awareness (NMDA) Project?
भारतीय नौसेना ने राष्ट्रीय समुद्री क्षेत्र जागरूकता (NMDA) परियोजना को लागू करने के लिए किस संगठन के साथ समझौता किया है?

A. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) / हिंदुस्तान एयरोनॉटिक्स लिमिटेड (HAL)
B. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) / भारत इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स लिमिटेड (BEL)
C. DRDO / डीआरडीओ
D. Larsen & Toubro (L&T) / लार्सन एंड टुब्रो (L&T)
E. Tata Advanced Systems / टाटा एडवांस्ड सिस्टम्स

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Indian Navy has signed an agreement with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for the implementation of the National Maritime Domain Awareness (NMDA) Project.
• The project aims to strengthen maritime and coastal security through advanced data collection, analysis, and sharing across maritime stakeholders.
• The National Command, Control, Communication and Intelligence (NC3I) Network will be upgraded into the NMDA Network with AI-enabled software integration.
• The project will be executed on a Turnkey Basis and will be administered by the Indian Navy.

About Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL):

• Established : 1954
• HQ : Bengaluru, Karnataka
• CMD : Manoj Jain

Ques: What does France celebrate on Bastille Day?
फ्रांस में बैस्टिल डे पर किसकी याद में उत्सव मनाया जाता है?

A. French Independence from Britain / ब्रिटेन से फ्रांस की स्वतंत्रता
B. End of World War II / द्वितीय विश्व युद्ध का अंत
C. Storming of the Bastille prison / बैस्टिल किले पर जनता का धावा
D. Coronation of Napoleon Bonaparte / नेपोलियन बोनापार्ट का राज्याभिषेक
E. Signing of the Treaty of Versailles / वर्साय संधि पर हस्ताक्षर

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Bastille Day, celebrated on 14th July, is the national day of France.
• It commemorates the storming of the Bastille prison on July 14, 1789, which marked a turning point in the French Revolution.
• The Bastille symbolized royal tyranny, and its fall represented the people's revolt against King Louis XVI's rule, high taxes, food shortages, and inequality.
• The event led to the collapse of the French monarchy and the rise of modern democracy in France.

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Telangana has bagged the India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA) Industry Excellence Award 2025 under the category of State Leadership – Battery Manufacturing

After bilateral talks between PM Narendra Modi and Namibian President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Namibia has agreed to adopt India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) system by the end of 2025.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) provide $100 million loan to IIFL Home Finance Limited to help more low-income families in India get access to affordable housing

Based in the Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone (AMTZ), the World Health Innovation Forum (WHIF) has been chosen as the only international initiative to join the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) Plus (+) Manufacturing Working Group

Veteran Telugu actor Kota Srinivasa Rao passes away at 83. A former BJP MLA from Vijayawada, the senior actor, popularly known as Kota. Kota was conferred the Padma Shri by the Government of India in 2015

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

तेलंगाना ने राज्य नेतृत्व - बैटरी निर्माण श्रेणी में भारत ऊर्जा भंडारण गठबंधन (IESA) उद्योग उत्कृष्टता पुरस्कार 2025 जीता है।

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी और नामीबिया के राष्ट्रपति नेटुम्बो नंदी-नदैतवाह के बीच द्विपक्षीय वार्ता के बाद, नामीबिया 2025 के अंत तक भारत की एकीकृत भुगतान इंटरफ़ेस (UPI) प्रणाली को अपनाने पर सहमत हो गया है।

एशियन इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर इन्वेस्टमेंट बैंक (AIIB) ने भारत में कम आय वाले परिवारों को किफायती आवास उपलब्ध कराने में मदद के लिए IIFL होम फाइनेंस लिमिटेड को 100 मिलियन डॉलर का ऋण प्रदान किया है।

आंध्र प्रदेश मेडटेक ज़ोन (AMTZ) में स्थित, विश्व स्वास्थ्य नवाचार मंच (WHIF) को ब्रिक्स (ब्राज़ील, रूस, भारत, चीन और दक्षिण अफ्रीका) प्लस (+) विनिर्माण कार्य समूह में शामिल होने वाली एकमात्र अंतर्राष्ट्रीय पहल के रूप में चुना गया है।

वरिष्ठ तेलुगु अभिनेता कोटा श्रीनिवास राव का 83 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। विजयवाड़ा से भाजपा के पूर्व विधायक, वरिष्ठ अभिनेता, कोटा के नाम से लोकप्रिय थे। कोटा को 2015 में भारत सरकार द्वारा पद्मश्री से सम्मानित किया गया था

Ques: Who has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the United States-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) in 2025?
2025 में यूएस-इंडिया स्ट्रैटेजिक पार्टनरशिप फोरम (USISPF) के निदेशक मंडल में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Mukesh Ambani / मुकेश अंबानी
B. Gautam Adani / गौतम अडानी
C. Kumar Mangalam Birla / कुमार मंगलम बिड़ला
D. Natarajan Chandrasekaran / नटराजन चंद्रशेखरन
E. Sunil Bharti Mittal / सुनील भारती मित्तल

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Kumar Mangalam Birla, the Indian billionaire and Chairman of the Aditya Birla Group, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the United States-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF).
• He will also serve on the Executive Committee of the Board.
• His appointment is aimed at strengthening US-India bilateral dialogue, trust, and collaboration.
• USISPF is a non-profit organization that promotes strategic and economic partnerships between India and the USA.

Ques: By what percentage did India's net direct tax collection fall between April 1 and July 10, 2025?
1 अप्रैल से 10 जुलाई 2025 के बीच भारत के नेट डायरेक्ट टैक्स कलेक्शन में कितने प्रतिशत की गिरावट आई?

A. 1.3%
B. 0.5%
C. 2.7%
D. 3.8%
E. 4.5%

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• According to the Income Tax Department, India's net direct tax collection fell by 1.3% between April 1 and July 10, 2025.
• Key Reasons for the Decline are 4% drop in corporate tax collection (Rs.2.00 lakh crore vs Rs.2.07 lakh crore last year) and 38% rise in refunds (Rs.1.02 lakh crore vs Rs.0.74 lakh crore last year)
• Non-corporate tax collections remained stable at Rs.3.45 lakh crore.
• The government has set a Rs.25.20 lakh crore target for FY25, aiming for 12.35% growth over FY24.
• Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman highlighted the importance of voluntary compliance and a simplified tax system.

Ques: The RBI's draft norms for the closure of shipping bills in EDPMS allow relaxed procedures for bills of what maximum value per shipping bill?
EDPMS में शिपिंग बिल्स की क्लोजर के लिए RBI के ड्राफ्ट मानदंडों के अनुसार, प्रति शिपिंग बिल अधिकतम कितनी राशि तक के बिलों के लिए छूट दी गई है?

A. Rs.5 lakh
B. Rs.10 lakh
C. Rs.15 lakh
D. Rs.20 lakh
E. Rs.25 lakh

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued draft guidelines for the closure of shipping bills in the Export Data Processing and Monitoring System (EDPMS).
• The EDPMS was introduced in February 2014 by the RBI to monitor realisation of export proceeds.
• These norms are meant to simplify compliance related to small-value exports.
• Under the draft rules, Authorised Dealer Category–I (AD) banks can follow a relaxed procedure for shipping bills valued up to Rs.10 lakh per bill (or equivalent in foreign currency).
• Exporters can provide a self-declaration for the realisation of proceeds and any reduction in the declared export value.
• These declarations are to be obtained on a quarterly basis.
• No penalties will be imposed for delays under this relaxation.
• The draft norms are issued under Sections 10(4) and 11(1) of FEMA, 1999.

Ques: As per recent government and RBI discussions, how many Indian banks are currently ranked among the top 100 global banks by total assets?
सरकार और आरबीआई की हालिया चर्चा के अनुसार, कुल संपत्ति के आधार पर वर्तमान में कितने भारतीय बैंक शीर्ष 100 वैश्विक बैंकों में शामिल हैं?

A. 1
B. 5
C. 3
D. 4
E. 2

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• As per the latest discussions between the Government of India and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), currently two Indian banks are ranked in the top 100 global banks by total assets.
• These are State Bank of India (SBI) – Ranked 43rd and HDFC Bank – Ranked 73rd
• The government and RBI are exploring allowing NBFCs to enter banking, and merging existing public sector banks (PSBs) to create globally competitive large banks.
• The broader goal is to help India become the 3rd largest economy by 2027–28, and have at least two Indian banks in the global top 10.
• In 2019, the government reduced the number of PSBs from 27 to 12 by merging 10 banks into 4.
• Other current stats: India has 12 PSBs, 21 private banks, 11 small finance banks, 44 foreign banks, and 5 payment banks.

Ques: Which two companies have partnered to offer discounts to Tata NeuCard users on Zomato orders?
Tata NeuCard यूज़र्स को Zomato ऑर्डर पर छूट देने के लिए किन दो कंपनियों ने साझेदारी की है?

A. Swiggy & ICICI Bank / स्विगी और ICICI बैंक
B. Zomato & Paytm / जोमैटो और पेटीएम
C. Zomato & HDFC Bank / जोमैटो और HDFC बैंक
D. Zomato & Tata Digital / जोमैटो और टाटा डिजिटल
E. HDFC Bank & PhonePe / HDFC बैंक और फोनपे

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• 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.
• Under this partnership, users making payments on Zomato using the NeuCard will get select promotional discounts.
• The objective of the initiative is to enhance customer convenience and strengthen Tata Digital's payment ecosystem.
• This collaboration is aimed at boosting the usage of Tata NeuCard while offering added benefits to Zomato customers.

Ques: Where did ISRO conduct the short-duration hot tests of the Gaganyaan Service Module Propulsion System (SMPS)?
गगनयान सर्विस मॉड्यूल प्रोपल्शन सिस्टम (SMPS) के शॉर्ट ड्यूरेशन हॉट टेस्ट का सफल परीक्षण ISRO ने कहां किया?

A. Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota / सतीश धवन अंतरिक्ष केंद्र, श्रीहरिकोटा
B. ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri / इसरो प्रोपल्शन कॉम्प्लेक्स, महेंद्रगिरि
C. Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram / विक्रम साराभाई अंतरिक्ष केंद्र, तिरुवनंतपुरम
D. Space Applications Centre, Ahmedabad / स्पेस एप्लीकेशंस सेंटर, अहमदाबाद
E. U R Rao Satellite Centre, Bengaluru / यू आर राव सैटेलाइट सेंटर, बेंगलुरु

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• 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.
• The tests lasted 30 seconds and 100 seconds, validating the propulsion system's performance.
• The SMPS includes 5 Liquid Apogee Motors (LAM) and 16 Reaction Control System (RCS) thrusters.
• The Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC), Thiruvananthapuram, is leading the project.
• The Gaganyaan Mission is scheduled for launch in 2027, with the goal of sending Indian astronauts into Low Earth Orbit (LEO).

Ques: Which Indian agency carried out the rescue operation for the U.S. sailing vessel 'Sea Angel' near Andaman & Nicobar Islands?
अंडमान और निकोबार द्वीपसमूह के पास अमेरिकी नौकायान पोत 'सी एंजल' के लिए बचाव अभियान किस भारतीय एजेंसी ने चलाया?

A. Indian Navy / भारतीय नौसेना
B. Indian Coast Guard / भारतीय तटरक्षक बल
C. National Disaster Response Force / राष्ट्रीय आपदा प्रतिक्रिया बल
D. Indian Air Force / भारतीय वायु सेना
E. Shipping Corporation of India / शिपिंग कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• 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.
• The ICG ship Rajveer was deployed, which established communication with the stranded crew and conducted an on-site assessment of the situation.
• The stranded yacht was safely towed and escorted to Campbell Bay Harbour, ensuring the safety of the crew and the vessel.

Ques: Recently, how much worth of transformative projects were inaugurated by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Meghalaya?
हाल ही में वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने मेघालय में कितने करोड़ रुपये की परिवर्तनकारी परियोजनाओं का उद्घाटन किया?

A. Rs.987.81 crore
B. Rs.2,087 crore
C. Rs.5,400 crore
D. Rs.1,500 crore
E. Rs.1,087.81 crore

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman recently inaugurated and laid foundation stones for various projects in Meghalaya, totaling Rs.1,087.81 crore.
• The event was held at LARITI – International Centre for Performing Arts and Culture, Shillong.
• She also praised Meghalaya for the efficient utilization of Rs.5,400 crore allocated under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment.
• Achievements highlighted includes 540+ km of roads constructed since 2014 and Fivefold increase in optical fiber coverage
• Successful implementation of schemes like Jal Jeevan Mission, PM Awas Yojana, PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, and Swachh Bharat Mission.
• CM Conrad K. Sangma emphasized that her visit is crucial for addressing local issues and planning for future development.

Ques: According to Forbes America's Richest Immigrants 2025 report, which country is the top source of immigrant billionaires in the USA?
फोर्ब्स अमेरिका के सबसे अमीर अप्रवासी 2025 रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, अमेरिका में अप्रवासी अरबपतियों का सबसे बड़ा स्रोत कौन सा देश है?

A. China / चीन
B. Israel / इज़राइल
C. Taiwan / ताइवान
D. India / भारत
E. Germany / जर्मनी

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• India has emerged as the top country of origin for immigrant billionaires in the USA, with 12 India-born billionaires in the Forbes America's Richest Immigrants 2025 report.
• This is an increase from 7 Indian-origin billionaires in 2022.
• Jay Chaudhry, CEO of Zscaler, is the only Indian-origin billionaire in the Top 10, ranked 8th, with a net worth of USD 17.9 billion.
• The report covers 125 foreign-born billionaires from 43 countries, holding about USD 1.3 trillion, which is 18% of America's total billionaire wealth.
• The USA continues to be the global billionaire capital with 902 billionaires, holding a combined wealth of USD 6.8 trillion.
• India overtook Israel and Taiwan to become the No.1 source of immigrant billionaires in the USA.

Rank of Top 5 Immigrant Billionaires in USA in 2025 :

1 Elon Musk (South Africa)
2 Sergey Brin (Russia)
3 Jensen Huang (Taiwan)
4 Thomas Peterffy (Hungary)
5 Miriam Adelson and Family (Israel)
8 Jay Chaudhry (India)

Ques: What is the name of the new smart card being introduced by Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) to provide free bus travel to verified women and transgender residents?
दिल्ली परिवहन निगम (DTC) द्वारा महिलाओं और ट्रांसजेंडर निवासियों को मुफ्त बस यात्रा के लिए जारी किए जा रहे नए स्मार्ट कार्ड का क्या नाम है?

A. Shakti Card / शक्ति कार्ड
B. Mahila Mobility Card / महिला मोबिलिटी कार्ड
C. Saheli Smart Card / सहेली स्मार्ट कार्ड
D. Dilli Travel Pass / दिल्ली ट्रैवल पास
E. Freedom Pass / फ्रीडम पास

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) is set to replace the existing pink ticket system with the 'Saheli Smart Card' for free bus travel.
• The Saheli Smart Card will be mandatory for women and transgender individuals aged 12 years or older to continue availing free rides in DTC and Cluster buses.
• This new system is intended to ensure that only verified Delhi residents benefit from the free travel scheme.
• The previous pink ticket system, introduced in 2019 by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government, did not require any ID or residence proof.
• The Saheli Card aims to bring more accountability and targeted benefits to Delhi residents.

Ques : Who among the following is NOT one of the four personalities recently nominated by President Droupadi Murmu to the Rajya Sabha in 2025?
निम्नलिखित में से कौन वर्ष 2025 में राष्ट्रपति द्रौपदी मुर्मू द्वारा राज्यसभा में नामित चार व्यक्तित्वों में शामिल नहीं है?

A. Ujjwal Deorao Nikam / उज्ज्वल देवरा निकम
B. Harsh Vardhan Shringla / हर्षवर्धन श्रृंगला
C. C Sadanandan Master / सी सदानंदन मास्टर
D. Dr Meenakshi Jain / डॉ मीनाक्षी जैन
E. Raghuram Rajan / रघुराम राजन

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• Article 80 (3) of the Indian Constitution empowers the President to nominate 12 members to the Rajya Sabha for their contributions in art, literature, science, and social service.

President Droupadi Murmu nominated four eminent personalities to the Rajya Sabha in 2025:

• Ujjwal Deorao Nikam – Eminent lawyer
• C Sadanandan Master – Social worker
• Harsh Vardhan Shringla – Former Foreign Secretary
• Dr Meenakshi Jain – Historian and academician

Ques: How much subsidy has the Indian government proposed to boost rare earth magnets production?
भारत सरकार ने रेयर अर्थ मैग्नेट के उत्पादन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए कितनी सब्सिडी की योजना बनाई है?

A. Rs.1,000 crore
B. Rs.1,200 crore
C. Rs.1,345 crore
D. Rs.1,500 crore
E. Rs.1,245 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Government of India has announced a Rs.1,345 crore subsidy scheme to promote rare earth magnet production.
• The scheme will enhance India's capabilities in critical mineral technologies and promote self-reliance.
• The announcement was made by Kamran Rizvi, Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industry, during a function in New Delhi.

Purpose of the scheme:

• To support the conversion of rare earth oxides into magnets, essential for electric vehicles (EVs) and advanced technologies.
• To establish processing facilities and reduce India's reliance on imports, particularly from China, which currently dominates global supply chains.

Ques: What is the name of India's first indigenous Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM) successfully test-fired by DRDO and the Indian Air Force?
DRDO और भारतीय वायु सेना द्वारा सफलतापूर्वक परीक्षण की गई भारत की पहली स्वदेशी बीवीआर एयर-टू-एयर मिसाइल का क्या नाम है?

A. Agni Air / अग्नि एयर
B. Astra / अस्त्र
C. Akash / आकाश
D. Trishul / त्रिशूल
E. Varunastra / वरुणास्त्र

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• 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 test included the use of an indigenously developed Radio Frequency (RF) seeker, proving its precision and technological reliability.
• Astra is designed to engage enemy aircraft beyond line-of-sight, with a strike range of over 100 km.
• It is currently integrated with the Su-30 MKI and planned for use with other platforms like Tejas, Mirage-2000, and MiG-29 (future upgrades).
• The missile is jointly developed by DRDO, IAF, and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), contributing to India's strategic defense capabilities.

Ques: Where was the 11th India Maize Summit held, and what is the maize production target set for 2047?
11वां इंडिया मक्का समिट कहां आयोजित किया गया और 2047 के लिए मक्का उत्पादन का लक्ष्य क्या है?

A. Mumbai; 50 million tonnes / मुंबई; 50 मिलियन टन
B. New Delhi; 86 million tonnes / नई दिल्ली; 86 मिलियन टन
C. Hyderabad; 75 million tonnes / हैदराबाद; 75 मिलियन टन
D. Bengaluru; 60 million tonnes / बेंगलुरु; 60 मिलियन टन
E. Kolkata; 90 million tonnes / कोलकाता; 90 मिलियन टन

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The 11th India Maize Summit was held in New Delhi.
• It was organized by FICCI in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Maize Research (IIMR).
• The event was inaugurated by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
• The current maize production in India is 42.3 million tonnes.
• The target is to increase maize production to 86 million tonnes by 2047, as part of long-term agricultural growth plans.

Ques : Which new online portal has been launched by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for DDRS and DDRC proposals?
दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण विभाग ने DDRS और DDRC प्रस्तावों के लिए कौन सा नया ऑनलाइन पोर्टल शुरू किया है?

A. grants-msje.gov.in
B. grants.depwd.gov.in
C. e-sarthi.gov.in
D. divyangportal.gov.in
E. ddrs-online.gov.in

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) has launched a new dedicated portal: https://grants.depwd.gov.in.
• It is for submitting and processing proposals under the Deendayal Divyangjan Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) and the District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRC) Scheme.
• The old e-Anudaan portal (grants-msje.gov.in) has been discontinued for DDRS and DDRC-related processes.
• DDRS provides financial assistance to voluntary organizations working for the education and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities.
• The scheme started in 1999 and was revised and renamed in 2003.

Ques: Till which date has the tenure of Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan been extended?
केंद्रीय गृह सचिव गोविंद मोहन का कार्यकाल किस तारीख तक बढ़ा दिया गया है?

A. 30 September 2024
B. 31 December 2025
C. 22 August 2026
D. 23 August 2024
E. 1 January 2026

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Govind Mohan, a 1989-batch IAS officer of the Sikkim cadre, is the current Union Home Secretary.
• His tenure, which was initially set to end on 30 September 2024, has now been extended till 22 August 2026.
• He took over as Union Home Secretary on 23 August 2024, after serving as the Culture Secretary.
• Normally, the Home Secretary's term is for two years, but exceptions like this extension are sometimes made for administrative continuity.

Ques: Who has been conferred with the 'Hem Bahadur Malla Award 2080' in Nepal?
नेपाल में 'हेम बहादुर मल्ल पुरस्कार 2080' से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?

A. Hari Prasad Sharma / हरि प्रसाद शर्मा
B. Kalyan Shrestha / कल्याण श्रेष्ठ
C. Prakashman Singh Raut / प्रकाशमान सिंह राउत
D. Sushila Karki / सुशीला कार्की
E. Deepak Raj Joshee / दीपक राज जोशी

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The 'Hem Bahadur Malla Award 2080' has been conferred on Kalyan Shrestha, the former Chief Justice of Nepal.
• The award was presented by the current Chief Justice Prakashman Singh Raut at a ceremony held in Kathmandu.
• The award includes a cash prize of NPR 200,000 and a certificate of honour.
• Kalyan Shrestha served as the 25th Chief Justice of Nepal, known for his contributions to the country's judiciary.

Ques: Where was the Uttar Pradesh Agritech Innovation Hub and the Agritech Startup & Technology Showcase inaugurated?
उत्तर प्रदेश एग्रीटेक इनोवेशन हब और एग्रीटेक स्टार्टअप और टेक्नोलॉजी शोकेस का उद्घाटन कहां किया गया?

A. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agriculture & Technology, Meerut / सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल कृषि और प्रौद्योगिकी विश्वविद्यालय, मेरठ
B. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi / बनारस हिंदू विश्वविद्यालय, वाराणसी
C. IIT Kanpur / आईआईटी कानपुर
D. Lucknow University / लखनऊ विश्वविद्यालय
E. CSA University of Agriculture, Kanpur / चंद्रशेखर आजाद कृषि विश्वविद्यालय, कानपुर

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• The Uttar Pradesh Agritech Innovation Hub and the Agritech Startup & Technology Showcase was inaugurated at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agriculture and Technology (SVPUAT), Meerut.
• The inauguration was done by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Minister of State for Education & Skill Development Jayant Chaudhary.
• The hub aims to transform farmers into entrepreneurs by promoting tech-enabled agriculture.
• The Meerut facility will serve as a regional hub for agricultural technology, with technical support from IIT Ropar.
• This initiative is expected to boost innovation, startups, and agritech solutions in Uttar Pradesh.

Ques: Recently, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched infrastructure projects worth how much in Meghalaya?
हाल ही में केंद्रीय वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने मेघालय में कितनी राशि की आधारभूत परियोजनाओं की शुरुआत की?

A. Rs.800 crore
B. Rs.1,000 crore
C. Rs.1,200 crore
D. Rs.1,500 crore
E. Rs.2,000 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched and laid foundation stones for infrastructure and development projects worth over Rs.1,500 crore in Meghalaya.

Key projects included:

• 72 digital libraries
• Umiam Lake redevelopment project worth Rs.99.99 crore under the SASCI Scheme to promote tourism and conservation
• Mawkhan Football Stadium with Rs.732 crore allocation and a capacity of 40,000 spectators
• MICE Infrastructure (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences & Exhibitions) at Mawkhan worth Rs.99.99 crore to boost business tourism
• Working Women's Hostels in Shillong, Jowai, Byrnihat & Tura worth Rs.132 crore for safe and affordable accommodation
• CBIC Integrated Complex at Umsawli to streamline tax and customs operations

Ques: Who won the Wimbledon 2025 Men's Singles Title?
विंबलडन *2025* पुरुष एकल खिताब किसने जीता*?*

A. Carlos Alcaraz / कार्लोस अल्कराज
B. Novak Djokovic / नोवाक जोकोविच
C. Alexander Zverev / अलेक्जेंडर ज्वेरेव
D. Jannik Sinner / यानिक सिनर
E. Daniil Medvedev / डेनियल मेदवेदेव

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• World No.1 Jannik Sinner won the Wimbledon 2025 Men's Singles Title, defeating two-time defending champion Carlos Alcaraz in the final.
• With this victory, Sinner becomes the first Italian player to win a Wimbledon singles title.
• This is Sinner's fourth Grand Slam title: 2024 Australian Open, 2024 US Open, 2025 Australian Open (title defense against Alexander Zverev) and 2025 Wimbledon (his first grass-court major win)

In other Wimbledon 2025 highlights:

• Cash-Glasspool became the first all-British pair since 1936 to win the men's doubles title.
• Kudermetova and Mertens won the women's doubles title.
• Verbeek and Siniakova clinched the mixed doubles title.

Ques: What is the name of the security operation launched by the Indian Army for the safe conduct of the Amarnath Yatra 2025?
अमरनाथ यात्रा 2025 की सुरक्षित संचालन के लिए भारतीय सेना द्वारा शुरू किए गए सुरक्षा अभियान का क्या नाम है?

A. Operation Trinetra / ऑपरेशन त्रिनेत्र
B. Operation Amarnath / ऑपरेशन अमरनाथ
C. Operation SHIVA / ऑपरेशन शिवा
D. Operation Suraksha / ऑपरेशन सुरक्षा
E. Operation Raksha / ऑपरेशन रक्षा

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Indian Army has launched Operation SHIVA 2025 to provide security during the Shri Amarnath Yatra in Jammu & Kashmir.
• Over 8,500 troops have been deployed due to increasing threats from Pakistan-backed terror outfits in the Kashmir region.
• Operation SHIVA is a high-altitude annual security operation, ensuring the safe and smooth conduct of the pilgrimage.
• The operation is conducted in coordination with the civil administration, Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), and disaster response teams to maintain security and manage emergencies.

Ques: Which two teams from Europe qualified for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 on the final day of the Europe Qualifiers?
यूरोप क्वालिफायर के अंतिम दिन ICC पुरुष T20 विश्व कप 2026 के लिए किन दो यूरोपीय टीमों ने क्वालीफाई किया?

A. Scotland and Netherlands / स्कॉटलैंड और नीदरलैंड
B. Germany and Italy / जर्मनी और इटली
C. Italy and Netherlands / इटली और नीदरलैंड
D. Ireland and Scotland / आयरलैंड और स्कॉटलैंड
E. Germany and Scotland / जर्मनी और स्कॉटलैंड

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• 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.
• The Netherlands won their match to secure qualification.
• The 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup will be co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka.
• So far, 15 teams have qualified for the tournament.
• The remaining 5 spots will be filled by teams from the Asia EAP Qualifier (3 teams) and the Africa Qualifier (2 teams).

Ques: Who won the Wimbledon 2025 Women's Singles Title?
विंबलडन 2025 महिला एकल खिताब किसने जीता?

A. Amanda Anisimova / अमांडा अनीसिमोवा
B. Aryna Sabalenka / आर्यना सबालेंका
C. Coco Gauff / कोको गॉफ
D. Iga Swiatek / ईगा स्वियातेक
E. Elena Rybakina / एलेना राइबाकिना

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• 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.
• This victory marks Swiatek's sixth Grand Slam title overall and her first Wimbledon singles crown.
• She also achieved her 100th Grand Slam match win with this triumph.
• Swiatek becomes the first Polish player in history to win a Wimbledon singles title.
• The winner's prize money was £3,000,000 (approx. $4.07 million USD), reflecting an 11% increase from 2024.

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

The Indian Institute of Public Health (IIPH), Hyderabad, along with its Bengaluru and Bhubaneswar campuses, has been granted the status of an institution, deemed to be a university

Railways has decided to install CCTV cameras in all coaches. The Union Minister for Railways gave the go ahead to install CCTV cameras in all 74,000 coaches and 15,000 locos.

The Rotary Club of Colombo West along with Rotary Club of Kochi west, marked seven years of its flagship medical initiative, 'Save a Kid's Life' in Colombo - launched in 2017.

Nigeria's former president, Muhammadu Buhari, who led Africa's most populous country from 2015 to 2023, died in London

The Arthunkal police station in Alappuzha has received the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) 9001:2015 certification from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

भारतीय लोक स्वास्थ्य संस्थान (IIPH), हैदराबाद, अपने बेंगलुरु और भुवनेश्वर परिसरों के साथ, एक संस्थान, समविश्वविद्यालय का दर्जा प्राप्त कर लिया गया है।

रेलवे ने सभी डिब्बों में सीसीटीवी कैमरे लगाने का निर्णय लिया है। केंद्रीय रेल मंत्री ने सभी 74,000 डिब्बों और 15,000 इंजनों में सीसीटीवी कैमरे लगाने की अनुमति दे दी है।

रोटरी क्लब ऑफ़ कोलंबो वेस्ट ने रोटरी क्लब ऑफ़ कोच्चि वेस्ट के साथ मिलकर कोलंबो में 2017 में शुरू की गई अपनी प्रमुख चिकित्सा पहल, 'सेव अ किड्स लाइफ' के सात वर्ष पूरे होने का जश्न मनाया।

नाइजीरिया के पूर्व राष्ट्रपति मुहम्मदु बुहारी, जिन्होंने 2015 से 2023 तक अफ्रीका के सबसे अधिक आबादी वाले देश का नेतृत्व किया था, का लंदन में निधन हो गया।

अलप्पुझा के अर्थुनकल पुलिस स्टेशन को भारतीय मानक ब्यूरो (BIS) से अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मानकीकरण संगठन (ISO) 9001:2015 प्रमाणन प्राप्त हुआ है।

Ques: What was India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation rate in June 2025?
जून 2025 में भारत की थोक मूल्य सूचकांक (WPI) मुद्रास्फीति दर कितनी रही?

A. 0.39%
B. 3.43%
C. -0.13%
D. 2.05%
E. 2.31%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• In June, wholesale price inflation (WPI) decreased to (-) 0.13 percent due to deflation in food and fuel prices as well as a decrease in the cost of manufactured goods.
• In May, the WPI-based inflation rate was 0.39 percent. In June of last year, it was 3.43 percent.

Recent WPI-based Retail inflation in India :

• May 2025 : 0.39%
• April 2025 : 0.85%
• March 2025 : 2.05%
• February 2025 : 2.38%
• January 2025 : 2.31%

Ques: What is the name of the new insurance sector index launched by Asia Index Private Limited?
एशिया इंडेक्स प्राइवेट लिमिटेड द्वारा लॉन्च किए गए नए बीमा क्षेत्र के सूचकांक का क्या नाम है?

A. BSE Financial Index / बीएसई फाइनेंशियल इंडेक्स
B. BSE Insurance Index / बीएसई इंश्योरेंस इंडेक्स
C. BSE Banking & Insurance Index / बीएसई बैंकिंग और इंश्योरेंस इंडेक्स
D. India Insurance Benchmark / इंडिया इंश्योरेंस बेंचमार्क
E. BSE Secure Index / बीएसई सिक्योर इंडेक्स

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Asia Index Private Limited has launched the 'BSE Insurance Index' to track the performance of listed insurance sector companies.
• It is derived from the BSE 1000 index constituents, selecting those that belong to the insurance sector.
• The base value of the index is set at 1000, with the inception date as June 18, 2018.
• To prevent over-concentration, the weight of any single stock is capped at 25%.
• The index is reviewed and rebalanced semi-annually, in June and December.

Ques: What is the name of the next-generation payment gateway launched by Computer Age Management Services (CAMS)?
कंप्यूटर एज मैनेजमेंट सर्विसेज (CAMS) द्वारा लॉन्च किए गए नेक्स्ट-जेनरेशन पेमेंट गेटवे का क्या नाम है?

A. CAMSPay Payment Gateway / CAMSPay पेमेंट गेटवे
B. CAMS ClickPay / CAMS क्लिकपे
C. CAMSPay Direct / CAMSPay डायरेक्ट
D. CAMS SecurePay / CAMS सिक्योरपे
E. CAMS Express Gateway / CAMS एक्सप्रेस गेटवे

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• Computer Age Management Services (CAMS) has launched the 'CAMSPay Payment Gateway', a next-generation digital payment platform for Indian businesses.
• The gateway is accredited by Mastercard, VISA, and RuPay, ensuring compliance with global security standards.
• CAMSPay is developed in collaboration with Mylapay to enhance security features.
• RBL Bank serves as the BIN sponsor, facilitating smooth card processing and banking operations.
• The system supports over 5,000 transactions per second, making it suitable for high-volume enterprises and large-scale businesses in India.

Ques: What was India's Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rate in June 2025, marking a 6-year low?
जून 2025 में भारत की उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक (CPI) मुद्रास्फीति दर कितनी रही, जो 6 वर्षों का न्यूनतम स्तर है?

A. 2.10%
B. 1.97%
C. 2.82%
D. 2.05%
E. 3.00%

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• India's CPI inflation (Retail inflation) for June 2025 was 2.10%, marking the lowest level in over 6 years.
• The last time inflation was this low was in January 2019, when it stood at 1.97%.
• In May 2025, CPI inflation was 2.82%, showing a sharp decline in June.
• Lower CPI inflation indicates slower price rise of consumer goods and services, which is crucial for economic stability and policy decisions.

Month-wise list of retail inflation :

• May 2025 : 2.82%
• April 2025 : 3.16%
• March 2025 : 3.34%
• February 2025 : 3.61%
• January 2025 : 4.31%

Ques: How many services are now included in the updated Citizen's Charter of RBI as of July 1, 2025?
1 जुलाई 2025 से आरबीआई के अद्यतन नागरिक चार्टर में अब कुल कितनी सेवाएं शामिल हैं?

A. 133
B. 58
C. 180
D. 204
E. 150

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The services provided to the public and regulated institutions have been combined into a single list of 204 services as part of the RBI's updated and consolidated Citizens Charter.
• The goal of the new charter, which went into effect on July 1, 2025, is to make banking services more accessible and quick for regular people.
• The Citizen's Charter is an open document that lists the services that RBI offers along with the estimated time of delivery.
• In the past, RBI services were divided into two sections :58 services under the "Citizen's Charter," and 133 services under "Regulatory Approvals"
• Additionally, the change has cut the duration of 11 services, which directly benefits customers.
• Out of the 204 services, 180 can be accessed through the PRAVAAH platform, 14 offline, and 10 through other portals including e-Kuber and the Auditor Allocation System (AAS).

Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and CEO of GIFT City Company Limited, Gandhinagar?
गांधीनगर स्थित गिफ्ट सिटी कंपनी लिमिटेड के नए प्रबंध निदेशक और सीईओ के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Tapan Ray / तपन रे
B. Sanjay Kaul / संजय कौल
C. Ramesh Chand / रमेश चंद
D. Rajesh Kumar Singh / राजेश कुमार सिंह
E. Ajay Bhushan Pandey / अजय भूषण पांडे

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Sanjay Kaul, a 2001-batch IAS officer of the Kerala cadre, has been appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of GIFT City Company Limited, Gandhinagar.
• His tenure will be for three years or until further orders.
• He succeeds Tapan Ray, the outgoing MD and CEO.
• Previously, Sanjay Kaul served as the MD of Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Limited and Gujarat Informatics Limited.

Ques: According to the 2024 Economic Impact Trends (EIR) Report, what is India's rank in Travel & Tourism sector contribution to GDP?
2024 इकोनॉमिक इम्पैक्ट ट्रेंड्स (EIR) रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, जीडीपी में यात्रा और पर्यटन क्षेत्र के योगदान के मामले में भारत का स्थान कौन सा है?

A. 5th
B. 6th
C. 7th
D. 8th
E. 12th

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The 2024 Economic Impact Trends (EIR) Report was published by the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC), London, in collaboration with Oxford Economics.
• According to the report, India climbed to the 8th position in terms of Travel & Tourism sector contribution to GDP in 2024, moving up from 10th place in 2023.
• India's Travel & Tourism contribution stood at USD 231.6 billion.
• Globally, the Travel & Tourism sector contributed USD 10.9 trillion to the world's GDP in 2024.
• The sector also supported 357 million jobs worldwide, which accounts for 1 in every 10 jobs globally.

Ranking of Top 5 Largest Global Travel Economies in 2024-25 :

1 USA (USD 2,360 billion)
2 China (USD 1,300 billion)
3 Germany (USD 487.6 billion)
4 Japan (USD 297.0 billion)
5 United Kingdom (UK) (USD 295.2 billion)
8 India (USD 231.6 billion)

Ques: What is the objective of Project Janam Shakti, recently implemented in Ferozepur, Punjab?
हाल ही में पंजाब के फिरोजपुर में लागू किए गए प्रोजेक्ट जनम शक्ति का उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. Provide free education to pregnant women / गर्भवती महिलाओं को मुफ्त शिक्षा देना
B. Reduce maternal mortality and ensure better natal care / मातृ मृत्यु दर को कम करना और बेहतर प्रसवपूर्व देखभाल सुनिश्चित करना
C. Promote home-based deliveries / घर पर प्रसव को बढ़ावा देना
D. Increase women's employment in healthcare / स्वास्थ्य क्षेत्र में महिलाओं की रोजगार दर बढ़ाना
E. Launch a nutrition drive for infants / शिशुओं के लिए पोषण अभियान शुरू करना

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Project Janam Shakti is a healthcare initiative launched in Ferozepur district of Punjab, aiming to reduce maternal mortality and ensure quality natal care for pregnant women.
• In 2024-25, Ferozepur recorded a maternal mortality rate (MMR) of 440, significantly higher than the Punjab state average of 105.
• The project is supported by JHPIEGO (Johns Hopkins Program for International Education in Gynecology and Obstetrics), a US-based global health nonprofit.

Outcomes so far:

• Maternal deaths reduced to 0–1 per month (from 2–5 per month earlier).
• Home deliveries dropped from 308 (2023-24) to 4 (2024-25), and just 1 until June 2025.

Ques: Which football club won the FIFA Club World Cup 2025 by defeating PSG 3-0 in the final?
किस फुटबॉल क्लब ने FIFA क्लब विश्व कप 2025 के फाइनल में PSG को 3-0 से हराकर खिताब जीता?

A. Real Madrid / रियल मैड्रिड
B. Chelsea / चेल्सी
C. Manchester City / मैनचेस्टर सिटी
D. Bayern Munich / बायर्न म्यूनिख
E. AC Milan / एसी मिलान

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Chelsea (England) defeated Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) (France) 3-0 to win the FIFA Club World Cup 2025.
• The final was held at MetLife Stadium, New Jersey, USA.
• The 21st FIFA Club World Cup (2025) was hosted by the United States.
• For the first time, 32 football clubs from six continents participated, making it the largest edition of the tournament.

About FIFA Club World Cup :

• Started : 2000
• Organised by : FIFA
• Most winner : Real Madrid of Spain has won the tournament five times (2014, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2022)
• Last winner : Manchester City (England) (2023)

Ques: Which institute has signed an MoU with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to launch an 8-week Professional Development Program in Cybersecurity?
किस संस्थान ने इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय (MeitY) के साथ मिलकर 8-सप्ताह का साइबर सुरक्षा व्यावसायिक विकास कार्यक्रम शुरू करने के लिए समझौता किया है?

A. IIT Delhi / आईआईटी दिल्ली
B. IIIT Hyderabad / आईआईआईटी हैदराबाद
C. BITS Pilani / बिट्स पिलानी
D. NIT Trichy / एनआईटी त्रिची
E. IISc Bengaluru / आईआईएससी बेंगलुरु

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has partnered with Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani (BITS Pilani) to launch an 8-week Professional Development Program in Cybersecurity.
• The program is designed for professionals from the government sector, PSUs, and the private sector.
• The course will be conducted through BITS Pilani's Centre for Research Excellence in National Security (CRENS) at its Hyderabad campus (Telangana).
• Rapifuzz Private Limited is the technology partner for the program.
• The training is guided by the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) and will be delivered in a hybrid mode (online + offline).

Ques: What is the name of the recent military drill conducted by the Indian Army in Meerut focusing on modern warfare technologies?
मेरठ में भारतीय सेना द्वारा हाल ही में आयोजित सैन्य अभ्यास का क्या नाम है, जो आधुनिक युद्ध तकनीकों पर केंद्रित था?

A. Vajra Shakti / वज्र शक्ति
B. Prachand Shakti / प्रचंड शक्ति
C. Garuda Shakti / गरुड़ शक्ति
D. Shatrujeet Shakti / शत्रुजीत शक्ति
E. Sudarshan Shakti / सुदर्शन शक्ति

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Indian Army conducted a military exercise titled 'Prachand Shakti' in Meerut.
• It was organised by the Charging RAM Division at the Kharga Corps Field Training Area.
• The drill showcased new-age warfare capabilities, including UAVs, AI-driven systems, loitering munitions, and autonomous platforms.
• This was part of the Army's 'Year of Tech Absorption' initiative, reflecting its commitment to technological transformation and modern battlefield readiness.

Ques: Who has been appointed as the 20th Governor of Goa, replacing P S Sreedharan Pillai?
गोवा के 20वें राज्यपाल के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है, जिन्होंने पी. एस. श्रीधरन पिल्लई का स्थान लिया?

A. Kavinder Gupta / कविंदर गुप्ता
B. Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju / पुसापति अशोक गजपति राजू
C. Professor Ashim Kumar Ghosh / प्रोफेसर अशिम कुमार घोष
D. Bandaru Dattatreya / बंडारू दत्तात्रेय
E. Brigadier (Retd.) B.D. Mishra / ब्रिगेडियर (सेवानिवृत्त) बी.डी. मिश्रा

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju has been appointed as the 20th Governor of Goa, replacing P S Sreedharan Pillai.
• Professor Ashim Kumar Ghosh has been appointed as the 19th Governor of Haryana, replacing Bandaru Dattatreya.
• Kavinder Gupta has been appointed as the 3rd Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, replacing Brigadier (Retd.) B.D. Mishra.
• As per Article 153 of the Indian Constitution, there shall be a Governor in every state, and one person can serve as Governor for more than one state.
• The Governor is appointed by the President of India and holds office for five years, but can be removed by the President at any time as he/she serves at the pleasure of the President.

Ques: Which military exercise is India participating in along with 18 other nations, led by Australia, that began on July 13, 2025?
भारत किस सैन्य अभ्यास में 18 अन्य देशों के साथ भाग ले रहा है, जिसकी मेज़बानी ऑस्ट्रेलिया कर रहा है और जो 13 जुलाई 2025 से शुरू हुआ?

A. Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) / प्रशांत महासागर का किनारा (RIMPAC)
B. Talisman Sabre 2025 / टैलिसमैन सेबर 2025
C. Cobra Gold / कोबरा गोल्ड
D. Pitch Black / पिच ब्लैक
E. Malabar Exercise / मालाबार अभ्यास

Answer: Option B

• Talisman Sabre 2025 is the 11th edition of a major bilateral military exercise led by Australia, started on July 13, 2025.
• It is the largest bilateral military drill between Australia and the United States, held biennially since 2005.
• India is participating along with 18 other nations including Canada, France, Japan, Germany, the UK, etc.
• Malaysia and Vietnam are attending as observers.
• The exercise takes place at multiple locations across Australia and offshore zones using both Defence and non-Defence areas.

Ques: Where is the 2nd BIMSTEC Ports Conclave being held in July 2025?
जुलाई 2025 में दूसरा बिम्सटेक पोर्ट्स कॉन्क्लेव कहां आयोजित किया जा रहा है?

A. Kolkata / कोलकाता
B. Visakhapatnam / विशाखापत्तनम
C. Chennai / चेन्नई
D. Colombo / कोलंबो
E. Bangkok / बैंकॉक

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The 2nd BIMSTEC Ports Conclave is being held in Visakhapatnam on 14th and 15th July 2025.
• The event is part of India's effort to strengthen regional maritime connectivity and cooperation within the BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) framework.
• Theme: "Navigating the Future: Blue Economy, Innovation and Sustainable Partnerships"
• The conclave was inaugurated by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, who handles the Ports, Shipping, and Waterways Ministry.
• Delegates from all BIMSTEC member countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand) participated.
• The first BIMSTEC Ports Conclave was also held in Visakhapatnam in November 2019, under the theme "The Blue Seas Synergy Summit."

Ques: Who has become the first woman Director General of the Railway Protection Force (RPF)?
रेलवे सुरक्षा बल (RPF) की पहली महिला महानिदेशक कौन बनी हैं?

A. Archana Ramasundaram / अर्चना रामासुंदरम
B. Sonali Mishra / सोनाली मिश्रा
C. Rekha Sharma / रेखा शर्मा
D. Kiran Bedi / किरण बेदी
E. Smita Sabharwal / स्मिता सभरवाल

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Sonali Mishra, a 1993 batch IPS officer from the Madhya Pradesh cadre, has become the first woman Director General (DG) of the Railway Protection Force (RPF).
• Her appointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.
• She will serve as DG, RPF, until her superannuation on October 31, 2026.
• Sonali Mishra will succeed Manoj Yadava, who will retire on July 31, 2025.
• The RPF is a central armed police force responsible for the security of railway passengers, passenger areas, and railway property across India.

Ques: Which company recently received final regulatory approval from IN-SPACe to offer commercial satellite broadband services in India?
हाल ही में किस कंपनी को भारत में व्यावसायिक सैटेलाइट ब्रॉडबैंड सेवाएं प्रदान करने के लिए IN-SPACe से अंतिम नियामक मंजूरी मिली?

A. OneWeb / वनवेब
B. Jio-SES JV / जियो-एसईएस संयुक्त उद्यम
C. Starlink Satellite Communications Pvt. Ltd. / स्टारलिंक सैटेलाइट कम्युनिकेशंस प्राइवेट लिमिटेड
D. Hughes Communications / ह्यूजेस कम्युनिकेशंस
E. Viasat / वायसैट

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Starlink Satellite Communications Pvt. Ltd. (SSCPL), owned by Elon Musk, has received final regulatory approval from IN-SPACe (Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre).
• The approval allows Starlink to operate its Starlink Gen1 satellite constellation in India, which includes 4,408 Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites operating at 540–570 km altitude and 600 Gbps broadband capacity over India
• The license is valid for 5 years.
• Starlink is now the third satcom operator in India with full approval after Eutelsat OneWeb (Bharti Group-backed) and Reliance Jio-SES Joint Venture

Ques: India has achieved what milestone in its energy transition journey, five years ahead of its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) target?
भारत ने अपने ऊर्जा परिवर्तन यात्रा में कौन सा लक्ष्य अपने नेशनल डिटर्माइंड कंट्रीब्यूशंस (NDC) लक्ष्य से पाँच साल पहले प्राप्त कर लिया है?

A. 40% of electricity capacity from renewables / 40% नवीकरणीय स्रोतों से बिजली क्षमता
B. 50% of installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuels / 50% गैर-जीवाश्म ईंधन से स्थापित बिजली क्षमता
C. 100 GW solar power installed / 100 गीगावॉट सौर ऊर्जा स्थापित
D. Net-zero emissions achieved / शुद्ध-शून्य उत्सर्जन प्राप्त
E. 300 GW wind power capacity / 300 गीगावॉट पवन ऊर्जा क्षमता

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Reaching 50% of its installed electrical capacity from non-fossil fuel sources five years ahead of the goal set under its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Agreement is a significant milestone in India's energy transition journey.
• This transformation has been made possible by flagship programs like PM-KUSUM, PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, solar park development, and the National Wind-Solar Hybrid Policy.
• The nation must take a bold, inclusive, and technologically advanced approach as it works toward its goals of 500 GW of non-fossil capacity by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2070.

Installed Electricity Capacity by Source as on 30.06.2025 :

• Thermal : 242.04 GW
• Nuclear : 8.78 GW
• Large Hydro : 49.38 GW
• RE : 184.62 GW

Fossil vs Non-Fossil Energy Share in Installed Capacity as on 30.06.2025

• Thermal : 242.04 GW
• Non-Fossil Fuel (RE+ LH+Nuclear) : 242.78 GW

Ques: Who was the 114-year-old marathon runner known as the "Turbaned Tornado" who recently passed away in a road accident?
114 वर्षीय मैराथन धावक, जिन्हें "टरबंड टॉरनेडो" के नाम से जाना जाता था और जिनका हाल ही में सड़क दुर्घटना में निधन हो गया, कौन थे?

A. Milkha Singh / मिल्खा सिंह
B. Fauja Singh / फौजा सिंह
C. Gurbachan Singh Randhawa / गुरबचन सिंह रंधावा
D. Sardar Singh / सरदार सिंह
E. Harbhajan Singh / हरभजन सिंह

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Fauja Singh, the 114-year-old marathon runner, passed away in a road accident in Beas Pind near Jalandhar, Punjab.
• He was globally recognized as the world's oldest marathon runner.
• At the age of 100, he set eight world age-group records in one day at the Ontario Masters Association Fauja Singh Invitational Meet in Toronto, Canada.
• His biography is titled "Turbaned Tornado".
• He was a torchbearer for the 2012 London Olympics and received the British Empire Medal (BEM) in 2015 for his contributions to sport and charity.

Ques: What is the name of the next-generation Shinkansen train set to be introduced in the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train Project in collaboration with Japan?
जापान के सहयोग से मुंबई-अहमदाबाद बुलेट ट्रेन परियोजना में शुरू की जाने वाली अगली पीढ़ी की शिंकानसेन ट्रेन का क्या नाम है?

A. E5 Shinkansen
B. E6 Shinkansen
C. E10 Shinkansen
D. N700 Shinkansen
E. E7 Shinkansen

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train Project is being developed using Japanese Shinkansen technology.
• Currently, Japan operates the E5 Shinkansen trains.
• The E10 Shinkansen is the next-generation train, and it will be introduced simultaneously in India and Japan as part of the strategic partnership.
• The project achieved a major milestone by opening the first section of the 21 km undersea tunnel between BKC and Thane.
• 310 km of viaduct construction has been completed along with 15 river bridges and 5 completed stations out of 12 planned.
• The 508 km corridor is under development, marking one of India's most advanced infrastructure projects.

Ques: Which veteran actor-producer, known for films like Heera Panna, Roti Kapada Aur Makaan, and Kranti, recently passed away at the age of 79?
किस वरिष्ठ अभिनेता-निर्माता, जिन्होंने हीरा पन्ना, रोटी कपड़ा और मकान और क्रांति जैसी फिल्मों में काम किया था, का हाल ही में 79 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया?

A. Dheeraj Kumar / धीरज कुमार
B. Prem Chopra / प्रेम चोपड़ा
C. Dharmendra / धर्मेन्द्र
D. Raj Babbar / राज बब्बर
E. Raza Murad / रज़ा मुराद

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• Dheeraj Kumar, a veteran actor and producer, passed away at the age of 79.
• He worked extensively in both Hindi and Punjabi cinema.
• He went on to act in several notable films such as Heera Panna (1973), Roti Kapada Aur Makaan (1974), Sargam (1979), and Kranti (1981).
• He later became a successful television producer, known for creating several popular TV serials.

Ques: On which date was the National Cadet Corps (NCC) formally inaugurated in independent India?
स्वतंत्र भारत में राष्ट्रीय कैडेट कोर (NCC) का औपचारिक उद्घाटन किस तिथि को हुआ था?

A. 26 January 1950
B. 15 August 1947
C. 15 July 1948
D. 16 April 1948
E. 1 July 1949

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The National Cadet Corps (NCC) of Independent India was formally inaugurated on 15 July 1948.
• The NCC Act came into existence on 16 April 1948, officially establishing the organization under the Ministry of Defence.
• The Girls Division of NCC was introduced in July 1949 to include women in this youth development initiative.
• The NCC aims to develop character, comradeship, leadership qualities, and ideals of service in the youth of India.

Ques: Which state won the IESA Industry Excellence Award 2025 for State Leadership in Battery Manufacturing during the 11th India Energy Storage Week (IESW)?
11वें इंडिया एनर्जी स्टोरेज वीक (IESW) के दौरान बैटरी निर्माण में राज्य नेतृत्व के लिए IESA इंडस्ट्री एक्सीलेंस अवॉर्ड 2025 किस राज्य को मिला?

A. Telangana / तेलंगाना
B. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
C. Gujarat / गुजरात
D. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
E. Odisha / ओडिशा

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• The 11th India Energy Storage Week (IESW) was held at the India International Convention & Expo Centre (IICC), Yashobhoomi, New Delhi.
• It is an international conference and exhibition organized by the India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA).
• Telangana received the IESA Industry Excellence Award 2025 in the category of State Leadership in Battery Manufacturing.
• During the event, IESA also launched the 'IESA India Hydrogen Report', projecting India's hydrogen demand to grow at a 3% CAGR, reaching 8.8 million metric tonnes per annum.
• According to the report, Odisha, Gujarat, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh together account for 82% of India's 9 MTPA green hydrogen capacity projects.

Ques: What is the theme of World Youth Skills Day 2025?
विश्व युवा कौशल दिवस 2025 की थीम क्या है?

A. Youth Empowerment through AI and Digital Skills / एआई और डिजिटल कौशल के माध्यम से युवा सशक्तिकरण
B. Building Skills for a Better Future / बेहतर भविष्य के लिए कौशल निर्माण
C. Skilling the Youth for Green Jobs / हरित नौकरियों के लिए युवाओं को कुशल बनाना
D. Transforming Education for Skills Development / कौशल विकास के लिए शिक्षा का रूपांतरण
E. Skills for Inclusive Growth / समावेशी विकास के लिए कौशल

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• World Youth Skills Day is celebrated every year on 15 July.
• The United Nations General Assembly declared it in 2014 to highlight the importance of skills for employment, decent work, and entrepreneurship for youth.
• 15 July 2025 marks the 10th anniversary of World Youth Skills Day (WYSD).
• The 2025 theme is "Youth Empowerment through AI and Digital Skills", focusing on preparing youth for the technological future through AI and digital literacy.

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

JSW Energy Limited has been included in the FTSE4Good Index Series, recognizing its strong Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices

T-Hub, India's premier innovation incubator, launched the second cohort of its Orbit programme under the Atal Incubation Centre (AIC) T-Hub Spacetech Accelerator.

Meenakshi Ganesan took over as the Bureau of Indian Standards' (BIS) Deputy Director General (DDG) for the Southern Regional Office. As the DDG of BIS, Southern Region, she is the first female to assume the position.

This recently described skipper butterfly, Zographetus mathewi, is a member of the Hesperiidae family. The new species bears the name of George Mathew, a well-known entomologist from India.

A MOU is anticipated to be completed next week, and a 20,000 square foot Skill Development Center will be built at the Aurangabad Industrial City (AURIC) in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry.

Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong announced the 34 recipients of this year's Maitri Grants, Fellowships and Scholarships.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

जेएसडब्ल्यू एनर्जी लिमिटेड को एफटीएसई4गुड इंडेक्स श्रृंखला में शामिल किया गया है, जो इसके मजबूत पर्यावरणीय, सामाजिक और प्रशासनिक (ईएसजी) कार्यों को मान्यता देता है।

भारत के प्रमुख नवाचार इनक्यूबेटर, टी-हब ने अटल इनक्यूबेशन सेंटर (एआईसी) टी-हब स्पेसटेक एक्सेलरेटर के अंतर्गत अपने ऑर्बिट कार्यक्रम के दूसरे समूह का शुभारंभ किया।

मीनाक्षी गणेशन ने भारतीय मानक ब्यूरो (बीआईएस) के दक्षिणी क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय के लिए उप महानिदेशक (डीडीजी) का पदभार ग्रहण किया। बीआईएस, दक्षिणी क्षेत्र की डीडीजी के रूप में, वह यह पद ग्रहण करने वाली पहली महिला हैं।

हाल ही में वर्णित स्किपर तितली, ज़ोग्राफेटस मैथ्यू, हेस्पेरिडे परिवार की सदस्य है। इस नई प्रजाति का नाम भारत के एक प्रसिद्ध कीटविज्ञानी जॉर्ज मैथ्यू के नाम पर रखा गया है।

अगले सप्ताह एक समझौता ज्ञापन (एमओयू) पूरा होने की उम्मीद है और भारतीय उद्योग परिसंघ के सहयोग से औरंगाबाद औद्योगिक शहर (एयूआरआईसी) में 20,000 वर्ग फुट का एक कौशल विकास केंद्र बनाया जाएगा।

ऑस्ट्रेलियाई विदेश मंत्री पेनी वोंग ने इस वर्ष के मैत्री अनुदान, फैलोशिप और छात्रवृत्ति के 34 प्राप्तकर्ताओं की घोषणा की।

Ques: Which two Cyprus-based firms announced a Rs.10,000 crore investment in the Indian shipping industry in 2025?
2025 में भारतीय शिपिंग उद्योग में Rs.10,000 करोड़ के निवेश की घोषणा किन दो साइप्रस-स्थित कंपनियों ने की?

A. Maersk Line & COSCO / मेर्सक लाइन और कॉस्को
B. Interorient Navigation & Danship & Partners / इंटरओरिएंट नेविगेशन और डैनशिप एंड पार्टनर्स
C. MSC Shipping & CMA CGM / एमएससी शिपिंग और सीएमए सीजीएम
D. Evergreen Marine & HMM Co Ltd / एवरग्रीन मरीन और एचएमएम कंपनी लिमिटेड
E. NYK Line & K Line / एनवाईके लाइन और के लाइन

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

Ques: Which Taiwanese bank has recently applied to set up an IFSC Banking Unit in GIFT City?
किस ताइवानी बैंक ने हाल ही में GIFT सिटी में IFSC बैंकिंग यूनिट स्थापित करने के लिए आवेदन किया है?

A. Fubon Bank / फुबोन बैंक
B. Taiwan Bank / ताइवान बैंक
C. E.SUN Bank / ई-सन बैंक
D. Mega Bank / मेगा बैंक
E. CTBC Bank / सीटीबीसी बैंक

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

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

Ques: Who has been appointed as the Interim MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank?
कर्नाटक बैंक के अंतरिम एमडी और सीईओ के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma / श्रीकृष्णन हरि हरा शर्मा
B. Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat / राघवेंद्र श्रीनिवास भट
C. Sanjay Kaul / संजय कौल
D. Tapan Ray / तपन राय
E. Rajesh Kumar / राजेश कुमार

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

About Karnataka Bank :

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

Ques: Which new credit rating agency has RBI allowed banks to use for rating non-resident corporations in IFSCs under amended Basel III norms?
आरबीआई ने संशोधित बेसल III मानदंडों के तहत IFSC में स्थित गैर-निवासी कंपनियों के लिए किस नई क्रेडिट रेटिंग एजेंसी की अनुमति दी है?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

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

Ques: What is the name of the national-level competition launched by NSO and the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell to promote data innovation?
आधिकारिक आंकड़ों में नवाचार को बढ़ावा देने के लिए राष्ट्रीय सांख्यिकी कार्यालय (NSO) और शिक्षा मंत्रालय के इनोवेशन सेल द्वारा शुरू की गई राष्ट्रीय स्तर की प्रतियोगिता का नाम क्या है?

A. Data Challenge India / डेटा चैलेंज इंडिया
B. Viksit Bharat Hackathon / विकसित भारत हैकथॉन
C. Statathon – A Data Journey Towards Viksit Bharat / स्टैटाथॉन – डेटा जर्नी टुवर्ड्स विकसित भारत
D. Digital Census Innovation Drive / डिजिटल जनगणना नवाचार अभियान
E. Bharat Data Quest / भारत डेटा क्वेस्ट

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Competition Structure:

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

Ques: What is the global rank of India's National Stock Exchange (NSE) in IPO fundraising during the first half of 2025?
वर्ष 2025 की पहली छमाही में आईपीओ फंडिंग के मामले में भारत के नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (NSE) की वैश्विक रैंकिंग क्या रही?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

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

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

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

Ques: How much investment has BITS Pilani planned for setting up the new AI+ campus at Amaravati?
बीआईटीएस पिलानी ने अमरावती में नया AI+ कैंपस स्थापित करने के लिए कितने निवेश की योजना बनाई है?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Ques: Which Indian state became the first to support the Cruise Bharat Mission by framing a dedicated Cruise Shipping Policy?
क्रूज भारत मिशन का समर्थन करने वाला और एक विशेष क्रूज शिपिंग नीति बनाने वाला भारत का पहला राज्य कौन सा बना?

A. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
B. Gujarat / गुजरात
C. Goa / गोवा
D. Kerala / केरल
E. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

Ques: Which organization has developed India's first cost-effective advanced Carbon Fibre Foot Prosthesis under the Make-in-India initiative?
मेक-इन-इंडिया पहल के तहत भारत का पहला किफायती उन्नत कार्बन फाइबर फुट प्रोस्थेसिस किस संगठन ने विकसित किया है?

A. ISRO & AIIMS Delhi / इसरो और एम्स दिल्ली
B. DRDO-DRDL & AIIMS Bibinagar / डीआरडीओ-डीआरडीएल और एम्स बीबीनगर
C. BARC & IIT Bombay / बार्क और आईआईटी बॉम्बे
D. HAL & NIMHANS Bengaluru / एचएएल और निमहंस बेंगलुरु
E. CSIR & AIIMS Raipur / सीएसआईआर और एम्स रायपुर

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

Ques: The Government is set to issue a commemorative coin in honor of which Indian personality known as the Father of Green Revolution?
सरकार किस भारतीय व्यक्तित्व के सम्मान में स्मृति सिक्का जारी करने जा रही है, जिन्हें ग्रीन रेवोल्यूशन का जनक कहा जाता है?

A. Verghese Kurien / वर्गीज़ कुरियन
B. M.S. Swaminathan / एम.एस. स्वामीनाथन
C. M. Visvesvaraya / एम. विश्वेश्वरैया
D. N.T. Rama Rao / एन.टी. रामाराव
E. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam / ए.पी.जे. अब्दुल कलाम

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The government will issue two commemorative coins:

1. One in honor of Prof. M.S. Swaminathan, who is famously known as the Father of India's Green Revolution for his pioneering work in agricultural advancements and food security.
2. The other for celebrating 10 Years of Make in India, highlighting sectors like science, technology, and manufacturing.

• Prof. Swaminathan also introduced the idea of an Evergreen Revolution, aiming to make agriculture sustainable and climate-resilient.
• The coin will be 44 mm in diameter, with a composition of 50% silver, and feature the Lion Capital of Ashoka with "Satyamev Jayate".
• The reverse side of the coin dedicated to Prof. Swaminathan will have his image.

Ques: What is the name of the scheme launched by the Department of Telecommunications to promote telecom awareness through student volunteers?
दूरसंचार विभाग द्वारा छात्रों के माध्यम से दूरसंचार जागरूकता बढ़ाने के लिए शुरू की गई योजना का नाम क्या है?

A. Digital Doot Scheme / डिजिटल दूत योजना
B. Sanchar Mitra Scheme / संचार मित्र योजना
C. Cyber Yoddha Scheme / साइबर योद्धा योजना
D. Telecom Sevak Yojana / टेलिकॉम सेवक योजना
E. Digital Rakshak Programme / डिजिटल रक्षक कार्यक्रम

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

Ques: Where was India's second longest cable-stayed bridge, the Sigandur Bridge, recently inaugurated?
भारत का दूसरा सबसे लंबा केबल-स्टे ब्रिज 'सिगंदूर ब्रिज' हाल ही में कहां उद्घाटित किया गया?

A. Gujarat / गुजरात
B. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
C. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
D. Kerala / केरल
E. Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

Ques: As per the recent announcement, what will be the new monthly assistance amount under the Ladli Behna Scheme in Madhya Pradesh from October 2025?
हालिया घोषणा के अनुसार, अक्टूबर 2025 से मध्य प्रदेश में लाड़ली बहना योजना के तहत नई मासिक सहायता राशि क्या होगी?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Ques: Which global fashion brand is partnering with Maharashtra artisans to produce Kolhapuri-inspired sandals?
महाराष्ट्र के शिल्पकारों के साथ कोल्हापुरी-प्रेरित सैंडल बनाने के लिए कौन सा वैश्विक फैशन ब्रांड साझेदारी कर रहा है?

A. Gucci / गुच्ची
B. Louis Vuitton / लुई विटन
C. Prada / प्राडा
D. Armani / अर्मानी
E. Versace / वर्साचे

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

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

केंद्रीय मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने *'नॉर्थ-ईस्ट कॉन्क्लेव 2025'* का उद्घाटन कहां किया?

A. IIT Guwahati / आईआईटी गुवाहाटी
B. IIM Shillong / आईआईएम शिलांग
C. NIT Manipur / एनआईटी मणिपुर
D. Tripura University / त्रिपुरा विश्वविद्यालय
E. Assam University / असम विश्वविद्यालय

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

Ques: Where was India's first-ever water technology park 'Aqua Tech Park' inaugurated in 2025?
भारत का पहला जल प्रौद्योगिकी पार्क 'एक्वा टेक पार्क' *2025* में कहां उद्घाटित किया गया?

A. Bengaluru, Karnataka / बेंगलुरु, कर्नाटक
B. Kochi, Kerala / कोच्चि, केरल
C. Bagibari, Sonapur, Assam / बगीबाड़ी, सोनापुर, असम
D. Hyderabad, Telangana / हैदराबाद, तेलंगाना
E. Bhubaneswar, Odisha / भुवनेश्वर, ओडिशा

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Ques: Where was India's first-ever commercial hydrogen fuel cell bus service launched?
भारत की पहली वाणिज्यिक हाइड्रोजन फ्यूल सेल बस सेवा कहां शुरू की गई?

A. Sikkim / सिक्किम
B. Ladakh / लद्दाख
C. Himachal Pradesh / हिमाचल प्रदेश
D. Uttarakhand / उत्तराखंड
E. Arunachal Pradesh / अरुणाचल प्रदेश

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

Ques: Which global organization recently released a technical brief recognizing India's leadership in integrating AI with traditional medicine?
किस वैश्विक संगठन ने हाल ही में एक तकनीकी ब्रीफ जारी किया, जिसमें पारंपरिक चिकित्सा में भारत की AI एकीकरण में अग्रणी भूमिका को मान्यता दी गई?

A. World Health Organisation (WHO) / विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन (WHO)
B. World Economic Forum / वर्ल्ड इकोनॉमिक फोरम
C. UNESCO / यूनेस्को
D. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) / संयुक्त राष्ट्र विकास कार्यक्रम (UNDP)
E. International Telecommunication Union (ITU) / अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दूरसंचार संघ (ITU)

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

India's key initiatives highlighted:

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

Ques: Where was the 75th Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra (PMDK) inaugurated?
75वां प्रधानमंत्री दिव्याशा केंद्र (PMDK) कहां उद्घाटित किया गया?

A. Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh / लखनऊ, उत्तर प्रदेश
B. Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh / कानपुर, उत्तर प्रदेश
C. Badaun, Uttar Pradesh / बदायूं, उत्तर प्रदेश
D. Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh / वाराणसी, उत्तर प्रदेश
E. Agra, Uttar Pradesh / आगरा, उत्तर प्रदेश

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

Ques: India recently signed a fertiliser supply deal with which country's company for 3.1 million MT of DAP annually?
भारत ने हाल ही में 3.1 मिलियन मीट्रिक टन डीएपी की वार्षिक आपूर्ति के लिए किस देश की कंपनी के साथ उर्वरक समझौता किया है?

A. Saudi Arabia / सऊदी अरब
B. Russia / रूस
C. China / चीन
D. UAE / यूएई
E. Iran / ईरान

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

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

Ques: Who among the following is popularly known as the "Kingmaker" in Indian politics and proposed the famous 'Kamaraj Plan'?
भारतीय राजनीति में 'किंगमेकर' के रूप में प्रसिद्ध कौन नेता हैं, जिन्होंने प्रसिद्ध 'कामराज योजना' का सुझाव दिया था?

A. C. Rajagopalachari / सी. राजगोपालाचारी
B. K. Kamaraj / के कामराज
C. Morarji Desai / मोरारजी देसाई
D. Lal Bahadur Shastri / लाल बहादुर शास्त्री
E. Jagjivan Ram / जगजीवन राम

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

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

Ques: How many medals did Indian cueists win at the inaugural Billiards Championships 2025 held in Mauritius?
मॉरीशस में आयोजित उद्घाटन बिलियर्ड्स चैंपियनशिप 2025 में भारतीय क्यू खिलाड़ियों ने कुल कितने पदक जीते?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

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

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

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

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

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

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

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

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

सिक्किम के पाकयोंग जिले के एक गाँव, याक्तेन का आधिकारिक तौर पर 'नोमैड सिक्किम' परियोजना के तहत भारत के पहले डिजिटल घुमंतू गाँव के रूप में उद्घाटन किया गया।

दक्ष (आकांक्षा, ज्ञान, उत्तराधिकार और सद्भाव का विकास) के परिवर्तनकारी नेतृत्व कार्यक्रम में एक महत्वपूर्ण मील का पत्थर साबित होते हुए, आईआईएम अहमदाबाद ने 6-दिवसीय कक्षा विसर्जन कार्यक्रम के उद्घाटन समारोह की मेजबानी की। इस समारोह का आयोजन क्षमता निर्माण आयोग (सीबीसी) और सार्वजनिक उद्यमों के स्थायी सम्मेलन (स्कोप) द्वारा किया गया।

भारतीय हैंडबॉल संघ (एचएआई) और प्रसार भारती ने हैंडबॉल प्रतियोगिताओं का व्यापक प्रसारण कवरेज प्रदान करने और जनहित व खिलाड़ियों की भागीदारी को बढ़ावा देने के लिए समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए।

जून 2025 के लिए आईसीसी पुरुष और आईसीसी महिला खिलाड़ी के रूप में क्रमशः एडेन मार्करम (दक्षिण अफ्रीका) और हेली मैथ्यूज (वेस्टइंडीज) को चुना गया।

संयुक्त अरब अमीरात-भारत व्यापक आर्थिक भागीदारी समझौता (सीईपीए) परिषद ने भारत में यूएई दूतावास के साथ मिलकर मुंबई में एक विशेष "स्टार्ट-अप सनडाउनर" कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया।

Ques: What is the name of the scheme launched by SEBI in 2025 to aid the settlement of violations related to the winding-up provisions of migrated Venture Capital Funds (VCFs)?
2025 में SEBI द्वारा प्रवासित वेंचर कैपिटल फंड्स (VCFs) के परिसमापन प्रावधानों के उल्लंघन के निपटारे के लिए शुरू की गई योजना का नाम क्या है?

A. VCF Resolution Scheme 2025 / वीसीएफ समाधान योजना 2025
B. Venture Capital Closure Scheme / वेंचर कैपिटल क्लोजर योजना
C. Venture Capital Fund Settlement Scheme 2025 / वेंचर कैपिटल फंड सेटलमेंट योजना 2025
D. SEBI Fund Liquidation Plan / सेबी फंड परिसमापन योजना
E. Alternative Investment Regularisation Scheme / वैकल्पिक निवेश नियमितीकरण योजना

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) launched the Venture Capital Fund (VCF) Settlement Scheme 2025.
• Its Objective is to help resolve violations of winding-up provisions by migrated Venture Capital Funds (VCFs) that could not liquidate their investments after the Alternative Investment Funds (AIF) Regulations replaced VCF Regulations in 2012.
• Scheme Duration Starts from July 21, 2025 and Ends on January 19, 2026
• Application Fee : Non-refundable fee of Rs.25,000 + 18% GST
• Settlement Charges : Rs.1 lakh for delays up to 1 year in winding-up
• Additional Rs.50,000 for each extra year of delay (or part thereof)
• Slab-wise Additional Payment Based on unliquidated investment corpus, ranging from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.6 lakh

Ques: UIDAI has urged parents to complete the Aadhaar biometric update for children in which age bracket, free of cost?
UIDAI ने बच्चों के आधार बायोमेट्रिक अपडेट को किस आयु वर्ग में निःशुल्क पूरा करने का आग्रह किया है?

A. 3 to 5 years
B. 6 to 8 years
C. 0 to 5 years
D. 5 to 7 years
E. 7 to 10 years

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India) has made it mandatory to update Aadhaar biometrics when a child turns 5 years old.
• For children below 5 years, Aadhaar is issued without fingerprints and iris scan, only photo and demographic details are collected.
• The Mandatory Biometric Update (MBU) includes fingerprints, iris scan, and photograph.
• The update is free of cost if done between ages 5 and 7. After that, a nominal fee of ₹100 is charged.
• If not updated after 7 years, the child's Aadhaar may get deactivated.
• An updated Aadhaar is required for school admissions, entrance exams, DBT schemes, scholarships, etc.

Ques: How much is SBI planning to raise via QIP route in FY26?
SBI FY26 में QIP रूट के माध्यम से कितनी राशि जुटाने की योजना बना रहा है?

A. Rs.10,000 crore
B. Rs.15,000 crore
C. Rs.22,560 crore
D. Rs.25,000 crore
E. Rs.30,000 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• State Bank of India (SBI) plans to raise Rs.25,000 crore via Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) in FY26.
• If successful, this would surpass the previous record of Rs.22,560 crore QIP by Coal India in 2015, making it the largest QIP in Indian capital markets.
• Purpose: To improve SBI's Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) ratio, currently at 10.81%, with plans to raise it by about 60 basis points.
• Investment Banks Shortlisted are ICICI Securities, Kotak Investment Banking, Morgan Stanley, SBI Capital Markets, Citigroup and HSBC Holdings Plc
• This is SBI's first equity raise since 2017, when it raised ₹15,000 crore.
• As of March 31, 2025, the Government of India's stake in SBI is 57.43%.
• The capital raised will help SBI meet regulatory norms and support future lending growth.

Ques: Which company recently received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a Payment Aggregator for Cross-Border (PA-CB) transactions?
हाल ही में किस कंपनी को भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (RBI) से सीमा पार लेन-देन के लिए भुगतान एग्रीगेटर (PA-CB) के रूप में संचालन की सैद्धांतिक मंजूरी मिली है?

A. Skydo / स्काईडो
B. BriskPe / ब्रिस्कपे
C. EximPe / एक्ज़िमपे
D. Pay10 / पे10
E. Worldline / वर्ल्डलाइन

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• EximPe has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a Payment Aggregator for Cross-Border (PA-CB) transactions.
• This approval is given under the Payments and Settlements Systems Act, 2007.
• The PA-CB license enables companies to facilitate digital payment services for export and import activities.
• Other players with in-principle PA-CB approval Skydo, BriskPe, PayPal, Wise
• Six companies have received a full PA-CB license so far : Adyen India, Amazon Pay India, Cashfree Payments, BillDesk, Pay10, Worldline ePayments India

Ques: What is the name of the unified portal launched by NABARD to support rural tech start-ups?
ग्रामीण टेक स्टार्टअप को समर्थन देने के लिए नाबार्ड द्वारा लॉन्च किए गए एकीकृत पोर्टल का नाम क्या है?

A. AgriTech Bharat / एग्रीटेक भारत
B. KrishiConnect / कृषि कनेक्ट
C. RuralTech CoLab / रूरलटेक कोलैब
D. NABARD Innovate / नाबार्ड इनोवेट
E. GramTech Hub / ग्रामटेक हब

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) launched RuralTech CoLab, a unified portal to boost rural tech start-ups.
• Its Purpose is to provide a platform for fintech, agritech, and digital partners to create inclusive and scalable solutions.
• Focus Areas are Agriculture, rural development, and rural financial services.
• The initiative will help integrate NABARD's grassroots network including SHGs, FPOs, NGOs, co-op banks, and rural institutions.
• The launch was part of NABARD's 44th Foundation Day celebrations in Chennai.
• NABARD also started a WhatsApp channel for market advisories and FPO-related updates.
• Chairman Shaji KV emphasized the focus on high-impact solutions and long-term sustainability in the rural tech ecosystem.

Ques: Which Japanese bank recently increased its stake in Yes Bank to just under 25%?
किस जापानी बैंक ने हाल ही में यस बैंक में अपनी हिस्सेदारी बढ़ाकर लगभग 25% कर दी है?

A. Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group / मित्सुबिशी यूएफजे फाइनेंशियल ग्रुप
B. Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) / सुमितोमो मित्सुई बैंकिंग कॉर्पोरेशन
C. Mizuho Bank / मिज़ुहो बैंक
D. Japan Post Bank / जापान पोस्ट बैंक
E. Resona Holdings / रेसोना होल्डिंग्स

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) of Japan has announced a fresh stake acquisition of 4.9% in Yes Bank for $1.1 billion.
• This move will increase SMBC's total ownership in Yes Bank to just under 25%.
• Earlier, in May 2025, SMBC had agreed to acquire a 20% stake in Yes Bank for $1.6 billion.
• The previous 20% deal involved purchasing a 13.19% stake from SBI and a 6.81% aggregate stake from other banks for Rs.13,483 crore at Rs.21.5 per share.
• The deal highlights SMBC's strategic interest in expanding its footprint in India's banking sector.

About YES Bank :

• Established : 2004
• HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
• MD & CEO : Prashant Kumar
• Chairman : Rama Subramaniam Gandhi
• Tagline : Experience our Expertise

Ques: What was the food inflation rate in India for June 2025 over June 2024 as per the Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI)?
CFPI के अनुसार, जून 2025 में भारत की खाद्य मुद्रास्फीति दर जून 2024 के मुकाबले क्या रही?

A. -0.85%
B. -0.92%
C. -1.06%
D. -1.22%
E. 2.10%

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• According to the All India Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI), food inflation for June 2025 over June 2024 stood at -1.06% (Provisional).
• Rural food inflation: -0.92%
• Urban food inflation: -1.22%
• This is the lowest food inflation rate since January 2019, reflecting a sharp drop of 205 basis points from May 2025.
• The overall CPI (General) for June 2025 was 2.10%, showing a 72 basis point decline from May 2025 (2.82%).

Ques: Which two financial groups have announced a joint venture to provide wealth management services to affluent individuals in Japan?
जापान में समृद्ध व्यक्तियों को वेल्थ मैनेजमेंट सेवाएं प्रदान करने के लिए किन दो वित्तीय समूहों ने संयुक्त उद्यम की घोषणा की है?

A. SBI Holdings and Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group / एसबीआई होल्डिंग्स और मित्सुबिशी यूएफजे फाइनेंशियल ग्रुप
B. Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group and SBI Holdings / सुमितोमो मित्सुई फाइनेंशियल ग्रुप और एसबीआई होल्डिंग्स
C. State Bank of India and SoftBank Group / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक और सॉफ्टबैंक ग्रुप
D. Nomura Holdings and SBI Holdings / नोमुरा होल्डिंग्स और एसबीआई होल्डिंग्स
E. Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group and Daiwa Securities / सुमितोमो मित्सुई फाइनेंशियल ग्रुप और दाइवा सिक्योरिटीज

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group (SMFG) and SBI Holdings announced a joint venture to offer wealth management services targeting affluent individuals in Japan.
• The JV plans to manage assets worth JPY 10 trillion (approx. USD 69 billion) within the next 5 years.
• According to the Daiwa Institute of Research, the percentage of Japanese households with financial assets of JPY 50 million (approx. USD 347,000) is expected to rise to 6.1% by FY 2035.
• The collaboration aims to capture this growing market by offering specialized wealth management solutions

Ques: Who has recently announced the prestigious Prime Minister Professorships aimed at fostering research and innovation in emerging institutions?
किसने हाल ही में उभरते संस्थानों में अनुसंधान और नवाचार को बढ़ावा देने के लिए प्रतिष्ठित 'प्रधानमंत्री प्रोफेसरशिप' की घोषणा की है?

A. University Grants Commission (UGC) / विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग
B. Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) / अनुसंधान राष्ट्रीय अनुसंधान फाउंडेशन
C. Ministry of Education / शिक्षा मंत्रालय
D. Indian National Science Academy (INSA) / भारतीय राष्ट्रीय विज्ञान अकादमी
E. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) / वैज्ञानिक और औद्योगिक अनुसंधान परिषद

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), the newly constituted body for funding scientific research, has announced the Prime Minister Professorships.
• Its Objective is to foster world-class research and innovation, especially in less-endowed state universities, by leveraging the expertise of eminent scientists, senior faculty, and accomplished industry professionals.
• Host Institutions are State universities qualified under Category A of the recently awarded PAIR program of ANRF.
• Tenure is Up to 5 years (performance-based). Age Limit is Superannuated on the date of application (no upper age limit)
• Selected Professors must relocate full-time to the host institution and actively contribute to enhancing research and innovation capabilities.

Eligibility:

• Superannuated faculty/scientists from reputed Indian institutions or private organizations
• Overseas scientists (NRIs, PIOs, OCIs)
• Industry professionals or experienced Professors of Practice with a distinguished research and innovation record

Funding Support:

• Fellowship of Rs. 30 lakh per annum
• Research grant of Rs. 24 lakh per annum (for consumables, domestic travel, contingencies, equipment, etc.)
• An additional Rs. 1 lakh overhead per year

Ques: Who became the first Indian to visit the International Space Station (ISS)?
अंतर्राष्ट्रीय अंतरिक्ष स्टेशन (ISS) की यात्रा करने वाले पहले भारतीय कौन बने?

A. Rakesh Sharma / राकेश शर्मा
B. Kalpana Chawla / कल्पना चावला
C. Shubhanshu Shukla / शुभांशु शुक्ला
D. Sunita Williams / सुनीता विलियम्स
E. Rajesh Sharma / राजेश शर्मा

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Shubhanshu Shukla became the first Indian to visit the International Space Station (ISS) during the Axiom-4 mission.
• He is also the second Indian to travel to space, after Rakesh Sharma (1984).
• The mission lasted 18 days, covered 288 orbits, and traveled 7.6 million miles around Earth.
• The Dragon Grace spacecraft undocked from the ISS on 15 July 2025 for return to Earth.
• ISRO funded Rs.550 crore for Shukla's mission and training, boosting preparations for Gaganyaan (2027).
• Re-entry involves facing 1,600°C temperatures, with parachutes deploying at 5.7 km and 2 km altitudes.
• Post-landing, the crew will undergo a 7-day rehabilitation program to adapt back to Earth's gravity.

The Axiom-4 crew included:

• Shubhanshu Shukla (India) – Group Captain
• Peggy Whitson (USA) – Commander
• Slawosz Uznanski-Wisniewski (Poland) – Mission Specialist
• Tibor Kapu (Hungary) – Mission Specialist

Ques: Which state emerged as the top performer in the National One District One Product (ODOP) Awards 2024?
राष्ट्रीय एक जिला एक उत्पाद (ODOP) पुरस्कार 2024 में शीर्ष प्रदर्शनकर्ता के रूप में कौन सा राज्य उभरा?

A. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
B. Gujarat / गुजरात
C. Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
D. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
E. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry organized the National ODOP Awards 2024 in New Delhi.
• This was the second edition of the ODOP Awards, honouring contributions in Handlooms, Handicraft, and Agriculture.
• The awards were given in three categories : Districts, States and Union Territories and Indian Missions Abroad (participated virtually)
• 34 winners were honoured out of 641 total applications received via the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal (April 1 – June 11, 2024).
• Andhra Pradesh emerged as the top performer, securing 10 awards, including 7 at the district level.

List of Awardees for ODOP Awards 2024 :

States/UTs

Category A:

1 Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh : Gold
2 Madhya Pradesh : Silver
3 Gujarat : Bronze

Category B :

1 Jammu and Kashmir : Gold
2 Sikkim : Silver
3 Meghalaya : Bronze

Indian Missions Abroad :

- High Commission of India, Singapore : Gold
- Consulate General of India, New York (United States of America, USA) : Silver
- Consulate General of India, Vancouver (Canada) : Bronze

Ques: Which Indian ministry has launched a campaign to display nutritional information about popular snacks to raise awareness about hidden sugars and fats?
किस भारतीय मंत्रालय ने लोकप्रिय स्नैक्स में छिपी चीनी और वसा के बारे में जागरूकता बढ़ाने के लिए पोषण संबंधी जानकारी प्रदर्शित करने का अभियान शुरू किया है?

A. Ministry of Food Processing Industries / खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय
B. Ministry of Education / शिक्षा मंत्रालय
C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare / स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय
D. Ministry of Consumer Affairs / उपभोक्ता मामले मंत्रालय
E. Ministry of AYUSH / आयुष मंत्रालय

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched a new campaign to promote nutritional transparency in popular snack foods.
• The initiative focuses on displaying information about hidden sugars, oils, and trans fats in everyday snacks, aiming to encourage healthier choices.
• The campaign was piloted at AIIMS Nagpur as a first step.
• According to a Lancet study, India may face a significant obesity crisis by 2050, with around 450 million Indians potentially becoming overweight or obese.
• India is projected to become the second-largest obese population in the world, after China, if preventive measures are not taken.

Ques: Which company has received a special exemption from investment guidelines to boost renewable energy capacity development?
नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा क्षमता के विकास के लिए निवेश दिशा-निर्देशों से विशेष छूट किस कंपनी को मिली है?

A. NTPC Limited / एनटीपीसी लिमिटेड
B. NLC India Limited / एनएलसी इंडिया लिमिटेड
C. ONGC / ओएनजीसी
D. Power Grid Corporation / पावर ग्रिड कॉर्पोरेशन
E. GAIL India / गेल इंडिया

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved a special exemption for NLC India Limited (NLCIL).
• This allows NLCIL to invest Rs.7,000 crore in its subsidiary, NLC India Renewables Limited (NIRL).
• NIRL can invest in projects directly or through joint ventures without prior approval.
• The exemption removes the 30% net worth ceiling for such investments. This gives NLCIL and NIRL more financial and operational freedom.
• The goal is to help NLCIL reach 10.11 GW renewable energy capacity by 2030.
• NLCIL plans to expand to 32 GW renewable capacity by 2047.

Ques: What is the name of the new agriculture scheme approved by the Cabinet in 2025 with an annual outlay of Rs.24,000 crore?
2025 में कैबिनेट द्वारा मंजूर की गई नई कृषि योजना का नाम क्या है, जिसका वार्षिक परिव्यय Rs.24,000 करोड़ है?

A. PM Krishi Samriddhi Yojana / पीएम कृषि समृद्धि योजना
B. PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana / पीएम धन-धान्य कृषि योजना
C. PM Krishi Unnati Abhiyan / पीएम कृषि उन्नति अभियान
D. PM Agro Development Scheme / पीएम एग्रो डेवलपमेंट स्कीम
E. Krishi Kalyan Yojana / कृषि कल्याण योजना

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• 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.
• Increased adoption of crop diversity and sustainable farming methods, increased post-harvest storage at the panchayat and block levels, improved irrigation facilities, and easier access to long- and short-term loans are all goals of the scheme.
• In the Union Budget 2025–2026, the Finance Minister declared the introduction of PMDKY.
• The plan will be executed by combining 36 pre-existing plans.
• Inspired by Aspirational District Program which Begins in 2018, PMDKY is based on the Aspirational District Program (ADP).
• 100 districts will be covered under this scheme. The districts will be selected on the basis of three main parameters, low crop productivity, normal crop or cropping intensity and below average agricultural loan disbursal.
• These districts will be chosen by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, working with NABARD and the Department of Financial Services, using data analysis of land productivity, cropping intensity, and farm credit.

Ques: Which state recently introduced the Punjab Prevention of Offences Against Holy Scripture(s) Bill, 2025 to ensure stringent punishment for sacrilege?
हाल ही में किस राज्य ने 'पवित्र ग्रंथों के विरुद्ध अपराध निवारण विधेयक, *2025'* पेश किया है, ताकि बेअदबी के अपराध पर कड़ी सजा दी जा सके?

A. Haryana / हरियाणा
B. Rajasthan / राजस्थान
C. Punjab / पंजाब
D. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
E. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Punjab Cabinet approved the Punjab Prevention of Offences Against Holy Scripture(s) Bill, 2025, which was later introduced in the State Assembly.
• Purpose is to provide stringent punishment for sacrilege against sacred texts.
• The bill covers the desecration of Sri Guru Granth Sahib, Bhagavad Gita, Holy Bible, Quran Sharif, and other revered scriptures.
• This law aims to preserve communal harmony and respect for all religious beliefs by deterring acts of sacrilege.

Punishment:

• For committing sacrilege: 10 years to life imprisonment
• For attempting sacrilege: 3 to 5 years imprisonment

Ques: Which team won the 2025 Major League Cricket (MLC) title by defeating Washington Freedom?
2025 मेजर लीग क्रिकेट (MLC) का खिताब किस टीम ने वाशिंगटन फ्रीडम को हराकर जीता?

A. Seattle Orcas / सिएटल ऑर्कस
B. MI New York / एमआई न्यूयॉर्क
C. San Francisco Unicorns / सैन फ्रांसिस्को यूनिकॉर्न्स
D. Texas Super Kings / टेक्सस सुपर किंग्स
E. Los Angeles Knight Riders / लॉस एंजेलेस नाइट राइडर्स

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• 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.
• Major League Cricket (MLC) is the USA's top-tier T20 league, officially given List-A status by ICC in 2024.
• MI New York were also the inaugural champions in 2023, having defeated Seattle Orcas.
• Washington Freedom won the 2024 edition by beating San Francisco Unicorns.
• With this victory, the Mumbai Indians franchise group completed a hat-trick of titles in 2025—winning SA20, WPL (Women's Premier League), and now the MLC.
• Overall, this is the 13th major trophy for the Mumbai Indians group across leagues.

Ques: Where was the sacred Behdeinkhlam Festival recently celebrated?
पवित्र 'बेहदेनखलाम महोत्सव' हाल ही में कहां मनाया गया?

A. Shillong / शिलांग
B. Tura / तुरा
C. Jowai / जोवाई
D. Nongpoh / नोंगपोह
E. Cherrapunji / चेरापूंजी

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The sacred Behdeinkhlam Festival was celebrated in Jowai, Meghalaya.
• It is one of the most important cultural festivals of the Pnar community in Meghalaya.
• Meaning : "Beh Dien" means to drive away the plague with sticks and prayers. "Khlam" means plague or pestilence.
• Together, it refers to “driving away the plague” or “chasing away the demon of cholera”.
• The festival is performed to ward off evil spirits, diseases, and misfortune, and to invoke blessings for a good harvest and communal prosperity.
• The festival is celebrated annually in July, after the sowing period, marking a time of prayer and community gathering for health and abundance.

Ques: In which country did Reliance Consumer Products Limited (RCPL) launch the iconic Indian soft drink brand Campa in partnership with Chaudhary Group?
रिलायंस कंज्यूमर प्रोडक्ट्स लिमिटेड (RCPL) ने चौधरी ग्रुप के साथ साझेदारी में प्रतिष्ठित भारतीय सॉफ्ट ड्रिंक ब्रांड कैंपा को किस देश में लॉन्च किया?

A. Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश
B. Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका
C. Bhutan / भूटान
D. Nepal / नेपाल
E. UAE / यूएई

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• Reliance Consumer Products Limited (RCPL) launched the Campa soft drink in Nepal, marking the brand's first international expansion since being relaunched by Reliance in 2022.
• The launch was carried out through a strategic partnership with Nepal's Chaudhary Group, a leading diversified conglomerate.
• Campa is an iconic Indian beverage brand, originally popular in the 1970s and 80s, and was acquired and relaunched by Reliance in 2022.

Ques: What is the name of the scheme launched by the Ministry of Power to promote the adoption of energy-efficient technologies in industries and MSMEs?
उद्योगों और MSME में ऊर्जा दक्ष तकनीकों को बढ़ावा देने के लिए विद्युत मंत्रालय द्वारा शुरू की गई योजना का नाम क्या है?

A. Ujala Plus Scheme / उजाला प्लस योजना
B. ADEETIE Scheme / अडीटी योजना
C. Green Energy India Program / ग्रीन एनर्जी इंडिया प्रोग्राम
D. Urja Shakti Abhiyan / ऊर्जा शक्ति अभियान
E. Smart Energy Mission / स्मार्ट एनर्जी मिशन

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The ADEETIE scheme was launched by the Ministry of Power.
• It stands for "Assistance in Deploying Energy Efficient Technologies in Industries & Establishments."
• Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the scheme. The scheme focuses on helping MSMEs adopt energy-efficient technologies.
• It has a total budget of Rs.1,000 crore for three years from FY26 to FY28.
• Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) will implement the scheme.
• Micro and Small Enterprises will get a 5% interest subsidy. Medium Enterprises will get a 3% interest subsidy.
• The scheme also includes Rs.50 crore for energy audits. Rs.75 crore is allocated for technical support.
• An online ADEETIE portal has been launched for applications.

Ques: Which city topped the QS Best Student Cities 2026 Rankings?
QS बेस्ट स्टूडेंट सिटीज़ 2026 रैंकिंग में किस शहर ने पहला स्थान प्राप्त किया?

A. London
B. Tokyo
C. Seoul
D. Paris
E. New York

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• QS Best Student Cities 2026 was published by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), covering 160 cities globally.
• Seoul (South Korea) topped the list for the first time, with an overall score of 100.
• Mumbai was ranked 98th in the list.
• Delhi ranked 1st globally in affordability, scoring 96.5.
• Other Indian cities like Bengaluru (84.3) and Chennai (80.1) also ranked in the top 20 for affordability.

Rank of Top 5 Global Cities :

1 Seoul (South Korea)
2 Tokyo (Japan)
3 London (UK)
4 Munich (Germany)
5 Melbourne (Australia)

Indian Cities featured in the list :

98 Mumbai (Maharashtra)
104 New Delhi (Delhi)
108 Bangalore (Karnataka)
128 Chennai (Tamil Nadu)

Ques: Which Indian state launched the country's first Roll-on/Roll-off (RoRo) ferry service on the Mandovi River?
किस भारतीय राज्य ने मांडवी नदी पर देश की पहली रोल-ऑन/रोल-ऑफ (RoRo) फेरी सेवा शुरू की है?

A. Kerala / केरल
B. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
C. Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
D. Gujarat / गुजरात
E. Goa / गोवा

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• On the Mandavi River, Goa introduced the country's first RoRo (roll-on/roll-off) ferry service.
• Traveling between Choroo Island and Ribandar will be quicker and simpler with the new ferries, Gangotri and Dwarka.
• Each ferry can accommodate 30 to 40 two-wheelers, 15 vehicles, and up to 100 passengers.
• The ferries are twice as quick as the earlier vessels, with a top speed of 10 knots.
• Vijai Marine Shipyards designed the ferries, which will operate using the Built-Own-Operate-Transfer (BOOT) concept.

Ques: Which city recently launched Project SARTHI, an AI-based Smart Traffic Management System?
किस शहर ने हाल ही में 'प्रोजेक्ट सारथी' के तहत एक एआई आधारित स्मार्ट ट्रैफिक प्रबंधन प्रणाली शुरू की है?

A. Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
B. Pune / पुणे
C. Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
D. Chennai / चेन्नई
E. Visakhapatnam / विशाखापत्तनम

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• The Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) has launched 'Project SARTHI' to improve traffic management using Artificial Intelligence.
• Full Form of SARTHI: Systematic Augmented Radial Traffic & Hoop Induction.
• Its Purpose is to implement an AI-based Integrated Traffic Management System (ITMS) in Visakhapatnam.
• The project is being implemented in collaboration with the Traffic Police Department and involves five IT companies working across selected city areas.
• Features of Project SARTHI are Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR), Red Light Violation Detection (RLVD) and Facial Recognition Systems (FRS)
• Its Goal is to enhance road safety, reduce traffic violations, and modernize traffic management in the city.

Ques: How many grassland bird species were recorded in Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve during the recent survey?
काजीरंगा राष्ट्रीय उद्यान और टाइगर रिजर्व में हाल ही में किए गए सर्वेक्षण के दौरान कितनी घासभूमि पक्षियों की प्रजातियाँ दर्ज की गईं?

A. 43
B. 36
C. 57
D. 82
E. 69

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• A survey conducted between March 18 and May 25 in Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve recorded 43 species of grassland birds.

Key species found:

Critically Endangered: Bengal Florican
Endangered: Finn's Weaver (locally known as Tukura Chorai), Swamp Grass Babbler
Vulnerable species: Black-breasted Parrotbill, Marsh Babbler, Swamp Francolin, and others.

• The Finn's Weaver was found successfully breeding, indicating healthy grasslands.
• Kaziranga now rivals Gujarat and Rajasthan's dry grasslands in bird diversity.
• Use of passive acoustic recorders helped detect shy and cryptic bird species, improving the survey's accuracy.
• Kaziranga is a 1,174 sq. km park, known for its rhinos, but it also hosts grasslands, wetlands, and forests, supporting rich biodiversity.

Ques: Who was Dr. Deepak Tilak, who recently passed away in Pune?
हाल ही में पुणे में जिन डॉ. दीपक तिलक का निधन हुआ, वे कौन थे?

A. Chancellor of Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth / तिलक महाराष्ट्र विद्यापीठ के कुलपति
B. Renowned Sanskrit Scholar / प्रसिद्ध संस्कृत विद्वान
C. Former Governor of Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र के पूर्व राज्यपाल
D. Freedom Fighter and Social Activist / स्वतंत्रता सेनानी और सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता
E. Eminent Economist / प्रख्यात अर्थशास्त्री

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• Dr. Deepak Tilak, the great-grandson of Bal Gangadhar Tilak, passed away in Pune.
• He was the Chancellor of Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, a prominent educational institution in Pune.
• He received the Japanese Government's Foreign Minister's Commendation award for his contributions to the Japanese language and cultural exchange.
• Dr. Tilak also served as the editor and trustee of the Tilak Smarak Trust, which preserves the legacy of Lokmanya Tilak.
• Additionally, he was the editor of Kesari, the historic Marathi newspaper founded by Bal Gangadhar Tilak.

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

The Kanwar Yatra is an annual pilgrimage undertaken by Shiva devotees, known as Kanwariyas, primarily in North India. It is held in the Hindu month of Shravan (typically July–August).

A new species of diurnal gecko recorded from Assam has been named after the Brahmaputra River. The Cnemaspis brahmaputra found at Dirgheswari Temple on the northern bank of the river facing Guwahati is non-nocturnal.

Centre names Puneet Kumar Goel as Manipur's new Chief Secretary. Manipur is under President's Rule following ethnic Meitei-Kuki clashes in May 2023

Scientists at the Beijing Institute of Technology, China, developed the world's lightest brain controller weighing just 74 milligrams. In experiments, the bees responded to commands successfully 9 out of 10 times. Professor Zhao Jieliang led the project.

A groundbreaking MOU to expedite KYC verification for roughly 24.13 crore mutual fund folios, including 19.04 crore in Equity, Hybrid, and Solution-Oriented Schemes, was signed by the Department of Posts and the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) on June 30, 2025, marking a significant milestone.

Tiwai Island and Gola Rainforest in Sierra Leone have been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the country's first.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

कांवड़ यात्रा शिव भक्तों, जिन्हें कांवरिया कहा जाता है, द्वारा की जाने वाली एक वार्षिक तीर्थयात्रा है, जो मुख्यतः उत्तर भारत में होती है। यह हिंदू महीने श्रावण (आमतौर पर जुलाई-अगस्त) में आयोजित की जाती है।

असम में पाई जाने वाली दिनचर गेको की एक नई प्रजाति का नाम ब्रह्मपुत्र नदी के नाम पर रखा गया है। गुवाहाटी के सामने नदी के उत्तरी तट पर स्थित दीर्घेश्वरी मंदिर में पाई जाने वाली नेमास्पिस ब्रह्मपुत्र रात्रिचर नहीं है।

केंद्र ने पुनीत कुमार गोयल को मणिपुर का नया मुख्य सचिव नियुक्त किया है। मई 2023 में जातीय मैतेई-कुकी संघर्ष के बाद मणिपुर राष्ट्रपति शासन के अधीन है।

चीन के बीजिंग इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ टेक्नोलॉजी के वैज्ञानिकों ने दुनिया का सबसे हल्का ब्रेन कंट्रोलर विकसित किया है जिसका वजन मात्र 74 मिलीग्राम है। प्रयोगों में, मधुमक्खियों ने 10 में से 9 बार आदेशों का सफलतापूर्वक पालन किया। प्रोफेसर झाओ जीलियांग ने इस परियोजना का नेतृत्व किया।

लगभग 24.13 करोड़ म्यूचुअल फंड फोलियो, जिनमें 19.04 करोड़ इक्विटी, हाइब्रिड और समाधान-उन्मुख योजनाएं शामिल हैं, के लिए केवाईसी सत्यापन में तेजी लाने हेतु डाक विभाग और एसोसिएशन ऑफ म्यूचुअल फंड्स इन इंडिया (एएमएफआई) द्वारा 30 जून, 2025 को एक महत्वपूर्ण समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए, जो एक महत्वपूर्ण मील का पत्थर साबित होगा।

सिएरा लियोन में तिवाई द्वीप और गोला वर्षावन को देश का पहला यूनेस्को विश्व धरोहर स्थल घोषित किया गया है।

Ques: How many Indian banks are now part of the UPI-PayNow linkage between India and Singapore as of July 17, 2025?
17 जुलाई 2025 से भारत और सिंगापुर के बीच UPI-PayNow लिंक में कुल कितने भारतीय बैंक शामिल हो गए हैं?

A. 13
B. 15
C. 17
D. 19
E. 21

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) has added 13 more Indian banks to the UPI-PayNow linkage, raising the total to 19 participating banks as of July 17, 2025.
• UPI-PayNow is a real-time payment linkage between India and Singapore, launched jointly by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS).

Key Features:

• Money can be sent or received using mobile numbers or Virtual Payment Addresses (VPA).
• Remittances from Singapore to India can now reach accounts in any of the 19 participating Indian banks via UPI apps.
• Outward remittances (India to Singapore) are currently supported by Canara Bank, HDFC Bank, KVB, ICICI Bank, Indian Bank, IOB, and SBI.

Ques: How much investment has L&T announced for its Katupalli ship-building complex near Chennai?
एलएंडटी ने चेन्नई के पास अपने कत्तूपल्ली शिप-बिल्डिंग कॉम्प्लेक्स के लिए कितने निवेश की घोषणा की है?

A. Rs.500 crore
B. Rs.800 crore
C. Rs.1,000 crore
D. Rs.1,500 crore
E. Rs.2,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Larsen & Toubro (L&T) will invest Rs.1,000 crore in its Katupalli ship-building complex near Chennai.
• Current capacity : 30 ship repairs and 15 new ship constructions annually
• Development Timeline: Work starts in October 2025 and will be completed in 3 years.
• Katupalli shipyard is a greenfield facility located 40 km north of Chennai and includes a dedicated warship design centre.

The project will expand capacity to:

• 50,000 tonnes per year in modular fabrication
• 25 new ships construction per year
• 60 ships repairs per year

Ques: How much fund will SBI raise via Basel III compliant bonds in FY26?
SBI वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 में बेसल-III अनुपालक बॉन्ड्स के माध्यम से कितनी धनराशि जुटाएगा?

A. Rs.10,000 crore
B. Rs.15,000 crore
C. Rs.20,000 crore
D. Rs.25,000 crore
E. Rs.30,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• State Bank of India (SBI) will raise up to Rs.20,000 crore in FY26 through Basel III-compliant Additional Tier 1 (AT1) and Tier 2 bonds.
• These bonds are targeted at domestic investors and will require government approvals where necessary.
• In the previous financial year, SBI also raised Rs.20,000 crore via similar instruments.
• Tier 2 bonds in 2024 carried interest rates of 7.42% (August) and 7.33% (September).
• AT1 bonds worth Rs.5,000 crore were issued at 7.98% in October 2024.
• SBI additionally raised Rs.30,000 crore via long-term bonds in three tranches of Rs.10,000 crore each.

Ques: Which of the following initiatives was NOT launched by NABARD during its 44th Foundation Day celebration in Chennai?
निम्न में से कौन-सा पहल नाबार्ड के 44वें स्थापना दिवस समारोह के दौरान शुरू नहीं की गई थी?

A. RuralTech CoLab / रूरलटेक कोलैब
B. NIVARAN Grievance Redressal System / निवारण शिकायत निवारण प्रणाली
C. Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) / ग्रामीण अवसंरचना विकास कोष (RIDF)
D. Graduated Rural Income Generation Programme (GRIP) / ग्रामीण आय सृजन कार्यक्रम (GRIP)
E. Radio Jingle for Financial Inclusion / वित्तीय समावेशन के लिए रेडियो जिंगल

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• NABARD celebrated its 44th Foundation Day at ITC Grand Chola, Chennai.

The following initiatives were launched:

• RuralTech CoLab – Open innovation platform for rural tech startups
• NIVARAN – Grievance redressal system for rural co-operative banks, linked with CPGRAMS
• Sub-office in Leh, Ladakh
• Radio Jingle for spreading financial awareness
• GRIP (Graduated Rural Income Generation Programme) for ultra-poor rural households
• Documentary: Green Roots: NABARD's Journey Towards Climate Resilience
• RIDF@30 – A special event to celebrate 30 years of RIDF, not a new launch (RIDF was launched in 1995)

Ques: Which Indian bank will consider issuing bonus shares for the first time on July 19, 2025?
19 जुलाई 2025 को कौन सा भारतीय बैंक पहली बार बोनस शेयर जारी करने पर विचार करेगा?

A. SBI / एसबीआई
B. ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक
C. Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
D. HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
E. Yes Bank / यस बैंक

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• HDFC Bank will consider issuing bonus shares for the first time since its inception, during its board meeting on July 19, 2025.
• The bank will also deliberate on a special interim dividend for FY2025-26.
• This proposal is subject to shareholder approval and regulatory guidelines.
• In April 2025, HDFC Bank's market capitalization crossed Rs.15 lakh crore, making it the third Indian firm after RIL and TCS to reach this milestone.
• In June 2025, HDFC Bank's share price crossed Rs.2,000, hitting an all-time high.

Ques: Who is leading the IRDAI committee formed to assess the prohibition on mergers between insurance and non-insurance companies?
बीमा और गैर-बीमा कंपनियों के बीच विलय पर रोक की समीक्षा के लिए गठित IRDAI समिति का नेतृत्व कौन कर रहे हैं?

A. T. S. Ramakrishnan / टी. एस. रामकृष्णन
B. Dinesh Kumar Khara / दिनेश कुमार खरा
C. R. Doraiswamy / आर. दोरैस्वामी
D. Ajay Tyagi / अजय त्यागी
E. Subhash Chandra Khuntia / सुभाष चंद्र खुंटिया

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) formed a 7-member committee in February 2025.
• The committee is led by Dinesh Kumar Khara, Former Chairman of State Bank of India (SBI).
• Purpose: To assess potential risks to policyholders from allowing mergers between insurance and non-insurance companies and to review proposed amendments to the Insurance Act, 1938.
• The committee submitted its confidential report during the 132nd IRDAI meeting held in Hyderabad, Telangana.

Ques: Who was honored with the Kalinga Ratna Award 2024 during the 600th birth anniversary celebrations of Adikabi Sarala Das?
आदिकवि सरला दास की 600वीं जयंती के अवसर पर कलिंग रत्न पुरस्कार 2024 से किसे सम्मानित किया गया?

A. Dharmendra Pradhan / धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान
B. Bijaya Nayak / विजय नायक
C. Droupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मू
D. Gopabandhu Das / गोपबंधु दास
E. Nandini Satpathy / नंदिनी सतपथी

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• Kalinga Ratna Award 2024 was conferred to Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.
• Sarala Samman was awarded to Bijaya Nayak, a noted Odia short story writer.
• The awards were presented during the 600th birth anniversary of Adikabi Sarala Das, a 15th-century revered Odia poet known for the Odia Mahabharata.
• The event was held in Cuttack, Odisha and organized by Sarala Sahitya Sansad.
• President Droupadi Murmu presented the awards.
• Sarala Samman Prize: Citation, shawl, and rs.1,05,000.

Ques: Who has been given a one-year extension as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of NTPC Limited till July 31, 2026?
एनटीपीसी लिमिटेड के अध्यक्ष और प्रबंध निदेशक (CMD) के रूप में 31 जुलाई 2026 तक एक वर्ष का विस्तार किसे दिया गया है?

A. Gurdeep Singh / गुरदीप सिंह
B. Anil Kumar Jain / अनिल कुमार जैन
C. Alok Kumar / आलोक कुमार
D. Rajesh Kumar Singh / राजेश कुमार सिंह
E. Praveer Sinha / प्रवीर सिन्हा

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• Gurdeep Singh has received a one-year extension as CMD of NTPC Limited, now serving till 31 July 2026.
• This is his second extension since he first took over as CMD in February 2016.
• His initial 5-year term was extended in 2021 till July 2025, and now it's further extended by one year.
• NTPC (India) Limited is India's largest power utility company, established on 7 November 1975.
• The headquarters of NTPC is in New Delhi.

Ques: According to the UN SDG Report 2025, what percentage of measurable Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) targets are currently stagnating or reversing?
संयुक्त राष्ट्र के एसडीजी रिपोर्ट 2025 के अनुसार, कितने प्रतिशत मापनीय एसडीजी लक्ष्य ठहराव या उलटाव की स्थिति में हैं?

A. 35%
B. 25%
C. 20%
D. 50%
E. 65%

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• The UN SDG Report 2025, released at the High-Level Political Forum, highlights that 35% of measurable SDG targets are stagnating or reversing, despite only five years left to achieve Agenda 2030.

Negative trends include:

• Climate Crisis: 2024 was the hottest year on record, with an 80% chance of hotter years ahead, threatening food, water, and health security.
• Extreme Poverty: Over 800 million people remain in extreme poverty; SDG-1 is off-track.
• Decline in Aid: A 7.1% drop in official aid (2024) hampers SDG funding.
• Financing Gap: Developing countries face a $4 trillion annual SDG funding gap.

Positive trends include:

• HIV cases down by 40% since 2010 (progress in SDG-3).
• 2.2 billion malaria cases prevented and 12.7 million lives saved since 2000.
• Social protection now covers over 50% of the world population.

Ques: As per the ANSR report, how many Fortune Global 500 companies had set up GCCs in India as of June 2025?
ANSR रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, जून 2025 तक कितनी फॉर्च्यून ग्लोबल 500 कंपनियों ने भारत में GCCs स्थापित किए थे?

A. 109
B. 174
C. 142
D. 200
E. 83

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• According to the ANSR and UnearthInsight report, 174 out of the Fortune Global 500 companies had set up their Global Capability Centers (GCCs) in India by June 2025.
• This represents 35% of Fortune Global 500 companies, a growth from 22% in 2015, 28% in 2020, to 35% in 2025.
• These GCCs now employ over 9.5 lakh professionals across 390+ centers in India.
• Bengaluru and Hyderabad are the dominant GCC hubs in India.
• Major sectors are BFSI (21%), Retail/Consumer Packaged Goods (14%) and Automotive (11%)
• India's GCCs are transitioning into AI-native hubs, driving global innovation and scalability for multinational companies.

Ques: Which authority has recently directed State Adoption Resource Agencies (SARAs) to institutionalize structured counselling services throughout the adoption process?
किस प्राधिकरण ने हाल ही में राज्य दत्तक ग्रहण संसाधन एजेंसियों (SARAs) को दत्तक ग्रहण प्रक्रिया के दौरान संरचित परामर्श सेवाओं को संस्थागत बनाने का निर्देश दिया है?

A. National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) / राष्ट्रीय बाल अधिकार संरक्षण आयोग
B. Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) / केंद्रीय दत्तक ग्रहण संसाधन प्राधिकरण
C. Ministry of Home Affairs / गृह मंत्रालय
D. National Institute of Social Defence (NISD) / राष्ट्रीय सामाजिक रक्षा संस्थान
E. Indian Council of Child Welfare / भारतीय बाल कल्याण परिषद

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

CARA (Central Adoption Resource Authority) under the Ministry of Women and Child Development has issued directions to State Adoption Resource Agencies (SARAs) to implement structured counselling services at all stages of adoption:

• Pre-adoption counselling (during the Home Study Report process)
• During adoption counselling (especially for older children)
• Post-adoption counselling (in cases like root search, non-adjustment, or potential dissolution)

• Counselling is also mandatory for biological parents who surrender a child for adoption, as per Regulation 7(11) and 30(2)(c) of the Adoption Regulations, 2022.
• The guidelines are issued under Section 70(1)(a) of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 (amended in 2021).

Ques: Which veteran West Indies all-rounder recently announced his retirement from international cricket in 2025?
किस वेस्टइंडीज के दिग्गज ऑलराउंडर ने 2025 में अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट से संन्यास लेने की घोषणा की?

A. Kieron Pollard / किरोन पोलार्ड
B. Dwayne Bravo / ड्वेन ब्रावो
C. Andre Russell / आंद्रे रसेल
D. Chris Gayle / क्रिस गेल
E. Sunil Narine / सुनील नरेन

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• After a stellar T20 career, veteran West Indies all-rounder Andre Russell has announced his retirement from international cricket.
• The T20Is versus Australia at Sabina Park in Jamaica on July 20 and 22, 2025, will be his last games.
• In 2010, 37-year-old Andre Russell made his debut in international cricket. His legacy was established in T20 Internationals, as he appeared in 84 games, despite playing 56 ODIs and one Test match.
• He played a key role with both bat and ball in the West Indies' T20 World Cup triumphs in 2012 and 2016.

Ques: Who has been appointed as the Co-owner and Brand Ambassador of India's first city-based franchise golf league (IGPL)?
भारत की पहली शहर-आधारित फ्रेंचाइजी गोल्फ लीग (IGPL) के सह-मालिक और ब्रांड एंबेसडर के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Sachin Tendulkar / सचिन तेंदुलकर
B. Yuvraj Singh / युवराज सिंह
C. Kapil Dev / कपिल देव
D. MS Dhoni / एमएस धोनी
E. Virender Sehwag / वीरेंद्र सहवाग

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Former Indian cricketer Yuvraj Singh has been appointed as the Co-owner and Brand Ambassador of the Indian Golf Premier League (IGPL).
• IGPL is India's first city-based franchise golf league, featuring six franchise teams from cities like Delhi, Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Kolkata, and Mumbai.
• Each team will include 10 male and female professional golfers, promoting a mixed-gender format.
• Yuvraj Singh has partnered with Bharat Golf Private Limited, the organizing company of IGPL, to promote this new league.
• The Indian Golf Premier League (IGPL) is expected to launch in early 2026.

Ques: What is the official name of the recently passed Maharashtra Bill aimed at tackling urban Maoist activities?
शहरी माओवादी गतिविधियों से निपटने के लिए हाल ही में महाराष्ट्र में पारित विधेयक का आधिकारिक नाम क्या है?

A. Maharashtra Urban Security Act, 2025 / महाराष्ट्र शहरी सुरक्षा अधिनियम, 2025
B. Maharashtra Left-Wing Extremism Prevention Act, 2025 / महाराष्ट्र वामपंथी उग्रवाद रोकथाम अधिनियम, 2025
C. Maharashtra Special Public Security (MSPS) Bill, 2025 / महाराष्ट्र विशेष सार्वजनिक सुरक्षा (MSPS) विधेयक, 2025
D. Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Bill, 2025 / महाराष्ट्र आतंकवाद विरोधी विधेयक, 2025
E. Maharashtra Peace and Order Act, 2025 / महाराष्ट्र शांति और व्यवस्था अधिनियम, 2025

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Maharashtra Special Public Security (MSPS) Bill, 2025 was passed by the Maharashtra State Assembly.
• Objective: To prevent unlawful activities by Left-Wing Extremist (LWE) or similar organizations, especially in urban areas.

Key Features:

• Unlawful Organisation Declaration: The government can declare any group supporting LWE as unlawful.
• Punishable Offences: Membership, fundraising, or aiding such groups is an offence.
• Penalties: 2–7 years imprisonment and fines ranging from ₹2–5 lakh.
• Offences are non-bailable and cognizable.
• Definition of Unlawful Activity: Any action that threatens public order or supports violence.
• Investigation & Oversight: Only DySP and above can investigate such cases. An advisory board including a retired High Court judge and government pleader will oversee cases.

Ques: Where did the Indian Army successfully conduct trials of the Akash Prime air defence system in July 2025?
भारतीय सेना ने जुलाई 2025 में आकाश प्राइम वायु रक्षा प्रणाली का सफल परीक्षण कहां किया?

A. Sikkim / सिक्किम
B. Arunachal Pradesh / अरुणाचल प्रदेश
C. Ladakh / लद्दाख
D. Rajasthan / राजस्थान
E. Punjab / पंजाब

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Indian Army successfully tested the Akash Prime air defence system on July 16, 2025, in the Ladakh sector.
• The trials were conducted at an altitude of over 15,000 feet, highlighting the system's suitability for high-altitude operations.
• Akash Prime is an indigenously developed air defence system, part of India's effort to boost self-reliance (Atmanirbhar Bharat) in defence.
• The successful test strengthens India's air defence capabilities against aerial threats in challenging terrain like Ladakh.

Ques: Which missile system has India recently requested for co-production with the United States?
भारत ने हाल ही में अमेरिका के साथ किस मिसाइल प्रणाली के सह-उत्पादन के लिए अनुरोध किया है?

A. Spike ATGM / स्पाइक एटीजीएम
B. Javelin ATGM / जैवलिन एटीजीएम
C. Stinger Missile / स्टिंगर मिसाइल
D. Hellfire Missile / हेलफायर मिसाइल
E. Patriot Missile / पैट्रियट मिसाइल

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• 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.
• The move aims to strengthen India's defence manufacturing under ‘Make in India’.

About Javelin Missile :

• Type: Man-portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM)
• Developed by: Raytheon and Lockheed Martin (USA)
• First Inducted: 1996 (U.S. Military)
• Purpose: Designed to destroy main battle tanks and armored vehicles
• Range: 2.5 km (Standard), Up to 4 km (Newer models)
• Weight: 5.11 kg
• Technology: Fire-and-forget (Guides itself to the target without needing further instructions)

Ques: From which company did India receive the second GE F404-IN20 engine for the Tejas Mk1A programme?
तेजस Mk1A कार्यक्रम के लिए भारत ने दूसरा GE F404-IN20 इंजन किस कंपनी से प्राप्त किया?

A. Rolls-Royce Aerospace / रोल्स-रॉयस एयरोस्पेस
B. Pratt & Whitney / प्रैट एंड व्हिटनी
C. Boeing Defense / बोइंग डिफेंस
D. Safran Aircraft Engines / सफरान एयरक्राफ्ट इंजन
E. General Electric Aerospace / जनरल इलेक्ट्रिक एयरोस्पेस

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• India received the second GE F404-IN20 engine from General Electric Aerospace (USA) for the Tejas Mk1A Light Combat Aircraft programme.
• The first engine was delivered in March 2025.
• Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is the recipient of these engines.
• India signed a USD 716 million contract in 2021 with GE Aerospace for 99 GE F404-IN20 engines.
• By FY26, HAL will receive 12 engines, and full-scale production of 30 Tejas Mk1A aircraft per year is targeted to begin by FY27.

Ques: What is the core principle behind Maglev (Magnetic Levitation) technology recently tested by China?
हाल ही में चीन द्वारा परीक्षण की गई मैगलेव (चुंबकीय उत्तोलन) तकनीक का मुख्य सिद्धांत क्या है?

A. Use of jet propulsion for high-speed trains / उच्च गति वाली ट्रेनों के लिए जेट प्रणोदन का उपयोग
B. Electromagnetic levitation to reduce friction / घर्षण कम करने के लिए विद्युतचुंबकीय उत्तोलन
C. Solar-powered tracks for transportation / परिवहन के लिए सौर ऊर्जा से चलने वाले ट्रैक
D. Magnetic brakes for emergency stopping / आपातकालीन रोक के लिए चुंबकीय ब्रेक
E. Pneumatic propulsion in vacuum tubes / निर्वात ट्यूबों में वायवीय प्रणोदन

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Maglev (Magnetic Levitation) technology uses electromagnetism to lift vehicles (like trains) above the tracks, eliminating physical contact.
• This drastically reduces friction, allowing for extremely high speeds, potentially faster than jets.
• The concept was introduced in the early 1900s by Robert Goddard (American inventor) and Emile Bachelet (French-born American engineer).
• Commercial Maglev trains have been in use since 1984, but China's latest test aims to achieve record-breaking speeds.
• By removing rail contact, Maglev provides smoother, quieter, and faster transportation.

Ques: As of June 2025, what is the actual share of clean energy in India's electricity supply despite having 50% installed capacity from non-fossil sources?
जून 2025 तक, गैर-जीवाश्म स्रोतों से 50% स्थापित क्षमता होने के बावजूद भारत की विद्युत आपूर्ति में स्वच्छ ऊर्जा की वास्तविक हिस्सेदारी क्या है?

A. 50%
B. 40%
C. 30%
D. 28%
E. 75%

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• As of June 2025, India has achieved 50% installed electric capacity from non-fossil fuel sources (solar, wind, hydro, nuclear).
• However, the actual share of clean energy in electricity generation is only 28% due to lower Capacity Utilisation Factor (CUF) of solar and wind energy.
• Solar CUF is around 20%, wind CUF is 20–30%, while coal operates at ~60% and nuclear at ~80%.
• This results in coal supplying ~75% of India's daytime electricity to meet base load demand.
• Experts suggest grid flexibility, battery storage, and hybrid (solar + wind + storage) projects to enhance clean energy contribution in actual power supply.

Ques: When is the World Day for International Justice observed?
अंतर्राष्ट्रीय न्याय दिवस कब मनाया जाता है?

A. 15th July
B. 17th July
C. 20th July
D. 10th December
E. 24th October

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• World Day for International Justice is observed every year on 17th July.
• It commemorates the adoption of the Rome Statute on 17 July 1998, which established the International Criminal Court (ICC).
• The ICC seeks to protect individuals from genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and crimes of aggression.

About ICC

• Established: Rome Statute adopted in 1998, came into force in 2002.
• Nature: First permanent international court to prosecute individuals for serious crimes under international law.
• Members: 124 countries are parties to the Rome Statute.
• Non-members: India, USA, Russia, China, and Israel are not members.
• Notable Members : Palestine joined in 2015 (123rd member), Malaysia joined in 2019 (124th member)
• Enforcement: ICC decisions are binding.

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar announced that every household in the state will receive 125 units of electricity free of cost every month, starting from August 1.

In an effort to streamline and digitize the state's land registration procedure, Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, the chief minister of Himachal Pradesh, introduced the "My Deed" pilot project under the National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS).

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointments Nitin Gupta, former CBDT chairman, as the chairperson of National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA). NFRA was constituted in 2018

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Ministry of Education (MoE), and Chief Minister (CM) of Haryana, Nayab Singh Saini, the India campus of the United Kingdom(UK)-based University of Southampton(UOS) in Gurugram, Haryana.

Tamil Nadu has selected four senior Indian Administrative Service officers as official spokespersons to improve public communication about government policies and projects. J Radhakrishnan, Gagandeep Singh Bedi, Dheeraj Kumar, and P Amudha are the spokespersons for the Additional Chief Secretaries position.

Election Commission of India (ECI) has appointed renowned actors Nitu Chandra and Kranti Prakash Jha as SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) icons for Bihar

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

बिहार के मुख्यमंत्री नीतीश कुमार ने घोषणा की है कि राज्य के प्रत्येक घर को 1 अगस्त से हर महीने 125 यूनिट बिजली मुफ्त मिलेगी।

राज्य की भूमि पंजीकरण प्रक्रिया को सुव्यवस्थित और डिजिटल बनाने के प्रयास में, हिमाचल प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री सुखविंदर सिंह सुखू ने राष्ट्रीय सामान्य दस्तावेज़ पंजीकरण प्रणाली (एनजीडीआरएस) के तहत "माई डीड" पायलट परियोजना शुरू की।

मंत्रिमंडल की नियुक्ति समिति ने सीबीडीटी के पूर्व अध्यक्ष नितिन गुप्ता को राष्ट्रीय वित्तीय रिपोर्टिंग प्राधिकरण (एनएफआरए) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में नियुक्त करने को मंजूरी दे दी है। एनएफआरए का गठन 2018 में किया गया था।

केंद्रीय मंत्री धर्मेंद्र प्रधान, शिक्षा मंत्रालय (एमओई), और हरियाणा के मुख्यमंत्री नायब सिंह सैनी, यूनाइटेड किंगडम (यूके) स्थित साउथेम्प्टन विश्वविद्यालय (यूओएस) के हरियाणा के गुरुग्राम स्थित भारतीय परिसर में आयोजित एक कार्यक्रम में शामिल होंगे।

तमिलनाडु ने सरकारी नीतियों और परियोजनाओं के बारे में जनसंचार को बेहतर बनाने के लिए भारतीय प्रशासनिक सेवा के चार वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों को आधिकारिक प्रवक्ता के रूप में चुना है। जे राधाकृष्णन, गगनदीप सिंह बेदी, धीरज कुमार और पी अमुधा अतिरिक्त मुख्य सचिव पद के प्रवक्ता हैं।

भारत निर्वाचन आयोग (ECI) ने प्रसिद्ध अभिनेता नीतू चंद्रा और क्रांति प्रकाश झा को बिहार के लिए SVEEP (व्यवस्थित मतदाता शिक्षा और चुनावी भागीदारी) आइकन नियुक्त किया है।

Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Executive Director (ED) of Axis Bank for a term of three years?
एक्सिस बैंक के नए कार्यकारी निदेशक (ईडी) के रूप में तीन वर्षों के कार्यकाल के लिए किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Neeraj Gambhir / नीरज गंभीर
B. Sandeep Bakhshi / संदीप बख्शी
C. Arjun Chowdhry / अर्जुन चौधरी
D. Amitabh Chaudhry / अमिताभ चौधरी
E. Shikha Sharma / शिखा शर्मा

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

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

Ques: When was NSDL Payments Bank Limited included in the Second Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934?
एनएसडीएल पेमेंट्स बैंक लिमिटेड को आरबीआई अधिनियम, 1934 की द्वितीय अनुसूची में कब शामिल किया गया था?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

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

Ques: Which major UK bank became the first to exit the Net Zero Banking Alliance (NZBA) in 2025?
2025 में नेट ज़ीरो बैंकिंग एलायंस (NZBA) से बाहर निकलने वाला पहला प्रमुख यूके बैंक कौन बना?

A. Barclays / बार्कलेज
B. Lloyds Bank / लॉयड्स बैंक
C. NatWest / नैटवेस्ट
D. Standard Chartered / स्टैंडर्ड चार्टर्ड
E. HSBC / एचएसबीसी

Answer: Option E

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

Ques: Which bank has been adjudged the World's Best Consumer Bank for 2025 by Global Finance?
ग्लोबल फाइनेंस द्वारा 2025 के लिए विश्व का सर्वश्रेष्ठ कंज्यूमर बैंक किसे चुना गया है?

A. HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
B. Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
C. ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक
D. State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
E. Bank of Baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

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

Ques: Which country co-chaired the recent high-level meeting of the Group of Friends for Accountability for Crimes Against Peacekeepers at the UN?
हाल ही में संयुक्त राष्ट्र में शांति सैनिकों के खिलाफ अपराधों के लिए जवाबदेही सुनिश्चित करने के समूह (Group of Friends) की उच्च स्तरीय बैठक की सह-अध्यक्षता किस देश ने की?

A. United States / संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका
B. China / चीन
C. India / भारत
D. Russia / रूस
E. Japan / जापान

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

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

Ques: Who topped the Avendus Wealth–Hurun India U30 List 2025 as the youngest entrepreneurs?
अवेंदस वेल्थ–हुरुन इंडिया U30 सूची 2025 में भारत के सबसे युवा उद्यमियों के रूप में किसने शीर्ष स्थान प्राप्त किया?

A. Nikhil Kamath / निखिल कामत
B. Aadit Palicha and Kaivalya Vohra / आदित पलिचा और कैवल्य वोहरा
C. Ritesh Agarwal / रितेश अग्रवाल
D. Bhavish Aggarwal / भाविश अग्रवाल
E. Peyush Bansal / पेयुष बंसल

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

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

Top 5 Avendus Wealth–Hurun India U30 List 2025 :

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

Ques: What is the name of the annual maritime exercise between India and Singapore, in which the Indian Navy is participating for the 32nd time in 2025?
भारत और सिंगापुर के बीच प्रतिवर्ष होने वाले समुद्री अभ्यास का क्या नाम है, जिसमें भारतीय नौसेना 2025 में 32वीं बार भाग ले रही है?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

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

Ques: What rare astronomical phenomenon was observed in Ladakh in May 2024 due to a series of Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs)?
मई 2024 में लद्दाख में किस दुर्लभ खगोलीय घटना का अवलोकन किया गया, जो सूर्य से निकली कोरोनल मास इजेक्शन (CMEs) के कारण हुआ?

A. Solar Eclipse / सूर्य ग्रहण
B. Meteor Shower / उल्कापात
C. Lunar Occultation / चंद्र ग्रहण
D. Supernova Explosion / सुपरनोवा विस्फोट
E. Aurora or Northern Lights / औरोरा या उत्तरी रोशनी

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

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

Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Ukraine, replacing Denys Shmyhal?
डेनिस श्मिहाल की जगह यूक्रेन के नए प्रधानमंत्री के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Yulia Svyrydenko / यूलिया स्विर्डेनको
B. Yulia Tymoshenko / यूलिया तिमोशेंको
C. Mykhailo Fedorov / माइखाइलो फेदोरोव
D. Volodymyr Zelenskiy / वलोडिमिर ज़ेलेंस्की
E. Olga Stefanishyna / ओल्गा स्टेफानिशिना

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

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

Ques: Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) received the first set of wing assemblies for which aircraft from L&T?
हिंदुस्तान एयरोनॉटिक्स लिमिटेड (HAL) को L&T से किस विमान के लिए पहले विंग असेंबली सेट प्राप्त हुए हैं?

A. Sukhoi Su-30 MKI / सुखोई सु-30 एमकेआई
B. Rafale / राफेल
C. LCA Mk1A / एलसीए Mk1A
D. LCH Prachand / एलसीएच प्रचंड
E. Mirage 2000 / मिराज 2000

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

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

Other private contributors for the LCA Mk1A project include:

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

Ques: What new service did UIDAI launch on 9th June 2025 to maintain the accuracy of the Aadhaar database?
आधार डेटाबेस की सटीकता बनाए रखने के लिए UIDAI ने 9 जून 2025 को कौन सी नई सेवा शुरू की?

A. Aadhaar Virtual ID Generation / आधार वर्चुअल आईडी जनरेशन
B. Aadhaar Data Update Service / आधार डेटा अपडेट सेवा
C. Reporting of Death of a Family Member / परिवार के सदस्य की मृत्यु की रिपोर्टिंग
D. Aadhaar-PAN Linking Portal / आधार-पैन लिंकिंग पोर्टल
E. NRI Aadhaar Registration Service / एनआरआई आधार पंजीकरण सेवा

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

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

Ques: What major electoral reform has been proposed by the UK Labour Government in 2024?
2024 में यूके की लेबर सरकार ने कौन सा प्रमुख चुनावी सुधार प्रस्तावित किया है?

A. Voting age increased to 21 / मतदान की उम्र 21 वर्ष की गई
B. Voting age reduced to 16 / मतदान की उम्र घटाकर 16 वर्ष की गई
C. Ban on digital voting / डिजिटल वोटिंग पर प्रतिबंध
D. Mandatory voter ID for all / सभी के लिए अनिवार्य मतदाता पहचान पत्र
E. Voting limited to UK-born citizens / केवल यूके में जन्मे नागरिकों को मतदान की अनुमति

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

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

The plan includes:

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

Ques: Which institution's scientists were awarded the Rashtriya Krishi Vigyan Puraskar 2025 for Innovation & Technology in Agriculture?
कृषि और संबद्ध विज्ञान में नवाचार और प्रौद्योगिकी के लिए 2025 का राष्ट्रीय कृषि विज्ञान पुरस्कार किस संस्थान के वैज्ञानिकों को मिला?

A. ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi / आईसीएआर-भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान संस्थान, नई दिल्ली
B. ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore / आईसीएआर-शुगरकेन ब्रीडिंग इंस्टीट्यूट, कोयंबटूर
C. ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Kochi / आईसीएआर-केंद्रीय मत्स्य प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, कोच्चि
D. Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bengaluru / भारतीय बागवानी अनुसंधान संस्थान, बेंगलुरु
E. ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal / आईसीएआर-राष्ट्रीय डेयरी अनुसंधान संस्थान, करनाल

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

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

Other awardees:

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

Ques: Which city has been awarded India's cleanest city title in the 9th edition of the Swachh Survekshan 2024-25?
स्वच्छ सर्वेक्षण 2024-25 के 9वें संस्करण में भारत के सबसे स्वच्छ शहर का खिताब किस शहर को मिला है?

A. Indore / इंदौर
B. Navi Mumbai / नवी मुंबई
C. Surat / सूरत
D. Prayagraj / प्रयागराज
E. Visakhapatnam / विशाखापत्तनम

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

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

Ques: What is the recently launched helpline number for waste pickers under the NAMASTE scheme?
NAMASTE योजना के तहत हाल ही में कचरा बीनने वालों के लिए कौन सा हेल्पलाइन नंबर लॉन्च किया गया है?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

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

Ques: From which location did India successfully test-fire the Prithvi-II and Agni-I ballistic missiles in July 2025?
जुलाई 2025 में भारत ने प्रथ्वी-II और अग्नि-I बैलिस्टिक मिसाइलों का सफल परीक्षण किस स्थान से किया?

A. Pokhran Range / पोखरण रेंज
B. Wheeler Island / व्हीलर द्वीप
C. Balasore Air Base / बालासोर एयर बेस
D. Integrated Test Range, Chandipur / एकीकृत परीक्षण रेंज, चांदीपुर
E. Sriharikota Launch Pad / श्रीहरिकोटा लॉन्च पैड

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

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

Prithvi-II Missile:

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

Agni-I Missile:

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

Ques: What is the name of India's first domestic Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurance entity being set up?
भारत की पहली घरेलू प्रोटेक्शन एंड इंडेम्निटी (P&I) बीमा इकाई का नाम क्या है?

A. Bharat Marine Club / भारत मरीन क्लब
B. India Shipping Assurance / इंडिया शिपिंग एश्योरेंस
C. India Club / इंडिया क्लब
D. Maritime Security Corporation / मेरीटाइम सिक्योरिटी कॉर्पोरेशन
E. Coastal Care Alliance / कोस्टल केयर एलायंस

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

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

Ques: Which advanced attack helicopter is India set to receive from the US after a 15-month delay?
भारत किस उन्नत अटैक हेलीकॉप्टर को 15 महीने की देरी के बाद अमेरिका से प्राप्त करने जा रहा है?

A. CH-47 Chinook / सीएच-47 चिनूक
B. AH-64E Apache / एएच-64ई अपाचे
C. MI-35 / एमआई-35
D. UH-60 Black Hawk / यूएच-60 ब्लैक हॉक
E. Ka-52 Alligator / का-52 एलिगेटर

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

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

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

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

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

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

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

महत्वपूर्ण सामयिकी

हाल ही में हिमाचल प्रदेश की सैंज घाटी में एक दुर्लभ 'ग्रैंडाला' बिजली-नीले रंग का पक्षी देखा गया। इसका वैज्ञानिक नाम: ग्रैंडाला कोइलिकोलर। इसे IUCN की लाल सूची में 'सबसे कम चिंताजनक' श्रेणी में वर्गीकृत किया गया है।

भारत और कुवैत ने अपने द्विपक्षीय उड़ान अधिकारों का विस्तार करने के लिए एक संशोधित समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए, जिससे दोनों पक्षों के लिए साप्ताहिक सीट कोटा 50% बढ़कर 12,000 से 18,000 हो गया।

"अनुसंधान एवं विकास में सुगमता (R&D)" पर तीसरी क्षेत्रीय परामर्श बैठक भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (IIT) जम्मू, जम्मू और कश्मीर में आयोजित की गई।

भारतीय प्रबंधन संस्थान, कोझिकोड (IIMK) ने शैक्षणिक नवाचार एवं प्रकाशन के लिए 'ज्ञानोदय' केंद्र का शुभारंभ किया। ज्ञानोदय अपना स्वयं का पाण्डुलिपि मंच 'पाण्डुलिपि' चलाएगा।

बिहार के मुख्यमंत्री नीतीश कुमार ने घोषणा की है कि 1 अगस्त, 2025 से राज्य के सभी घरेलू परिवारों को प्रति माह 125 यूनिट मुफ्त बिजली मिलेगी। इसके अलावा, राज्य ने अगले 3 वर्षों में 10,000 मेगावाट सौर ऊर्जा स्थापित करने का लक्ष्य रखा है।

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?
जुलाई 2025 में जारी बैंक की वार्षिक रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, वित्त वर्ष 2024–25 में भारत में सबसे अधिक वेतन पाने वाले बैंक सीईओ कौन थे?

A. Sashidhar Jagdishan / शशिधर जगदीशन
B. Uday Kotak / उदय कोटक
C. Shyam Srinivasan / श्याम श्रीनिवासन
D. Ashok Vaswani / अशोक वासवानी
E. Amitabh Chaudhry / अमिताभ चौधरी

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.

Ques: Who has launched the Securities Market Hackathon at the Global Fintech Fest 2025?
ग्लोबल फिनटेक फेस्ट 2025 में सिक्योरिटीज मार्केट हैकाथॉन किसने शुरू किया है?

A. RBI / भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक
B. IRDAI / बीमा नियामक और विकास प्राधिकरण
C. SEBI / भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनिमय बोर्ड
D. NABARD / नाबार्ड
E. PFRDA / पेंशन फंड नियामक और विकास प्राधिकरण

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.

Ques: Which company recently received final SEBI approval to launch its mutual fund (MF) business and became the youngest AMC in India?
किस कंपनी को हाल ही में SEBI से म्यूचुअल फंड (MF) व्यवसाय शुरू करने की अंतिम मंजूरी मिली है और यह भारत की MF उद्योग में सबसे युवा AMC बन गई है?

A. Zerodha Asset Management / ज़ेरोधा एसेट मैनेजमेंट
B. Navi Mutual Fund / नवी म्यूचुअल फंड
C. Groww Mutual Fund / ग्रो म्यूचुअल फंड
D. The Wealth Company Asset Management Holdings / द वेल्थ कंपनी एसेट मैनेजमेंट होल्डिंग्स
E. Paytm Mutual Fund / पेटीएम म्यूचुअल फंड

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.

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)?
किस संगठन ने हाल ही में अवंती फेलोज़ के साथ समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं ताकि एकलव्य मॉडल आवासीय विद्यालयों (EMRSs) के जनजातीय छात्रों को IIT-JEE और NEET कोचिंग प्रदान की जा सके?

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.

Ques: As per the OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook 2025–2034, which country is projected to become the world's largest cotton producer by 2034?
OECD-FAO कृषि आउटलुक 2025–2034 के अनुसार, 2034 तक दुनिया का सबसे बड़ा कपास उत्पादक देश कौन होगा?

A. China / चीन
B. Brazil / ब्राज़ील
C. India / भारत
D. USA / अमेरिका
E. Pakistan / पाकिस्तान

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.

Ques: Who launched the National Standards for Civil Service Training Institutes (NSCSTI) 2.0 under Mission Karmayogi?
मिशन कर्मयोगी के तहत राष्ट्रीय सिविल सेवा प्रशिक्षण संस्थानों के लिए मानक (NSCSTI) 2.0 किसके द्वारा लॉन्च किए गए?

A. Shri Rajnath Singh / श्री राजनाथ सिंह
B. Shri Narendra Modi / श्री नरेंद्र मोदी
C. Dr. Jitendra Singh / डॉ. जीतेन्द्र सिंह
D. Shri Amit Shah / श्री अमित शाह
E. Dr. S. Jaishankar / डॉ. एस. जयशंकर

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?
किस राज्य की विधानसभा में विधायकों के प्रदर्शन और उपस्थिति की निगरानी के लिए एआई आधारित कैमरे लगाए जाएंगे?

A. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
B. Gujarat / गुजरात
C. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
D. Rajasthan / राजस्थान
E. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

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.

Ques : INS Sandhayak recently made its maiden hydrographic mission to which country, marking the first visit by an Indian hydrographic vessel there?
आईएनएस संध्यायक ने हाल ही में अपनी पहली हाइड्रोग्राफिक मिशन यात्रा किस देश में की, जो भारत के हाइड्रोग्राफिक पोत की वहां पहली यात्रा थी?

A. Indonesia / इंडोनेशिया
B. Singapore / सिंगापुर
C. Vietnam / वियतनाम
D. Malaysia / मलेशिया
E. Philippines / फिलीपींस

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.

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?
2025 में पेरिस, फ्रांस में आयोजित 47वीं विश्व धरोहर समिति (WHC) की बैठक में भारत की 44वीं यूनेस्को विश्व धरोहर स्थल के रूप में किस सांस्कृतिक विरासत स्थल को शामिल किया गया?

A. Hoysala Temples of Karnataka / कर्नाटक के होयसला मंदिर
B. Maratha Military Landscapes / मराठा सैन्य परिदृश्य
C. Kakatiya Rudreshwara Temple / काकतीय रुद्रेश्वर मंदिर
D. Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysalas / यसलाओं के पवित्र समूह
E. Satpura Tiger Reserve / सतपुड़ा बाघ अभयारण्य

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?
किस डेयरी कंपनी ने Rs.271 करोड़ में ओसाम डेयरी का अधिग्रहण किया है?

A. Amul / अमूल
B. Dodla Dairy / डोडला डेयरी
C. Nandini / नंदिनी
D. Heritage Foods / हैरिटेज फूड्स
E. Mother Dairy / मदर डेयरी

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.

Ques: Which state's KITE initiative was recognized by UNICEF as a global best practice in responsible EdTech?
किस राज्य की KITE पहल को यूनिसेफ ने जिम्मेदार शैक्षणिक प्रौद्योगिकी (EdTech) में वैश्विक सर्वोत्तम प्रथा के रूप में मान्यता दी है?

A. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
B. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
C. Kerala / केरल
D. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
E. Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश

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?
वस्त्र मंत्रालय द्वारा 2024 के संत कबीर हथकरघा पुरस्कार और राष्ट्रीय हथकरघा पुरस्कार किस योजना के तहत प्रदान किए गए?

A. PM Mitra Yojana / प्रधानमंत्री मित्र योजना
B. SAMARTH Scheme / समर्थ योजना
C. National Handloom Development Programme / राष्ट्रीय हथकरघा विकास कार्यक्रम
D. Skill India Mission / कौशल भारत मिशन
E. Atmanirbhar Handloom Scheme / आत्मनिर्भर हथकरघा योजना

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

Ques: India's group standard for which crop was appreciated at the Codex Executive Committee meeting in Rome in July 2025?
जुलाई 2025 में रोम में आयोजित कोडेक्स कार्यकारी समिति की बैठक में भारत के किस फसल के समूह मानक की सराहना की गई?

A. Rice / चावल
B. Wheat / गेहूं
C. Millet / बाजरा
D. Maize / मक्का
E. Pulses / दालें

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?
भारत और EFTA के बीच व्यापार और आर्थिक भागीदारी समझौते (TEPA) का अनुमोदन हाल ही में किस देश ने पूरा किया है?

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?
महाराष्ट्र सरकार द्वारा 2025 में सांगली जिले के इस्लामपुर शहर का प्रस्तावित नया नाम क्या है?

A. Shivapur / शिवापुर
B. Ramnagari / रामनगरी
C. Ishwarpur / ईश्वरपुर
D. Sanglipur / सांगलीपुर
E. Harinagar / हरिनगर

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.

Ques: What is the name of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation's (KSRTC) initiative launched to assist visually impaired passengers?
दृष्टिबाधित यात्रियों की सहायता के लिए कर्नाटक राज्य सड़क परिवहन निगम (KSRTC) द्वारा शुरू की गई योजना का क्या नाम है?

A. Dhwanispandana Yojane / ध्वनिस्पंदन योजना
B. Drishtimitra Yojane / दृष्टिमित्र योजना
C. Vayusparsha Yojane / वायुस्पर्श योजना
D. Sweekriti Yojane / स्वीkrit योजना
E. Swavalamban Travel Scheme / स्वावलंबन ट्रैवल स्कीम

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.

Ques : Which country has been awarded the hosting rights for the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) Finals in 2027, 2029, and 2031?
2027, 2029 और 2031 में आयोजित होने वाले आईसीसी वर्ल्ड टेस्ट चैंपियनशिप (WTC) फाइनल्स की मेज़बानी का अधिकार किस देश को दिया गया है?

A. Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
B. India / भारत
C. England / इंग्लैंड
D. South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
E. New Zealand / न्यूज़ीलैंड

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)

Ques : Which Indian mobile application won the WSIS Prizes 2025 Champion Award in the category "Cultural Diversity and Identity, Linguistic Diversity and Local Content"?
"सांस्कृतिक विविधता और पहचान, भाषाई विविधता और स्थानीय सामग्री" श्रेणी में WSIS पुरस्कार 2025 चैंपियन पुरस्कार किस भारतीय मोबाइल ऐप को मिला?

A. eGram Swaraj / ईग्राम स्वराज
B. Digital India App / डिजिटल इंडिया ऐप
C. MyGov India / माईगॉव इंडिया
D. Meri Panchayat / मेरी पंचायत
E. Gram Uday / ग्राम उदय

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

Ques : Which two institutions signed an MoU to roll out structured and uniform education for Children with Intellectual Disabilities (CwID) across India?
भारत में बौद्धिक रूप से विकलांग बच्चों (CwID) के लिए एक समान और संरचित शिक्षा प्रणाली को लागू करने के लिए किन दो संस्थानों ने समझौता ज्ञापन (MoU) पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

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?
भारतीय सेना को देश में निर्मित AK-203 राइफलें किस महीने से मिलना शुरू होंगी?

A. October / अक्टूबर
B. November / नवंबर
C. December / दिसंबर
D. January / जनवरी
E. February / फरवरी

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.

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?
अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्रालय द्वारा शुरू की गई पीएम-वीकास योजना के तहत आईआईआईटी कोट्टायम में कितने प्रतिभागियों को प्रशिक्षण दिया जाएगा?

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

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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

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

विदेश व्यापार महानिदेशालय ने नई दिल्ली में आयोजित दो प्रमुख व्यापार-से-व्यापार प्रदर्शनियों, 71वें भारत अंतर्राष्ट्रीय परिधान मेले और 16वें खिलौना व्यापार अंतर्राष्ट्रीय एक्सपो 2025 में अपनी डिजिटल पहल "ट्रेड कनेक्ट" इलेक्ट्रॉनिक (ई)-प्लेटफ़ॉर्म का प्रदर्शन किया।

संस्कृति मंत्रालय के अधीन कार्यरत भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण ने मिज़ोरम के चम्फाई ज़िले के दक्षिण-पूर्व में लियानपुई गाँव में स्थित लुंगफुन रोपुई को प्राचीन स्मारक और पुरातात्विक स्थल एवं अवशेष अधिनियम के तहत राष्ट्रीय महत्व का स्मारक घोषित किया है।

जापान की अपनी आधिकारिक यात्रा के दूसरे दिन, मंत्री महोदय ने प्रमुख जापानी कंपनियों के साथ कई उच्च-स्तरीय बैठकें कीं और 16वें भारत ट्रेंड मेले 2025 का उद्घाटन किया।

उत्तर प्रदेश राहत आयुक्त कार्यालय और यूएनडीपी ने आपदा जोखिम न्यूनीकरण कार्यक्रमों को लागू करने के लिए एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए, जिसका उद्देश्य उत्तर प्रदेश की संस्थागत क्षमता को बढ़ाना और एक बहु-स्तरीय आपदा प्रबंधन प्रणाली बनाना है। उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने तीन वर्षों के लिए 19.99 करोड़ रुपये का बजट आवंटित किया है।

Ques: Under the 'One State-One RRB' policy, how many RRBs now remain in India after the latest consolidation drive by the Government of India?
भारत सरकार द्वारा किए गए हालिया एकीकरण अभियान के बाद 'एक राज्य-एक आरआरबी' नीति के तहत अब भारत में कितने आरआरबी शेष हैं?

A. 43
B. 56
C. 28
D. 82
E. 196

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Under the 'One State-One RRB' policy, the Government of India consolidated Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in a phase-wise manner from 2005 to 2025, reducing their total number from 196 to 28.
• The final phase became effective from 1 May 2025, as per the government notification dated 5 April 2025.
• According to RBI and NABARD reports, the move has significantly enhanced financial strength and viability of RRBs.

This consolidation aimed at:

• Improving operational efficiency
• Reducing losses
• Boosting technology adoption and customer service
• Lowering costs and removing duplication of efforts

Ques: In 2025, which Indian-American economist resigned as the First Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?
2025 में किस भारतीय-अमेरिकी अर्थशास्त्री ने अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मुद्रा कोष (IMF) के प्रथम उप प्रबंध निदेशक के पद से इस्तीफा दिया?

A. Raghuram Rajan / रघुराम राजन
B. Arvind Subramanian / अरविंद सुब्रमण्यम
C. Gita Gopinath / गीता गोपीनाथ
D. Urjit Patel / उर्जित पटेल
E. Abhijit Banerjee / अभिजीत बनर्जी

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Indian-American economist Gita Gopinath Resigned as First Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)
• Gita Gopinath joined the IMF in 2019 as its Chief Economist, becoming the first woman to hold the post.
• In January 2022, she was promoted to First Deputy Managing Director, making her the No. 2 official at the Fund.

About International Monetary Fund :

• Established : 22 July 1944
• HQ : Washington, D.C., U.S.
• Members : 191 countries (190 UN countries and Kosovo)
• MD : Kristalina Georgieva

Ques: What is the name of India's first fully AI-powered fintech software platform launched by Laraware Pvt. Ltd.?
लारावेयर प्राइवेट लिमिटेड द्वारा लॉन्च किए गए भारत के पहले पूर्णतः एआई-सक्षम फिनटेक सॉफ़्टवेयर प्लेटफ़ॉर्म का नाम क्या है?

A. Nxtbanking / नेक्स्टबैंकिंग
B. Digibank AI / डिजीबैंक एआई
C. FinBot / फिनबॉट
D. SmartPay Pro / स्मार्टपे प्रो
E. BharatAI Pay / भारतएआई पे

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

• In an effort to transform digital financial services in India, Laraware Private Limited's Chief Technology Officer (CTO), Anvesh Tiwari, led the introduction of "Nxtbanking," the country's first fintech software platform powered entirely by artificial intelligence (AI).
• The platform incorporates over 50 financial Application Programming Interfaces (API), such as Micro Automated Teller Machines (ATM), Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS), and Aadhar Enabled Payment System (AEPS).
• There is an eight-layer AI compliance engine on the platform.

Ques: What is the key feature of the employment scheme announced by PM Narendra Modi in Motihari, Bihar?
प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी द्वारा बिहार के मोतिहारी में घोषित रोजगार योजना की प्रमुख विशेषता क्या है?

A. Free skill training for all unemployed youth / सभी बेरोजगार युवाओं के लिए निःशुल्क कौशल प्रशिक्षण
B. Rs.15,000 incentive to first-time private sector employees / निजी क्षेत्र में पहली बार नौकरी करने वालों को 15,000 रुपये का प्रोत्साहन
C. Direct job placement in government sector / सरकारी क्षेत्र में सीधी नौकरी
D. Loan waiver for first-time entrepreneurs / पहली बार उद्यम करने वालों के लिए ऋण माफी
E. Monthly unemployment allowance of Rs.5,000 / 5,000 रुपये का मासिक बेरोजगारी भत्ता

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• During a public event in Motihari, Bihar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a new job initiative.
• The program, which aims to increase job creation and youth engagement in formal work, provides new private sector hires with a Rs.15,000 incentive.
• By providing direct financial assistance, the program's primary objective is to promote adolescent employment in the private sector.
• The plan will go into effect on August 1, 2025.
• A budget of Rs.1 lakh crore has been set aside to guarantee effective rollout and extensive coverage.

Ques: Which state government has launched a subsidy of Rs.5 per litre for milk to boost dairy farming?
डेयरी फार्मिंग को बढ़ावा देने के लिए Rs.5 प्रति लीटर दूध पर सब्सिडी किस राज्य सरकार ने शुरू की है?

A. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
B. Punjab / पंजाब
C. Assam / असम
D. Gujarat / गुजरात
E. Haryana / हरियाणा

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Assam Government has launched a scheme providing a Rs.5 per litre subsidy to dairy farmers.
• The scheme was announced by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma during the bhoomi pujan of the West Assam Milk Producers' Cooperative Union Ltd plant in Guwahati.
• The initiative aims to Double the milk processing capacity and Support rural milk production
• It is expected to benefit over 20,000 dairy farmers across the state.

Ques: From which month and year will 9-karat gold be brought under mandatory hallmarking by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)?
भारतीय मानक ब्यूरो (BIS) द्वारा 9 कैरेट सोने को अनिवार्य हॉलमार्किंग के दायरे में कब से लाया जाएगा?

A. January 2025
B. April 2025
C. July 2025
D. October 2025
E. December 2025

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has announced the mandatory hallmarking of 9-karat gold (375 ppt) through BIS Amendment No. 2, effective July 2025.
• The amendment is made under the provisions of the BIS Act, 2016.
• The BIS hallmarking system certifies the purity and authenticity of gold through BIS logo, Karat and fineness marking (ppt) and 6-digit Hallmark Unique Identification (HUID)
• With the inclusion of 9K, the total number of hallmarking grades is now eight, ranging from 24KF (999 ppt) to 9K (375 ppt).
• Exclusions: Gold watches, pens, and legal tender coins are excluded from artefacts. Gold coins must be 24KF or 24KS, produced only by mints or refineries.
• As of now, 361 districts are under the mandatory BIS hallmarking regime.
• Refineries must be accredited by either the London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) or NABL to certify gold bars.

Penalties for non-compliance under BIS Act, 2016 include:

• Imprisonment up to 2 years, or
• Fine between Rs.1 lakh to Rs.5 lakh, or
• Up to 10 times the value of non-hallmarked items.

Ques: Which international cruise company has announced its entry into India's river cruise market with 'Viking Brahmaputra'?
किस अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्रूज कंपनी ने 'वाइकिंग ब्रह्मपुत्र' के साथ भारत के नदी क्रूज बाजार में प्रवेश की घोषणा की है?

A. Royal Caribbean / रॉयल कैरेबियन
B. Carnival Cruise / कार्निवल क्रूज
C. Viking Cruises / वाइकिंग क्रूज़
D. Costa Cruises / कोस्टा क्रूज़
E. MSC Cruises / एमएससी क्रूज़

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Viking Cruises, a globally renowned river cruise company, has announced its entry into India's river cruise market with 'Viking Brahmaputra', an 80-guest vessel.
• The cruise is scheduled to begin operations in late 2027 and will sail on National Waterway-2 (Brahmaputra River).
• It will be indigenously developed by Hooghly Cochin Shipyard Limited in Kolkata, showing India's growing shipbuilding capacity.
• India's river cruise tourism has seen significant growth — from 5 vessels on 3 waterways (2013–14) to 25 vessels on 13 waterways (2024–25).
• Prominent cruises like MV Ganga Vilas (flagged off by PM Modi) and new infrastructure under Cruise Bharat Mission aim to boost tourist traffic from 0.5 million to 1.5 million passengers.
• The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is also planning 51 new cruise circuits across 47 national waterways in 14 states and 3 UTs.

Ques: What is the target number of interns under the second pilot of the PM Internship Scheme (PMIS) for FY26?
प्रधानमंत्री इंटर्नशिप योजना (PMIS) के दूसरे चरण में FY26 के लिए इंटर्न्स की लक्ष्य संख्या क्या है?

A. 1 lakh
B. 3 lakh
C. 5 lakh
D. 7 lakh
E. 10 lakh

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• 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.
• In the first phase, the average monthly stipend was Rs.15,000, and some candidates received up to Rs.45,000.
• The scheme also includes meals, accommodation, and a Rs.6,000 relocation grant.
• Improved industry engagement is expected to lead to greater participation in this phase.

Ques: Under which Article of the Indian Constitution did Jagdeep Dhankhar resign as Vice President of India in 2025?
भारत के उपराष्ट्रपति के रूप में जगदीप धनखड़ ने 2025 में भारतीय संविधान के किस अनुच्छेद के तहत इस्तीफा दिया?

A. Article 66
B. Article 67(a)
C. Article 91
D. Article 75
E. Article 80

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Jagdeep Dhankhar, the 14th Vice President of India, resigned in 2025 due to health concerns.
• He submitted his resignation to the President of India, as per Article 67(a) of the Constitution.
• Article 67(a) allows a sitting Vice President to resign by writing to the President.
• He became the third Vice President to resign, after V.V. Giri (who resigned to contest for President) and Bhairon Singh Shekhawat
• As per Article 91, in case of vacancy in the VP office, the Deputy Chairperson of Rajya Sabha assumes duties.
• Currently, Harivansh Narayan Singh (JD(U)) is acting as Chairman of Rajya Sabha.
• Dhankhar was the first VP born after 1950, the year India became a Republic.

Ques: Who has been appointed as the head of the National Steering Committee constituted by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) to oversee the ITI upgradation scheme?
कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्रालय (MSDE) द्वारा आईटीआई उन्नयन योजना की निगरानी के लिए गठित राष्ट्रीय संचालन समिति का अध्यक्ष किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Atul Kumar Tiwari / अतुल कुमार तिवारी
B. Rajit Punhani / रजित पुनहानी
C. Dharmendra Pradhan / धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान
D. Sanjay Kumar / संजय कुमार
E. Arvind Panagariya / अरविंद पनगड़िया

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has constituted a National Steering Committee under the chairmanship of Rajit Punhani, Secretary of MSDE.
• The committee will oversee the implementation of the ITI upgradation scheme and establishment of five National Centres of Excellence (CoEs) for skilling
• Five NSTI Centres of Excellence (CoEs) will be established in Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kanpur, and Ludhiana

Total financial outlay for the ITI upgradation scheme is Rs.60,000 crore over 5 years:

• Rs.30,000 crore from the Central Government (equally co-financed by ADB and World Bank)
• Rs.20,000 crore from State Governments
• Rs.10,000 crore from Industry CSR funds

Ques: Who inaugurated the 435 MW Gorbea Solar Power Project developed by Zelestra India in Rajasthan?
राजस्थान में ज़ेलेस्ट्रा इंडिया द्वारा विकसित 435 मेगावाट के गोर्बिया सौर ऊर्जा परियोजना का उद्घाटन किसने किया?

A. Shri Hardeep Singh Puri / श्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी
B. Shri R. K. Singh / श्री आर. के. सिंह
C. Shri Pralhad Joshi / श्री प्रह्लाद जोशी
D. Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw / श्री अश्विनी वैष्णव
E. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan / श्री धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Shri Pralhad Joshi, inaugurated the 435 MW Gorbea Solar Power Project in Rajasthan, developed by Zelestra India.
• The project spans 1250 acres, completed in under 8 months, and is backed by a 25-year Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI).
• It will generate 755 GWh of clean electricity annually.
• Shri Joshi highlighted that around 70% of Rajasthan's total power capacity now comes from renewable energy, with 35.4 GW installed — 29.5 GW solar and 5.2 GW wind.

Ques: Larsen & Toubro's subsidiary L&T Energy Green Tech Limited will establish India's largest green hydrogen plant at which location?
लार्सन एंड टुब्रो की सहायक कंपनी एलएंडटी एनर्जी ग्रीन टेक लिमिटेड भारत का सबसे बड़ा हरित हाइड्रोजन संयंत्र किस स्थान पर स्थापित करेगी?

A. Paradip Refinery, Odisha / पारादीप रिफाइनरी, ओडिशा
B. Bina Refinery, Madhya Pradesh / बीना रिफाइनरी, मध्य प्रदेश
C. Mathura Refinery, Uttar Pradesh / मथुरा रिफाइनरी, उत्तर प्रदेश
D. Panipat Refinery, Haryana / पानीपत रिफाइनरी, हरियाणा
E. Vadodara Refinery, Gujarat / वडोदरा रिफाइनरी, गुजरात

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• L&T Energy Green Tech Ltd (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Larsen & Toubro) will develop India's largest green hydrogen plant.
• The location is IOCL's Panipat Refinery in Haryana.
• The project is scheduled for commissioning by December 2027.
• It will supply 10,000 tonnes of green hydrogen per year to Indian Oil Corporation for 25 years.
• The project follows a Build-Own-Operate (BOO) model.

Ques: What is the new loan limit under the revised Stand-Up India scheme to be launched in September 2025?
सितंबर 2025 में शुरू होने वाली संशोधित स्टैंड-अप इंडिया योजना के तहत नई ऋण सीमा क्या है?

A. Rs.1 crore
B. Rs.1.5 crore
C. Rs.2 crore
D. Rs.50 lakh
E. Rs.75 lakh

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The revamped Stand-Up India scheme, launching in September 2025, doubles the loan limit from Rs.1 crore to Rs.2 crore.
• It targets SC, ST, and women entrepreneurs, aiming to support 5 lakh first-time borrowers over the next 5 years.
• Since April 2016, over Rs.62,807 crore in loans have been sanctioned under this scheme.

Key features include:

• Interest cap: 3% above base rate
• Repayment period: 7 years with 18-month moratorium
• Online training on entrepreneurship and management
• Margin money: 10–15% of project cost, with eligibility for central subsidy

Ques: How many Indian women have been featured in Forbes' 2025 list of 50 Richest Self-Made Women in the World?
फोर्ब्स की 2025 की दुनिया की 50 सबसे अमीर स्व-निर्मित महिलाओं की सूची में कितनी भारतीय महिलाएं शामिल हैं?

A. One
B. Two
C. Three
D. Four
E. None

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Only two Indian women featured in Forbes' 2025 list of the 50 Richest Self-Made Women in the World : Falguni Nayar, CEO of Nykaa — Net worth: USD 3.4 billion (Rank 31) and Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Founder of Biocon — Net worth: USD 3.3 billion (Rank 32)
• The list includes 50 self-made women from 13 countries and 4 continents.
• As per Forbes, self-made women now represent 3.5% of the global billionaire population, a 50% increase since 2017.
• The combined net worth of all 50 women: USD 276 billion, with an average of USD 5.5 billion each — a USD 158 billion increase since 2017.
• Melanie Perkins (Australia, age 38), co-founder of Canva, is the youngest entrepreneur on the list.

Ranking of World's Top 5 Richest Self-Made Women in 2025 :

1 Raefaela Aponte-Diamant, Switzerland (USD 38.8 billion)
2 Diane Hendricks, The United States of America (USA) (USD 22.3 billion)
3 Zhong Huijuan, China (USD 15.6 billion)
4 Zhou Qunfei, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) of China (USD 10 billion)
5 Denise Coates, The United Kingdom (UK) (USD 8.5 billion)
31 Falguni Nayar, India (USD 3.4 billion)
32 Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, India (USD 3.3 billion)

Ques: Which disease was recently declared eliminated as a public health problem in Senegal by the WHO in 2025?
किस रोग को 2025 में WHO द्वारा सार्वजनिक स्वास्थ्य समस्या के रूप में सेनेगल में समाप्त घोषित किया गया है?

A. Yaws / यॉज़
B. Guinea Worm Disease / गिनी कीड़ा रोग
C. Leprosy / कुष्ठरोग
D. Dengue / डेंगू
E. Trachoma / ट्रेकोमा

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• The World Health Organization (WHO) validated Senegal in 2025 as having eliminated Trachoma as a public health problem.
• It is now the 9th country in WHO's African Region to achieve this status.
• Trachoma is a Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD) caused by the bacterium Chlamydia trachomatis.
• It spreads through contact with eyes, nose, or infected materials.
• If untreated, it can lead to irreversible blindness.
• India, in WHO's South-East Asia Region, had earlier achieved elimination of Trachoma, becoming the third country after Nepal and Myanmar.

India's trachoma control success is linked to:

• NPCBVI (National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment)
• WHO's SAFE Strategy: Surgery, Antibiotics, Facial cleanliness, Environmental improvements.

Ques: What is the primary objective of the Odisha government's 'Shaktishree' programme launched in 2025?
2025 में शुरू की गई ओडिशा सरकार की 'शक्तिश्री' योजना का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. Provide financial aid to female students / छात्राओं को वित्तीय सहायता देना
B. Ensure campus safety and well-being of girl students / छात्राओं की सुरक्षा और भलाई सुनिश्चित करना
C. Promote entrepreneurship among girls / लड़कियों में उद्यमिता को बढ़ावा देना
D. Offer scholarships for STEM courses / STEM पाठ्यक्रमों के लिए छात्रवृत्तियाँ देना
E. Boost sports training for college girls / कॉलेज छात्राओं के लिए खेल प्रशिक्षण को बढ़ावा देना

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• '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.
• It was launched after a tragic incident involving a student in Balasore, aiming to create a safe, supportive environment.

Key features include:

• Confidential complaint systems, SOS alerts, and Tele-MANAS mental health helplines
• Self-defense, legal rights, and mental health training
• Appointment of 'Shakti Apas'—senior women professionals as mentors
• CCTV surveillance, campus safety audits, and biannual awareness campaigns

Ques: What is the purpose of the 'Adi Shapath' session recently organized by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs in Delhi?
हाल ही में दिल्ली में जनजातीय कार्य मंत्रालय द्वारा आयोजित 'आदि शपथ' सत्र का उद्देश्य क्या था?

A. Launch of a new tribal welfare scheme / एक नई जनजातीय कल्याण योजना की शुरुआत
B. Promote tribal art and culture / जनजातीय कला और संस्कृति को बढ़ावा देना
C. Interactive session with stakeholders for tribal upliftment / जनजातीय उत्थान के लिए भागीदारों के साथ संवादात्मक सत्र
D. Recruitment drive for tribal youth / जनजातीय युवाओं के लिए भर्ती अभियान
E. Inauguration of a tribal university / एक जनजातीय विश्वविद्यालय का उद्घाटन

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• The Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) organized the Delhi Chapter of 'Adi Shapath', a half-day interactive session focused on the upliftment and wellbeing of tribal communities.
• It brought together over 20 stakeholders such as PSUs, private companies, donor organizations, and foundations from the Delhi-NCR region.
• The session aimed to encourage Janbhagidari (public participation) and highlighted ongoing developmental projects in tribal areas.
• It emphasized the importance of collaborative approaches in improving the lives of tribal people.

Ques: What is the theme of International Chess Day 2025, observed on July 20?
20 **जुलाई** को मनाए गए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय शतरंज दिवस *2025* की थीम क्या है*?*

A. Chess for Equality / समानता के लिए शतरंज
B. Checkmate Ignorance / अज्ञानता को मात
C. Chess for Peace / शांति के लिए शतरंज
D. Power of Pawns / प्यादों की शक्ति
E. Every Move Counts / हर चाल महत्वपूर्ण है

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• International Chess Day is celebrated every year on 20 July, commemorating the founding of FIDE (Fédération Internationale des Échecs) in 1924 in Paris.
• It has been observed globally since 1966, and officially recognized by the UN General Assembly in 2019.
• The theme for 2025 is “Every Move Counts”, reflecting the growing role of chess in promoting education, inclusion, empowerment, and mental well-being.
• The year 2025 is also being observed as the “Year of Social Chess”, aiming to highlight how chess can be a tool for social change and personal development.

Ques : Why is 22nd July celebrated as Pi Approximation Day?
22 जुलाई को 'पाई सन्निकटन दिवस' के रूप में क्यों मनाया जाता है?

A. Because Pi was discovered on this date / पाई इसी दिन खोजा गया था
B. Because 22/7 is an approximate value of Pi / क्योंकि 22/7 पाई का सन्निकटन मान है
C. Because Einstein was born on this day / क्योंकि इस दिन आइंस्टीन का जन्म हुआ था
D. Because it is World Mathematics Day / क्योंकि यह विश्व गणित दिवस है
E. Because it was proposed by Euler / क्योंकि यह यूलर द्वारा प्रस्तावित था

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Pi (π) is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter, approximately 3.14.
• The date 22nd July, when written as 22/7, represents a fractional approximation of Pi (π ≈ 22/7).
• Hence, Pi Approximation Day is observed on 22 July.
• Pi Day is also observed on 14 March (3/14), reflecting the decimal value of Pi.
• Physicist Albert Einstein was born and Stephen Hawking passed away on July 22.
• The symbol π was introduced in 1706 by Leonhard Euler, a Swiss mathematician.

Ques: When is National Flag Day observed in India to commemorate the adoption of the Indian National Flag?
प्रश्न: भारतीय राष्ट्रीय ध्वज को अंगीकृत करने की स्मृति में भारत में 'राष्ट्रीय ध्वज दिवस' कब मनाया जाता है?

A. 26 January
B. 22 July
C. 15 August
D. 2 October
E. 25 December

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• 22nd July 1947: The Constituent Assembly of India, chaired by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, adopted the Indian National Flag.
• The tricolour design is largely credited to Pingali Venkayya, a freedom fighter. He passed away in 1963.
• He was Honoured with a postage stamp in 2009, and his name was proposed for the Bharat Ratna in 2014.
• Governed by the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971 and the Flag Code of India, 2002.
• Amendments in 2021 allowed polyester/machine-made flags, and in 2022, flags can be flown day and night.
• The flag ratio must always be 3:2 (length to height).

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Scientists have detected GW231123, the largest black hole merger ever recorded, using the LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA (LVK) network, revealing black holes 100x and 140x the Sun's mass

Two brothers of the Hatti tribe tied the knot to a woman in Shillai village of Himachal Pradesh under the tradition of polyandry. Revenue laws of Himachal Pradesh recognise this tradition and named it "Jodidara".

Loan of Rs. 975.26 crores (USD 85.4 million) given to Tripura by Asian Development Bank (ADB) For building infrastructure in nine industrial areas in Tripura

Bitra Island is Lakshadweep's smallest inhabited island, known for its serene shrine and is set to host a new Indian naval defence base

Indian astronomers have successfully photographed the interstellar comet C/2025 N1 (ATLAS), also known as 3I/ATLAS, using the Himalayan Chandra Telescope (HCT) of the Indian Astronomical Observatory (IAO) at Hanle, Ladakh

The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has warned of severe threats to the Guryul Ravine fossil site in Kashmir due to ongoing quarrying and land diversion

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

वैज्ञानिकों ने LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA (LVK) नेटवर्क का उपयोग करके अब तक के सबसे बड़े ब्लैक होल विलय, GW231123 का पता लगाया है। इससे पता चला है कि ब्लैक होल सूर्य के द्रव्यमान से 100 गुना और 140 गुना बड़े हैं।

हिमाचल प्रदेश के शिलाई गाँव में हट्टी जनजाति के दो भाइयों ने बहुपतित्व की परंपरा के तहत एक महिला से विवाह किया। हिमाचल प्रदेश के राजस्व कानून इस परंपरा को मान्यता देते हैं और इसे "जोड़ीदारा" नाम दिया गया है।

₹10 लाख का ऋण एशियाई विकास बैंक (ADB) ने त्रिपुरा के नौ औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में बुनियादी ढाँचे के निर्माण के लिए त्रिपुरा को 975.26 करोड़ रुपये (85.4 मिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर) दिए हैं।

बित्रा द्वीप, लक्षद्वीप का सबसे छोटा बसा हुआ द्वीप है, जो अपने शांत तीर्थस्थल के लिए जाना जाता है और यहाँ एक नया भारतीय नौसैनिक रक्षा अड्डा बनने वाला है।

भारतीय खगोलविदों ने लद्दाख के हानले स्थित भारतीय खगोलीय वेधशाला (IAO) के हिमालयन चंद्रा टेलीस्कोप (HCT) का उपयोग करके अंतरतारकीय धूमकेतु C/2025 N1 (ATLAS), जिसे 3I/ATLAS भी कहा जाता है, की सफलतापूर्वक तस्वीर खींची है।

भारतीय भूवैज्ञानिक सर्वेक्षण (GSI) ने चल रहे उत्खनन और भूमि परिवर्तन के कारण कश्मीर में गुरयुल घाटी जीवाश्म स्थल को गंभीर खतरों की चेतावनी दी है।

Ques: Which bank has launched the zero-balance savings account product named 'GATI'?
किस बैंक ने 'गति' नामक शून्य-बैलेंस बचत खाता उत्पाद लॉन्च किया है?

A. India Post Payments Bank / इंडिया पोस्ट पेमेंट्स बैंक
B. Paytm Payments Bank / पेटीएम पेमेंट्स बैंक
C. Airtel Payments Bank / एयरटेल पेमेंट्स बैंक
D. Fino Payments Bank / फिनो पेमेंट्स बैंक
E. NSDL Payments Bank / एनएसडीएल पेमेंट्स बैंक

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Fino Payments Bank has launched a new zero-balance savings account product called "GATI", aimed at rural and semi-urban customers who are transitioning from phygital (physical + digital) modes to fully digital banking, especially through UPI platforms.
• The objective is to promote affordable and convenient digital banking.
• Founded in 2017, Fino Payments Bank is headquartered in Mumbai, and its MD & CEO is Rishi Gupta.

Ques: What is the value of the Financial Inclusion Index for March 2025 as per RBI?
RBI के अनुसार मार्च 2025 के लिए वित्तीय समावेशन सूचकांक (FI-Index) का मान कितना है?

A. 64.2
B. 66.5
C. 67.0
D. 68.3
E. 69.0

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set the Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index) at 67.0 for March 2025, which is an improvement from 64.2 in March 2024.
• The index is constructed without any base year and was first published in August 2021.
• It measures financial inclusion based on three dimensions : Access – 35%, Usage – 45% and Quality – 20%
• The index score ranges between 0 to 100, where 0 means complete exclusion and 100 means full inclusion.
• The improvement in FY 2025 was driven mainly by increased Usage and Quality, indicating better financial literacy and service standards.

Ques: As per the recent report, which state accounts for the highest share of active GST taxpayers in India?
हालिया रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, भारत में सक्रिय जीएसटी करदाताओं में सबसे अधिक हिस्सा किस राज्य का है?

A. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
B. Gujarat / गुजरात
C. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
D. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
E. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• According to the report, Uttar Pradesh leads in the number of active GST taxpayers, contributing 13.2% of all active registrations in India.
• It is followed by Maharashtra (12.1%), Gujarat (8.4%), Tamil Nadu (7.7%), and Karnataka (6.9%).
• These top five states together account for nearly 50% of all active GST taxpayers.
• As of May 31, 2025, India has over 1.52 crore active GST registrations, and gross GST collection has nearly doubled over five years — from Rs.11.4 lakh crore in FY21 to Rs.22.1 lakh crore in FY25.

Ques: Which organization has signed an MoU with the Ministry of Rural Development to promote the 'Bima Sakhi Yojana'?
किस संगठन ने ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय के साथ 'बीमा सखी योजना' को बढ़ावा देने के लिए समझौता ज्ञापन (MoU) पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

A. SBI Life Insurance / एसबीआई लाइफ इंश्योरेंस
B. New India Assurance / न्यू इंडिया एश्योरेंस
C. Life Insurance Corporation of India / भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम
D. HDFC Life / एचडीएफसी लाइफ
E. ICICI Prudential / आईसीआईसीआई प्रूडेंशियल

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development to promote the Bima Sakhi Yojana.
• The scheme aims to empower rural women (aged 18–70 years, with minimum 10th pass qualification) by training and providing them with a stipend (Rs.7,000 in the 1st year, Rs.6,000 in the 2nd, and Rs.5,000 in the 3rd year).
• Each Bima Sakhi will aim to insure 24 individuals annually and earn commission, thereby promoting insurance awareness and financial inclusion in rural areas.

Ques: How much loan has the Asian Development Bank (ADB) sanctioned for infrastructure development in Tripura's industrial belts?
त्रिपुरा के औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों के विकास के लिए एशियाई विकास बैंक (ADB) ने कितनी राशि का ऋण मंजूर किया है?

A. Rs.850 crore
B. Rs.975.26 crore
C. Rs.1,050 crore
D. Rs.900 crore
E. Rs.1,100 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has sanctioned a loan of Rs.975.26 crore for infrastructure development in nine industrial belts of Tripura.
• This funding will be utilized for building world-class industrial roads, drainage systems, power supply, and other basic amenities in designated industrial clusters.
• The initiative aligns with the Act East Policy and aims to establish Tripura as a gateway for trade and industry in Northeast India.
• The project is expected to boost industrial growth, generate employment, and improve logistics and connectivity within the state.

Ques: Where was the Advanced Cyber Skill Centre inaugurated by Union Minister Piyush Goyal to empower youth and women in cybersecurity training?
केंद्र मंत्री पीयूष गोयल द्वारा युवाओं और महिलाओं को साइबर सुरक्षा प्रशिक्षण देने के लिए उन्नत साइबर स्किल सेंटर का उद्घाटन कहाँ किया गया?

A. Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
B. Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
C. Mumbai / मुंबई
D. Pune / पुणे
E. New Delhi / नई दिल्ली

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Union Minister Piyush Goyal (Ministry of Commerce and Industry) inaugurated the Advanced Cyber Skill Centre at the CII Model Career Centre (MCC), Kandivali, Mumbai.
• It was established by the Data Security Council of India (DSCI).
• The Centre aims to train around 1,000 candidates annually under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) with a special focus on empowering women.
• The first batch includes 28 young women engineering graduates enrolled in the 'Cyber Vaahini' program.

Ques: Who has been appointed as the Director of the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) at NITI Aayog?
निति आयोग में अटल इनोवेशन मिशन (AIM) का निदेशक कौन नियुक्त हुए हैं?

A. Dr. Chintan Vaishnav / डॉ. चिंतन वैश्णव
B. Deepak Bagla / दीपक बागला
C. Amitabh Kant / अमिताभ कांत
D. R. Ramanan / आर. रमणन
E. K. Santhanam / के. संथानम

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Deepak Bagla, former CEO & MD of Invest India, has been appointed as the Director of the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) by NITI Aayog, replacing Dr. Chintan Vaishnav.
• AIM was launched in 2016 to foster innovation nationwide and under AIM 2.0 (2024–2028), it has been allocated a budget of Rs.2,750 crore through 31 March 2028.
• His appointment underscores the government's emphasis on scaling grassroots innovation and strengthening institutional mechanisms.

Ques: Which country has emerged as Malaysia's largest importer of germinating oil palm seeds in 2024?
2024 में अंकुरित ताड़ के बीजों का मलेशिया का सबसे बड़ा आयातक देश कौन बना है?

A. China / चीन
B. Indonesia / इंडोनेशिया
C. India / भारत
D. Pakistan / पाकिस्तान
E. Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• In 2024, India imported 3.03 million tonnes of palm oil from Malaysia, accounting for 17.9% of Malaysia's total palm oil exports, making it the largest importer of germinating oil palm seeds from Malaysia.
• This move aligns with India's objective to boost domestic palm oil production and reduce import dependency under the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oil Palm (NMEO-OP).
• India plans to expand oil palm cultivation to 1 million hectares by 2025–26 and reach a production target of 2.8 million tonnes of crude palm oil by 2029–30.

Ques: In which country was a replica of the Ashoka Pillar unveiled at the Waskaduwa Sri Subhuthi Viharaya temple?
वस्काडुवा श्री सुभूति विहारय मंदिर में अशोक स्तंभ की एक प्रतिकृति किस देश में अनावरण की गई है?

A. Nepal / नेपाल
B. Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका
C. Bhutan / भूटान
D. Myanmar / म्यांमार
E. Thailand / थाईलैंड

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• A replica of the Ashoka Pillar was unveiled at the Waskaduwa Sri Subhuthi Viharaya, a Buddhist temple located in Waskaduwa, Kalutara district, Southern Province of Sri Lanka.
• The project was fully sponsored by H.E. Kyabje Ling Rinpoche, a prominent Tibetan Buddhist leader.
• This initiative is part of the USD 15 million grant announced by the Government of India in 2020 to strengthen Buddhist cultural ties between India and Sri Lanka.
• Other initiatives under this grant include solar electrification for 10,000 Buddhist temples and Pirivenas and the classical language status accorded to Pali by India.

Ques: Which company recently became India's third-most valued by market capitalization, surpassing TCS?
हाल ही में बाजार पूंजीकरण के मामले में किस कंपनी ने TCS को पीछे छोड़ते हुए भारत की तीसरी सबसे मूल्यवान कंपनी का स्थान हासिल किया है?

A. ICICI Bank / ICICI बैंक
B. Infosys / इंफोसिस
C. Reliance Jio / रिलायंस जियो
D. Bharti Airtel / भारती एयरटेल
E. LIC / एलआईसी

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Bharti Airtel has overtaken Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) to become India's third-most valued company by market capitalization.
• As per the latest data, Bharti Airtel's market cap is Rs.11.45 lakh crore, slightly ahead of TCS at Rs.11.43 lakh crore.
• Since January 2025, TCS has lost ₹3.4 lakh crore in market cap, while Bharti Airtel has gained Rs.1.95 lakh crore.
• Reliance Industries (Rs.19.33 lakh crore) and HDFC Bank (Rs.15.34 lakh crore) continue to hold the first and second spots respectively.
• Other top companies by market cap include ICICI Bank, SBI, Infosys, Bajaj Finance, LIC, and HUL.

Ques: Which long-term open-field experiment in India, focused solely on winter fog, has completed ten years of research at IGI Airport, New Delhi?
कौन-सा दीर्घकालिक ओपन-फील्ड प्रयोग है, जो केवल शीतकालीन कोहरे पर केंद्रित है और जिसने नई दिल्ली के IGI एयरपोर्ट पर 10 वर्षों का शोध कार्य पूरा कर लिया है?

A. FOGSAFE / फॉगसेफ
B. WiFEX / विफेक्स
C. FOGEX / फॉगेक्स
D. IND-Fog / इंड-फॉग
E. AeroFog / एयरोफॉग

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• WiFEX (Winter Fog Experiment) was launched in 2015 at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi, and has now completed 10 years of dedicated research into dense winter fog over North India.
• It is led by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, with support from IMD and NCMRWF.
• It is one of the few global open-field experiments solely focused on fog, helping improve aviation safety and forecasting over the Indo-Gangetic Plain.
• Researchers used instruments like ceilometers, micrometeorology towers, and high-frequency sensors to collect data.
• A 3 km high-resolution probabilistic fog prediction model developed under WiFEX now achieves over 85% accuracy for very dense fog (visibility below 200 meters).

Ques: Which Indian state has become the first to ensure that every polling station caters to fewer than 1,200 voters?
भारत का कौन-सा राज्य ऐसा पहला राज्य बना है जहाँ प्रत्येक मतदान केंद्र अब 1,200 से कम मतदाताओं को सेवा देगा?

A. Uttar Pradesh / उतर प्रदेश
B. Bihar / बिहार
C. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश
D. Rajasthan / राजस्थान
E. Jharkhand / झारखंड

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

• Bihar is the first state in the nation to have fewer than 1,200 voters served by each polling station.
• 12,817 additional polling places have been added throughout the state in order to accomplish this.
• Under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral records, the previous cap of 1,500 electors per station has been changed to 1,200. Since this expansion, Bihar's total number of polling places has increased from 77,895 to 90,712.

Ques: Which ministry has launched the development of the Automotive Mission Plan 2047 to make India a global automotive leader by 2047?
किस मंत्रालय ने भारत को 2047 तक वैश्विक ऑटोमोटिव नेता बनाने के लिए ऑटोमोटिव मिशन प्लान 2047 की शुरुआत की है?

A. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways / सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्रालय
B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry / वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय
C. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship / कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्रालय
D. Ministry of Heavy Industries / भारी उद्योग मंत्रालय
E. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises / सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्रालय

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The Ministry of Heavy Industries has launched the Automotive Mission Plan 2047, a forward-looking strategy to transform India into a global automotive leader by the year 2047.
• This builds on the achievements of the Automotive Mission Plan 2026 and outlines phased goals for 2030, 2037, and 2047.
• The plan focuses on improving India's share in global trade through advanced technology, quality manufacturing, and infrastructure development, aiming for the automotive sector to contribute over 12% to GDP and generate 65 million new jobs.

Ques: What is the name of the first joint Earth observation satellite developed by NASA and ISRO, scheduled to be launched on July 30, 2025?
नासा और इसरो द्वारा संयुक्त रूप से विकसित पहला पृथ्वी अवलोकन उपग्रह, जिसे 30 जुलाई 2025 को लॉन्च किया जाना है, का नाम क्या है?

A. Chandrayaan-3
B. NISAR
C. RISAT-2BR2
D. SARAL
E. CARTOSAT-3

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar) is the first joint satellite developed by NASA and ISRO.
• It will be launched on July 30 at 5:40 p.m. from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, using the GSLV-F16 rocket.
• The satellite will be placed in a 743 km sun-synchronous orbit.
• NISAR weighs 2,392 kg and is the first satellite to observe the Earth using dual-frequency SAR – NASA's L-band and ISRO's S-band.
• It uses SweepSAR technology and will provide high-resolution images with a 242 km swath.

Ques: Which Indian state has proposed a new Devadasi legislation that includes clauses on paternity tests and property rights for Devadasi children?
किस भारतीय राज्य ने देवदासी बच्चों के लिए पितृत्व परीक्षण और संपत्ति अधिकारों से संबंधित प्रावधानों के साथ नया देवदासी कानून प्रस्तावित किया है?

A. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
B. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
C. Odisha / ओडिशा
D. Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
E. Karnataka / कर्नाटक

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

• The Karnataka government has proposed a new legislation titled Karnataka Devadasi (Prevention, Prohibition, Relief and Rehabilitation) Bill.
• It is meant to replace the 1982 Karnataka Devadasi (Prohibition and Dedication) Act and offer stronger protections.

Key highlights of the bill include:

• Any child of a Devadasi will be considered a “legitimate child” and will have inheritance rights as per Hindu Personal Law.
• The child will not be compelled to declare the father’s name while applying for identity documents such as Aadhaar, PAN, passport, or driving licence.
• The punishment for dedicating a woman as a Devadasi will increase from 3 years to up to 5 years imprisonment, with a minimum of 2 years and a Rs.1 lakh fine.

Ques: What is the name of the final Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) ship launched by GRSE for the Indian Navy?
भारतीय नौसेना के लिए जीआरएसई द्वारा लॉन्च किए गए अंतिम एंटी-सबमरीन वॉरफेयर शैलो वॉटर क्राफ्ट (ASW-SWC) जहाज का नाम क्या है?

A. INS Arnala / आईएनएस अर्नाला
B. INS Anjadip / आईएनएस अंजदीप
C. INS Akshay / आईएनएस अक्षय
D. INS Abhay / आईएनएस अभय
E. INS Ajay / आईएनएस अजय

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) has launched INS Ajay, the eighth and final ship of the Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) series being built for the Indian Navy.
• This project was undertaken under a contract worth Rs. 6,311 crores signed with the Ministry of Defence (MoD) to strengthen India's maritime defence by replacing the older Abhay-class corvettes.
• The first ship of the series, INS Arnala (P68), was delivered on 8 May 2025 and commissioned on 18 June 2025.

Ques: Which of the following statements is true about V.S. Achuthanandan, who passed away at the age of 101?
वी.एस. अच्युतानंदन के संबंध में निम्नलिखित में से कौन-सा कथन सही है?

A. He was the first CM of Kerala after its formation / केरल के गठन के बाद वे राज्य के पहले मुख्यमंत्री थे
B. He was a founding member of the Communist Party of India (CPI) / वे भारतीय कम्युनिस्ट पार्टी (CPI) के संस्थापक सदस्य थे
C. He served as the Chief Minister of Kerala from 2006 to 2011 / वे 2006 से 2011 तक केरल के मुख्यमंत्री रहे।
D. He never held the position of Leader of the Opposition / वे कभी विपक्ष के नेता के पद पर नहीं रहे।
E. He was a member of Indian National Congress before joining CPI(M) / वे CPI(M) में शामिल होने से पहले भारतीय राष्ट्रीय कांग्रेस के सदस्य थे।

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• V.S. Achuthanandan was a founding member of CPI(M) after walking out of the undivided CPI in 1964 along with 31 others.
• He served as Kerala's Chief Minister from 2006–2011.
• He was Leader of the Opposition in three terms: 1991–1996, 2001–2006, and 2011–2016.
• He was a veteran communist leader, not associated with the Indian National Congress.

Ques: Padma Shri awardee and legendary theatre director Ratan Thiyam, who recently passed away at the age of 77, was originally from which Indian state?
पद्मश्री से सम्मानित महान रंगकर्मी रतन थियाम, जिनका हाल ही में 77 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हुआ, किस भारतीय राज्य से थे?

A. Assam / असम
B. Nagaland / नागालैंड
C. Tripura / त्रिपुरा
D. Manipur / मणिपुर
E. Sikkim / सिक्किम

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• Ratan Thiyam, a globally acclaimed theatre director and playwright, hailed from Imphal West district, Manipur.
• He was the founder of Chorus Repertory Theatre, Imphal.
• Known for his innovative and philosophical productions, he gained international fame with plays like “Chakravyuha”, which won the Fringe First Award at the Edinburgh International Festival in 1987.
• He was Chairperson of the National School of Drama (NSD) and Vice Chairman of Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi.
• Honoured with the Padma Shri in 1989 and the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1987.
• He also received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Manipur government for his contributions to theatre.

Ques : When is National Broadcasting Day celebrated in India ?
भारत में राष्ट्रीय प्रसारण दिवस कब मनाया जाता है?

A. 15 July
B. 18 July
C. 19 July
D. 22 July
E. 23 July

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

• On 23rd July 1927, the first radio broadcast in India went on air from the Bombay Station under the Indian Broadcasting Company (IBC).
• Later, IBC was taken over by the British government in 1930, renamed as Indian State Broadcasting Service (ISBS).
• On 8th June 1936, ISBS was renamed as All India Radio (AIR).
• In 1956, Akashvani was adopted as the official name for AIR.
• Motto of Akashvani: Bahujana Hitaya, Bahujana Sukhaya (For the welfare and happiness of the masses).

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

On July 20, Typhoon Wipha brought heavy rain and strong winds to Hong Kong before making landfall in Taishan, Guangdong province, China.

1st campus of the 'Indian Institute of Creative Technology' (IICT) Inaugurated by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MIB), and Devendra Fadnavis, CM of Maharashtra at National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) Complex in Mumbai, Maharashtra with Budget of 400 Crores.

The impeachment proceedings to remove Justice Yashwant Verma, over the alleged unaccounted cash recovery at his official residence, have been formally initiated

'Samudra Prachet' , the last of the two indigenous Pollution Control Vessels (PCVs) constructed by Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL) was launched for Indian Coast Guard (ICG) in Goa on July 23, 2025. First vessel is Samudra Pratap, launched in 2024

The Andhra Pradesh government launched the Green Hydrogen Valley Declaration 2025 to establish Andhra Pradesh as India's largest green hydrogen ecosystem

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

20 जुलाई को, तूफ़ान विफा ने चीन के ग्वांगडोंग प्रांत के ताइशान में दस्तक देने से पहले, हांगकांग में भारी बारिश और तेज़ हवाएँ लाईं।

400 करोड़ रुपये के बजट वाले 'भारतीय रचनात्मक प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान' (IICT) के पहले परिसर का उद्घाटन केंद्रीय सूचना एवं प्रसारण मंत्रालय के अश्विनी वैष्णव और महाराष्ट्र के मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस ने मुंबई, महाराष्ट्र में राष्ट्रीय फिल्म विकास निगम (NFDC) परिसर में किया।

न्यायमूर्ति यशवंत वर्मा को उनके सरकारी आवास पर कथित बेहिसाब नकदी बरामदगी के मामले में पद से हटाने के लिए महाभियोग की कार्यवाही औपचारिक रूप से शुरू हो गई है।

गोवा शिपयार्ड लिमिटेड (जीएसएल) द्वारा निर्मित दो स्वदेशी प्रदूषण नियंत्रण पोतों (पीसीवी) में से अंतिम पोत 'समुद्र प्रचेत' को 23 जुलाई, 2025 को गोवा में भारतीय तटरक्षक बल (आईसीजी) के लिए लॉन्च किया गया। पहला पोत समुद्र प्रताप है, जिसे 2024 में लॉन्च किया जाएगा।

आंध्र प्रदेश सरकार ने आंध्र प्रदेश को भारत के सबसे बड़े हरित हाइड्रोजन पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र के रूप में स्थापित करने के लिए हरित हाइड्रोजन घाटी घोषणा 2025 की शुरुआत की।

Ques: According to Morgan Stanley, by which year is India expected to become the third-largest economy in the world?
मॉर्गन स्टेनली के अनुसार, भारत किस वर्ष तक दुनिया की तीसरी सबसे बड़ी अर्थव्यवस्था बन जाएगा?

A. 2025
B. 2028
C. 2026
D. 2030
E. 2035

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• As per a report by Morgan Stanley, India is projected to overtake Japan and Germany and become the third-largest economy in the world by 2028.
• India's GDP is expected to double to $10.6 trillion by 2035.
• According to the IMF, India currently ranks fifth, after the United States, China, Germany, and Japan.
• India is expected to surpass Japan in 2025 and move to the fourth position.
• NITI Aayog, however, claims that India has already overtaken Japan to become the fourth-largest economy.
• Additionally, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, and Gujarat are projected to reach a Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of $1 trillion each by 2035.

Ques: Which two organizations have signed a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) to transform inward remittances to India using UPI and UPU Interconnection Platform?
भारत में इनवर्ड रेमिटेंस को बदलने के लिए UPI और UPU इंटरकनेक्शन प्लेटफॉर्म के उपयोग से किन दो संगठनों ने एक गैर-प्रकटीकरण समझौते (NDA) पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

A. RBI and NPCI / भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक और एनपीसीआई
B. India Post and World Bank / इंडिया पोस्ट और विश्व बैंक
C. Department of Posts and NPCI International / डाक विभाग और एनपीसीआई इंटरनेशनल
D. Ministry of Finance and SWIFT / वित्त मंत्रालय और स्विफ्ट
E. NPCI and Reserve Bank Innovation Hub / एनपीसीआई और रिज़र्व बैंक इनोवेशन हब

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• 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.
• The initiative aims to build a secure, seamless, and cost-effective remittance system using the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and the Universal Postal Union (UPU) Interconnection Platform (IP).
• The UPI-UPU-IP integration will help reduce remittance costs, making it easier and cheaper for the Indian diaspora to send money home from abroad.

Ques: What is the name of the new cross-border payments platform launched by PayPal in partnership with NPCI International and others?
NPCI इंटरनेशनल और अन्य के साथ साझेदारी में PayPal द्वारा शुरू किए गए नए क्रॉस-बॉर्डर पेमेंट प्लेटफॉर्म का नाम क्या है?

A. PayPal World / पेपाल वर्ल्ड
B. PayLink International / पे-लिंक इंटरनेशनल
C. PayPal Global Connect / पेपाल ग्लोबल कनेक्ट
D. XPay Network / एक्स-पे नेटवर्क
E. Borderless Pay / बॉर्डरलेस पे

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• PayPal has launched a new cross-border payments platform named 'PayPal World' in partnership with NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) and other global payment service providers.
• In the initial phase, it has collaborated with four entities:
  – NIPL (India)
  – Mercado Pago (Brazil)
  – Tenpay Global (China)
  – Venmo, a PayPal subsidiary
• The platform aims to simplify and expand international digital transactions for users and businesses.

About PayPal:

• Established: 1998
• HQ : California, United States
• Chairman: John Donahoe

Ques: Which bank has launched the 'FCNR(B) Deposit Account' and 'Equitas Explorer Savings Account' to cater to the financial needs of NRIs and Seafarers?
एनआरआई और समुद्री पेशेवरों की वित्तीय आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए 'FCNR(B) डिपॉजिट अकाउंट' और 'Equitas Explorer सेविंग्स अकाउंट' किस बैंक ने लॉन्च किए हैं?

A. HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
B. ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक
C. Equitas Small Finance Bank / इक्विटास स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक
D. YES Bank / यस बैंक
E. Federal Bank / फेडरल बैंक

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Equitas Small Finance Bank (ESFB) launched two specialized financial products:

1. Foreign Currency Non-Resident (FCNR)(B) Deposit Account – a fixed deposit account where NRIs can save earnings in US Dollars in India.
2. Equitas Explorer Savings Account – designed for NRIs and Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) working in foreign shipping companies, merchant navy, and oil rigs.

• The bank requires customers to maintain either an Average Monthly Balance (AMB) of Rs. 1 lakh or a Total Relationship Value (TRV) of Rs. 10 lakhs.

About Equitas Small Finance Bank :

• Established : 2016
• HQ : Chennai, Tamil Nadu
• MD & CEO : Vasudevan P N
• Tagline : It's Fun Banking

Ques: What is the name of the unified reporting platform launched by SEBI and NSE to simplify compliance for stockbrokers?
शेयर दलालों के लिए अनुपालन को सरल बनाने के उद्देश्य से SEBI और NSE द्वारा शुरू किए गए एकीकृत रिपोर्टिंग प्लेटफॉर्म का नाम क्या है?

A. Digital Compliance Hub / डिजिटल अनुपालन हब
B. SEBI e-File Portal / सेबी ई-फाइल पोर्टल
C. Compliance Gateway / कंप्लायंस गेटवे
D. MarketLink Portal / मार्केटलिंक पोर्टल
E. Samuhik Prativedan Manch / सामूहिक प्रतिवेदन मंच

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), in collaboration with the National Stock Exchange (NSE), has launched Samuhik Prativedan Manch, a unified reporting platform.
• This platform is aimed at simplifying, streamlining, and reducing the cost of compliance for stockbrokers.
• It addresses the issue of duplication where brokers registered with multiple exchanges currently submit identical reports separately to each.
• The new system allows brokers to submit reports through a single interface.
• The phased rollout begins on August 1, 2025, starting with 40 compliance reports.

Ques: Which cooperative bank's license was cancelled by the Reserve Bank of India in July 2025 due to poor financial health and failure to meet regulatory requirements?
जुलाई 2025 में खराब वित्तीय स्थिति और नियामक आवश्यकताओं का पालन न करने के कारण भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा किस सहकारी बैंक का लाइसेंस रद्द किया गया?

A. The Mapusa Urban Cooperative Bank / मापसा अर्बन कोऑपरेटिव बैंक
B. The Karwar Urban Cooperative Bank / कारवार अर्बन कोऑपरेटिव बैंक
C. The Saraswat Cooperative Bank / सारस्वत कोऑपरेटिव बैंक
D. The Shamrao Vithal Cooperative Bank / शामराव विठ्ठल कोऑपरेटिव बैंक
E. The Abhyudaya Cooperative Bank / अभ्युदय कोऑपरेटिव बैंक

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the license of The Karwar Urban Cooperative Bank Ltd., Karwar, effective from July 23, 2025.
• The cancellation was due to inadequate capital and earning prospects, violating provisions of Section 11(1) and Section 22(3) read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
• The bank was found unable to pay its depositors in full, and its continued operation was considered prejudicial to public interest.
• The Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Karnataka has been requested to issue an order for winding up the bank and appoint a liquidator.
• After licence cancellation, the bank is prohibited from accepting or repaying deposits.
• Under the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) Act, 1961, each depositor is entitled to receive up to ₹5,00,000.
• As per bank data, 92.90% of depositors will get their full deposits through DICGC. As of June 30, 2025, DICGC has already paid ₹37.79 crore in insured deposits based on claims received.

Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) in 2025?
2025 में बीमा विनियामक और विकास प्राधिकरण (IRDAI) के नए अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Debasish Panda / देबाशीष पांडा
B. Tuhin Kanta Pandey / तुहिन कांत पांडे
C. Ajay Seth / अजय सेठ
D. Sanjay Malhotra / संजय मल्होत्रा
E. Tarun Bajaj / तरुण बजाज

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Ajay Seth has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) in 2025.
• He will serve a term of three years, or until he attains 65 years of age, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
• He replaces Debasish Panda as Chairman.
• Ajay Seth recently retired in June 2025 after completing four years as Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs.
• In March 2025, he was given additional charge of Revenue Secretary after Tuhin Kanta Pandey became Chairman of SEBI.

Ques: What is the name of the trade agreement signed between India and the United Kingdom (UK) in 2025 to enhance bilateral trade?
भारत और यूनाइटेड किंगडम (यूके) के बीच 2025 में द्विपक्षीय व्यापार को बढ़ाने के लिए हस्ताक्षरित व्यापार समझौते का नाम क्या है?

A. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) / मुक्त व्यापार समझौता
B. Bilateral Economic Agreement (BEA) / द्विपक्षीय आर्थिक समझौता
C. Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) / व्यापक आर्थिक और व्यापार समझौता
D. Strategic Trade and Investment Pact (STIP) / रणनीतिक व्यापार और निवेश समझौता
E. Enhanced Trade Partnership (ETP) / उन्नत व्यापार भागीदारी

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• India and the United Kingdom signed a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) at Chequers Estate, UK.
• It was signed by Union Minister Piyush Goyal (India) and Jonathan Reynolds, UK's Secretary of State for Business and Trade.
• Trade negotiations began in 2020, after the UK's withdrawal from the European Union on 31 January 2020, under the Boris Johnson government.
• The negotiations went through 15 rounds and were temporarily suspended in 2024 due to general elections in both countries.
• On 6 May 2025, both countries announced the successful conclusion of the agreement.
• The agreement aims to increase bilateral trade from $55 billion (2024–25) to $120 billion by 2030.

Ques: Which international airport has been ranked first in Travel + Leisure Readers' 10 Favourite International Airports of 2025 list?
2025 में Travel + Leisure पाठकों की पसंदीदा 10 अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डों की सूची में किस अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे को पहला स्थान मिला है?

A. Hamad International Airport, Qatar / हमद अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा, कतर
B. Singapore Changi Airport, Singapore / सिंगापुर चांगी हवाई अड्डा, सिंगापुर
C. Dubai International Airport, UAE / दुबई अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा, यूएई
D. Zayed International Airport, UAE / जाएद अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा, यूएई
E. Istanbul Airport, Turkey / इस्तांबुल हवाई अड्डा, तुर्की

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• Travel + Leisure Readers' 10 Favourite International Airports of 2025 List Published by Travel+Leisure
• With a reader score of 84.23, Mumbai, Maharashtra's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) is ranked ninth on the list.
• With a score of 98.57, Istanbul Airport in Turkey has been ranked #1 for the second year in a row.

The top 5 international airports as per the rankings are:

1. Istanbul Airport, Turkey – 98.57
2. Singapore Changi Airport, Singapore – 95.20
3. Hamad International Airport, Qatar – 92.34
4. Zayed International Airport, UAE – 89.48
5. Dubai International Airport, UAE – 88.38
9. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Maharashtra -- 84.23

Ques: Where is India's first Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Hornbill Conservation being established?
भारत का पहला हॉर्नबिल संरक्षण उत्कृष्टता केंद्र (CoE) कहां स्थापित किया जा रहा है?

A. Periyar Tiger Reserve, Kerala / पेरियार टाइगर रिजर्व, केरल
B. Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu / अनामलाई टाइगर रिजर्व, तमिलनाडु
C. Bandipur National Park, Karnataka / बांदीपुर नेशनल पार्क, कर्नाटक
D. Silent Valley National Park, Kerala / साइलेंट वैली नेशनल पार्क, केरल
E. Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu / मुदुमलाई टाइगर रिजर्व, तमिलनाडु

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• 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.
• The project is funded with Rs. 1 crore under the Endangered Species Conservation Corpus Fund.
• It will be implemented by the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Forests, Government of Tamil Nadu.

The centre will focus on conserving four hornbill species found in the Western Ghats:

- Great Hornbill (Buceros bicornis)
- Malabar Grey Hornbill (Ocyceros griseus)
- Malabar Pied Hornbill (Anthracoceros coronatus)
- Indian Grey Hornbill (Ocyceros birostris)

Ques: In which year did India achieve 20% ethanol blending in petrol, five years ahead of its original target?
भारत ने पेट्रोल में 20% एथनॉल मिश्रण का लक्ष्य अपने मूल लक्ष्य से पांच साल पहले किस वर्ष में हासिल किया?

A. 2022
B. 2023
C. 2024
D. 2025
E. 2030

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri (Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas) announced that India achieved 20% ethanol blending in petrol in 2025, well ahead of the original 2030 target.
• Ethanol blending has seen a 13-fold increase, rising from 1.5% in 2014 to 20% in 2025.
• Ethanol production also increased from 38 crore litres (2014) to 661.1 crore litres (June 2025).
• This achievement saved India nearly Rs.1.36 lakh crore in foreign exchange by reducing reliance on imported crude oil.
• Additionally, it helped cut down carbon dioxide emissions by 698 lakh tonnes, contributing significantly to environmental sustainability.

About Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme :

• Launched : 2003
• Nodal Ministries : Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) in coordination with the Ministry of Agriculture & & Farmers' Welfare (MoAFW) and Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI)
• Aim : To blend ethanol with petrol, aiming to reduce dependence on fossil fuels, boost energy security, and cut carbon emissions

Ques: Which Indian state launched the country's first mining tourism initiative in 2025?
2025 में किस भारतीय राज्य ने देश की पहली खनन पर्यटन पहल शुरू की?

A. Jharkhand / झारखंड
B. Chhattisgarh / छत्तीसगढ़
C. Odisha / ओडिशा
D. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश
E. Rajasthan / राजस्थान

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• 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.
• A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Jharkhand Tourism Development Corporation and Central Coalfields Limited for developing this initiative.
• The tourism project will begin with 3 mining tourism circuits, all starting from the Urimari Open Cast Coal Mines in Ranchi North.
• Jharkhand is known for its vast mineral resources and contributes about 40% of India's total mineral reserves.

Ques: What was the title of the conference hosted by MSDE to celebrate 10 years of Skill India Mission?
MSDE द्वारा स्किल इंडिया मिशन की 10वीं वर्षगांठ के उपलक्ष्य में आयोजित सम्मेलन का क्या शीर्षक था?

A. Skill India Summit 2025 / स्किल इंडिया समिट 2025
B. Bharat SkillNxt 2025 / भारत स्किलनेक्स्ट 2025
C. Skill@India Expo 2025 / स्किल@इंडिया एक्सपो 2025
D. Digital Bharat Skills Meet / डिजिटल भारत स्किल्स मीट
E. Kaushal India Mahotsav / कौशल इंडिया महोत्सव

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) celebrated 10 years of the Skill India Mission by organizing a conference cum exhibition titled 'Bharat SkillNxt 2025' at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.
• The event marked a decade of achievements in skill development and showcased several key initiatives launched under Skill India.

List of Initiatives Launched :

• Skill Impact Bond (SIB) : It is India's 1st, and the world's largest outcomes-based development impact bond for skilling and employment, Amount - 14.4 Million USD.
• SOAR (Skilling for AI Readiness) : It aimed at embedding AI awareness and foundational skills among school students (Class6-12) and building AI literacy among educators
• Kaushal Verse DEP : It has operationalized its 'Kaushal Verse', advanced Digital Enterprise Portal (DEP)
• IndiaSkills 2025- 26 : MSDE officially launched IndiaSkills 2025-26 which marked the opening of the national registration window for candidates aspiring to represent India at International Skill Competitions.

About Skill India Mission :

• Launched : 2015
• Aim : to provide adequate training in market-relevant skills to over 40 crore youth by 2022
• As of July 2025, more than 1.63 crore candidates had received training under the PMKVY in diverse sectors

Ques: Which art festival hosted at Rashtrapati Bhavan featured artists from Sohrai, Pattachitra, and Patua traditions in July 2025?
राष्ट्रपति भवन में जुलाई 2025 में आयोजित कला उत्सव में सोहराय, पट्टचित्र और पटुआ परंपराओं के कलाकारों ने भाग लिया। यह किस कला उत्सव के तहत हुआ?

A. Rashtrapati Kala Mahotsav / राष्ट्रपति कला महोत्सव
B. Kala Darshan Programme / कला दर्शन कार्यक्रम
C. Artists in Heritage Programme / कलाकार विरासत कार्यक्रम
D. Kala Utsav – Artists in Residence Programme / कला उत्सव – आर्टिस्ट्स इन रेजिडेंस प्रोग्राम
E. National Folk Art Celebration / राष्ट्रीय लोक कला उत्सव

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• A group of 29 artists practicing Sohrai, Pattachitra, and Patua art forms participated in the second edition of Kala Utsav 2025 – Artists in Residence Programme at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
• The programme took place from July 14 to 24, 2025.
• Artists hailed from the states of Jharkhand, Odisha, and West Bengal.
• Kala Utsav – Artists in Residence celebrates India's living art traditions, recognizing their role in preserving cultural identity and inspiring future generations.
• The artists also had the opportunity to meet the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu.

Ques: What is India's latest rank in the Henley Passport Index 2025, showing an improvement from the previous year?
हेनले पासपोर्ट इंडेक्स 2025 में भारत की नवीनतम रैंकिंग क्या है, जो पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में एक सुधार को दर्शाती है?

A. 80
B. 85
C. 77
D. 70
E. 72

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

• July edition of Henley Passport Index 2025 Global Ranking Published by Henley & Partners (UK)
• India has made the biggest rise, moving up eight spots to 77th place from 85th in the January 2025 edition, according to the report.
• India is now on par with nations like Burkina Faso, Senegal, and Cote d'Ivoire in terms of visa-free travel to 59 destinations.
• India's score has improved the most since January 2025, even though only two countries—the Philippines and Sri Lanka—have been included.
• According to the Henley Passport Index for July 2025, India is ranked fifth out of all Asian nations.

Rank of Top 5 and last countries with Visa-free score :
1 Singapore - 193
2 Japan, South Korea - 190
3 Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Spain - 189
4 Austria, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden - 188
5 Greece, New Zealand, Switzerland - 187
60 China - 83
77 India, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Senegal - 59
95 Nepal - 38
96 Pakistan - 32
99 Afghanistan - 25

Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), which owns Amul?
गुजरात कोऑपरेटिव मिल्क मार्केटिंग फेडरेशन (GCMMF), जो अमूल का स्वामित्व रखता है, के नए अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Verghese Kurien / वर्गीज़ कुरियन
B. Shamal Patel / शमल पटेल
C. R.S. Sodhi / आर. एस. सोढ़ी
D. Gordhan Dhameliya / गोर्धन धमेळिया
E. Ashok Chaudhary / अशोक चौधरी

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• Ashok Chaudhary has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), the apex body that markets the Amul brand.
• He replaced Shamal Patel.
• Gordhan Dhameliya, Chairman of Rajkot District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union Ltd, proposed his name.
• GCMMF was established in 1973 by Verghese Kurien, who is known as the Father of India's White Revolution.

Ques: Harmanpreet Kaur recently became the third Indian woman to achieve which milestone in ODIs?
हाल ही में हरमनप्रीत कौर तीसरी भारतीय महिला बनीं जिन्होंने ODI में कौन-सा मुकाम हासिल किया?

A. 100 wickets
B. 10,000 runs
C. 4000 runs
D. 200 catches
E. 100 stumpings

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• 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.
• This was her seventh century in the 50-over format, and third against England.
• She also equaled Mithali Raj's record of 7 ODI centuries.
• Among Indian women, only Smriti Mandhana has more ODI centuries, with a total of 11 centuries.
• Harmanpreet continues to be a key player in Indian women's cricket with consistent match-winning performances.

Ques: Which state/UT has launched the Mukhyamantri Khel Protsahan Yojana and announced a cash award of Rs.7 crore for Olympic and Paralympic gold medalists?
किस राज्य/केंद्र शासित प्रदेश ने 'मुख्यमंत्री खेल प्रोत्साहन योजना' शुरू की है और ओलंपिक व पैरा ओलंपिक स्वर्ण पदक विजेताओं को Rs.7 करोड़ नकद पुरस्कार देने की घोषणा की है?

A. Delhi / दिल्ली
B. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
C. Haryana / हरियाणा
D. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
E. Punjab / पंजाब

Explanation :

• 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.
• Olympic or Paralympic medalists will receive 7 crore rupees for a gold medal, 5 crore rupees for a silver medal, and 3 crore rupees for a bronze medal under the scheme.
• Furthermore, athletes who have earned gold and silver medals at the Olympics will now be qualified for Grade A government positions.
• In a same vein, gold medallists at the Asian and Para Asian Games would receive 3 crore rupees, silver medallists will receive 2 crore, and bronze medallists will receive 1 crore.

Ques: Under which scheme is the Government upgrading Akashvani and Doordarshan Kendras (DDK) across India?
भारत में आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन केंद्रों (DDK) को अपग्रेड करने के लिए सरकार किस योजना के तहत काम कर रही है?

A. PMGDISHA Scheme / पीएमजीडीआईएसएचए योजना
B. BharatNet Scheme / भारतनेट योजना
C. Digital India Mission / डिजिटल इंडिया मिशन
D. BIND Scheme / बीआईएनडी योजना
E. Prasar Bharati Reform Scheme / प्रसार भारती सुधार योजना

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The Government is modernizing and expanding Akashvani and Doordarshan Kendras (DDK) in all states.
• The upgradation is being done under the Central Sector Scheme – Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND).
• The BIND scheme aims to strengthen public broadcasting with major infrastructure upgrades across the country, including in Bihar.
• The scheme has a total approved outlay of Rs. 2,539.61 crore for the period 2021–26.

Ques: According to the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, which category of Intellectual Property (IP) filings recorded the highest growth in India between 2020–21 and 2024–25?
वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय के अनुसार, 2020–21 से 2024–25 के बीच भारत में किस प्रकार की बौद्धिक संपदा (IP) फाइलिंग में सबसे अधिक वृद्धि दर्ज की गई?

A. Patents / पेटेंट
B. Trademarks / ट्रेडमार्क
C. Designs / डिज़ाइन्स
D. Geographical Indications (GI) / भौगोलिक संकेतक
E. Copyright / कॉपीराइट

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Intellectual Property (IP) filings in India grew by 44% in the last five years, from 4,77,533 in 2020–21 to 6,89,991 in 2024–25.
• The highest growth was seen in Geographical Indications (GI), with a 380% increase.
• Other categories also saw notable growth Designs (266 per cent), Patents (180 per cent), Copyright (83 per cent), Trademarks (28 per cent), and Semiconductor Integrated Circuits Layout-Designs (SICLD) with a 20 per cent rise.
•Over 95% of applications can now be submitted online thanks to the IP Offices' modernized, all-inclusive e-filing system.
•IP knowledge and accessibility have been further strengthened nationwide by programs like the National Intellectual Property knowledge Mission (NIPAM) and the "IP Sarthi Chatbot."

To promote IP filings, the government introduced significant fee concessions:

– 80% fee reduction in Patents for Startups, MSMEs, and Educational Institutions
– 75% reduction in Design filings for Startups and MSMEs
– 50% reduction in Trademark filing fees for Startups and MSMEs

Ques: Which university has signed an MoU with the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and the Government of Madhya Pradesh to establish a Centre of Excellence on PESA?
पंचायती राज मंत्रालय और मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने किस विश्वविद्यालय के साथ मिलकर PESA पर उत्कृष्टता केंद्र स्थापित करने के लिए समझौता किया है?

A. Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) / जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय
B. Banaras Hindu University (BHU) / बनारस हिंदू विश्वविद्यालय
C. Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU), Amarkantak / इंदिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय जनजातीय विश्वविद्यालय, अमरकंटक
D. Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) / टाटा सामाजिक विज्ञान संस्थान
E. Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) / भारतीय लोक प्रशासन संस्थान

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Ministry of Panchayati Raj, in collaboration with the Government of Madhya Pradesh and Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU), Amarkantak, signed an MoU to establish a Centre of Excellence on PESA.
• The centre aims to promote local self-governance in tribal areas and implement the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA) effectively.
• This Centre will focus on research, participatory planning, capacity building, and policy support to empower tribal communities and promote sustainable local development.

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Prasar Bharati has invited all Indian newspapers, magazines, and television networks to sign up for its newswire platform, Prasar Bharati Shared Audio Visuals for Broadcast and Dissemination (PB-SHABD), in order to receive free access to top-notch news and multimedia content.

Scientists from the MACS-Agharkar Research Institute, Department of Science and Technology (DST) and Savitribai Phule Pune University have discovered a new lichen species named Allographa effusosoredica from the Western Ghats.

The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) released its documentary film titled “Kan-Kan Mein Ram, ”. The film will be formally launched by the Minister of Culture &Tourism, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

Indian Council of Medical Research has invited Expression of Interest from eligible companies and manufacturers about the Transfer of Technology for commercial production of “AdFalciVax” to prevent malaria infection.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

प्रसार भारती ने सभी भारतीय समाचार पत्रों, पत्रिकाओं और टेलीविजन नेटवर्कों को अपने न्यूज़वायर प्लेटफ़ॉर्म, प्रसार भारती साझा ऑडियो विजुअल्स फॉर ब्रॉडकास्ट एंड डिसेमिनेशन (PB-SHABD) के लिए साइन अप करने के लिए आमंत्रित किया है, ताकि उन्हें उच्च-स्तरीय समाचार और मल्टीमीडिया सामग्री तक मुफ्त पहुँच प्राप्त हो सके।

MACS-अघारकर अनुसंधान संस्थान, विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग (DST) और सावित्रीबाई फुले पुणे विश्वविद्यालय के वैज्ञानिकों ने पश्चिमी घाट में एलोग्राफा इफ्यूसोरेडिका नामक एक नई लाइकेन प्रजाति की खोज की है।

भारतीय राष्ट्रीय कला एवं सांस्कृतिक विरासत न्यास (INTACH) ने "कण-कण में राम" नामक अपनी वृत्तचित्र फिल्म जारी की। इस फिल्म का औपचारिक शुभारंभ संस्कृति एवं पर्यटन मंत्री श्री गजेंद्र सिंह शेखावत द्वारा किया जाएगा।

भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान अनुसंधान परिषद ने मलेरिया संक्रमण की रोकथाम हेतु "एडफाल्सीवैक्स" के व्यावसायिक उत्पादन हेतु प्रौद्योगिकी हस्तांतरण के संबंध में पात्र कंपनियों और निर्माताओं से अभिरुचि पत्र आमंत्रित किए हैं।

Ques : As per Finance Ministry data, how much loan amount was written off by PSBs from FY16 to FY25?
वित्त मंत्रालय के अनुसार, FY16 से FY25 के बीच सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंकों ने कितने ऋण राइट-ऑफ किए?

A. Rs.5.82 lakh crore
B. Rs.9.80 lakh crore
C. Rs.12.08 lakh crore
D. Rs.15.30 lakh crore
E. Rs.17.60 lakh crore

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

• From FY2016 to FY2025, Public Sector Banks (PSBs) wrote off Rs.12.08 lakh crore worth of loans.
• This information was shared by the Finance Ministry in the Rajya Sabha.
• Write-offs are done to clean the balance sheets as per RBI's provisioning norms, especially for long-standing NPAs.
• Write-off does not mean the loan is waived; banks continue legal recovery through civil courts, DRTs, and NCLT.
• Between FY21 to FY25, alone ₹5.82 lakh crore was written off.
• Notably, SBI and Canara Bank saw a rise in FY25 write-offs, while others showed a decline.

Ques: What is the revised FY26 growth forecast for India by the Asian Development Bank (ADB)?
एडीबी द्वारा भारत के लिए संशोधित FY26 वृद्धि दर का अनुमान क्या है?

A. 7.0%
B. 6.0%
C. 6.5%
D. 6.7%
E. 6.3%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has revised India's FY26 GDP growth estimate downward from 6.7% (April 2025 forecast) to 6.5%, citing reasons such as global trade uncertainty and higher US tariffs that are expected to impact Indian exports.
• Despite the cut, India remains one of the fastest-growing major economies, with 6.5% growth in FY26 and a forecast of 6.7% for the following year.
• Services and agriculture are expected to be the key drivers of growth.
• Meanwhile, India Ratings (Ind-Ra) has forecast 6.3% growth for FY26 due to a weaker investment environment.

Ques : Which bank has partnered with Shriram Life Insurance to act as its corporate agent?
श्रीराम लाइफ इंश्योरेंस का कॉर्पोरेट एजेंट बनने के लिए किस बैंक ने साझेदारी की है?

A. Ujjivan SFB / उज्जीवन स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक
B. ESAF Small Finance Bank / ईएसएएफ स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक
C. Equitas SFB / इक्विटास स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक
D. Jana Small Finance Bank / जना स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक
E. AU Small Finance Bank / एयू स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

• Shriram Life Insurance Company (SLIC) has partnered with ESAF Small Finance Bank to distribute life insurance products.
• Under this agreement, ESAF will act as a corporate agent for Shriram Life.
• ESAF will leverage its branch network to offer Shriram Life's insurance products to a wider customer base.
• This collaboration aims to expand life insurance accessibility, especially in underserved and rural areas.

Ques: What is the maximum claim value that can be addressed by the proposed internal ombudsman, as per IRDAI's draft guidelines?
IRDAI के ड्राफ्ट दिशानिर्देशों के अनुसार, प्रस्तावित आंतरिक लोकपाल अधिकतम कितने रुपये तक के दावे की शिकायतों को देख सकता है?

A. Rs.10 lakh
B. Rs.25 lakh
C. Rs.50 lak
D. Rs.75 lakh
E. Rs.1 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• According to the Internal Insurance Ombudsman Guidelines 2025 proposed by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), insurers with more than three years of operations must appoint an internal ombudsman.
• This ombudsman will be empowered to resolve complaints involving insurance claims up to Rs.50 lakh.
• The move aims to ensure faster, independent, and fair grievance redressal within the insurance ecosystem.
• The ombudsman must be independent (not currently employed by the insurer or its group), possess 20+ years of insurance experience, and have held a senior executive position (not below two levels from a board director).
• The complaints eligible include those not resolved within 30 days or rejected (fully/partly) by the insurer, where the policyholder has filed an appeal.

Ques: Which university was selected to host one of the four Incubation Centres in the North Eastern Region under the Government of India's initiative on entrepreneurship development?
उत्तर पूर्व क्षेत्र में उद्यमिता विकास पर भारत सरकार की पहल के तहत चार इन्क्यूबेशन केंद्रों में से एक की मेजबानी के लिए किस विश्वविद्यालय को चुना गया है?

A. Assam University / असम विश्वविद्यालय
B. Manipur University / मणिपुर विश्वविद्यालय
C. North-Eastern Hill University / नॉर्थ ईस्टर्न हिल विश्वविद्यालय
D. Mizoram University / मिजोरम विश्वविद्यालय
E. Nagaland University / नागालैंड विश्वविद्यालय

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• Nagaland University has been selected to host one of the four Incubation Centres in the North Eastern Region.
• This is part of a Government of India initiative titled "Establish, Develop, and Manage Entrepreneurship Development Centres and Incubation Centres in the Educational Institutes of the North Eastern Region".
• The initiative is sponsored by the North Eastern Council, based in Meghalaya, and implemented by the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
• The top 50 high-performing incubatees under this programme will be eligible for startup seed funding up to Rs.5 lakh each.

Ques: In the EduRank 2025 list of the world's top 100 agricultural institutions, what is the rank of Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana?
EduRank 2025 की विश्व की शीर्ष 100 कृषि संस्थानों की सूची में पंजाब एग्रीकल्चरल यूनिवर्सिटी (PAU), लुधियाना की रैंक क्या है?

A. 47th
B. 62nd
C. 93rd
D. 100th
E. Not ranked

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) secured the 93rd rank in EduRank 2025 global list for Agricultural Sciences.

Out of 4,407 global institutions, only two Indian institutions were ranked:

IARI (New Delhi) at 47th (a national institute under ICAR)
PAU (Ludhiana) at 93rd (the only state agricultural university from India)

• EduRank evaluates institutions based on measurable factors like research output, citation impact, and academic influence.
• PAU has also been ranked the top state agricultural university in India by NIRF (2023 & 2024) and IIRF 2025.
• Established in 1962, PAU played a crucial role in India's Green Revolution.

Ques: As per the Ministry of Jal Shakti's March 2025 report, which state has recorded the highest number of rural tap water connections?
जल शक्ति मंत्रालय की मार्च 2025 की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, किस राज्य में ग्रामीण नल जल कनेक्शन की संख्या सबसे अधिक है?

A. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
B. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
C. Bihar / बिहार
D. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
E. Gujarat / गुजरात

***Answer**: Option D*

Explanation:

• 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.
• It is followed by Bihar with 160.36 lakh connections, and Maharashtra with 131.2 lakh connections.
• The Jal Jeevan Mission, launched in August 2019, has increased national rural tap water coverage from 16.7% to 80.38% (15.57 crore households).
• Smaller States and UTs like Puducherry, Arunachal Pradesh, A&N Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu have achieved 100% coverage.
• Among larger states, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, and Telangana have also achieved 100% coverage.
• However, Kerala (54.48%), Jharkhand (54.85%), West Bengal (55.20%), and Rajasthan (56.12%) remain among the lowest-performing states.

Ques : When will the United States officially exit UNESCO, as per the latest announcement?
हालिया घोषणा के अनुसार अमेरिका यूनेस्को से आधिकारिक रूप से कब बाहर होगा?

A. December 2024
B. December 2025
C. December 2026
D. July 2025
E. January 2026

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

• The United States has announced its third withdrawal from UNESCO, set to take place by December 2026.
• This move comes just two years after rejoining in 2023.
• The U.S. cited national interest concerns, UNESCO's perceived anti-Israel stance, and the inclusion of Palestine as a member as major reasons.
• Tammy Bruce, spokesperson for the U.S. State Department, claimed that UNESCO promotes divisive social agendas.
• This marks the second exit under Donald Trump's leadership, with the previous one occurring in 2018.

Ques: The National Expert Committee constituted by the Ministry of Ayush met at which institute to develop safety dossiers for key traditional herbs in 2025?
आयुष मंत्रालय द्वारा गठित राष्ट्रीय विशेषज्ञ समिति ने 2025 में पारंपरिक औषधियों की सुरक्षा डोज़ियर विकसित करने के लिए किस संस्थान में बैठक की?

A. Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) / आयुर्वेदिक विज्ञान में केंद्रीय अनुसंधान परिषद
B. All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Goa / अखिल भारतीय आयुर्वेद संस्थान (AIIA), गोवा
C. National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur / राष्ट्रीय आयुर्वेद संस्थान, जयपुर
D. Institute of Post Graduate Teaching & Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar / स्नातकोत्तर शिक्षण और अनुसंधान संस्थान, जामनगर
E. AIIMS – Ayurveda Division, Delhi / एम्स – आयुर्वेद डिवीजन, दिल्ली

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• 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 Ministry of Ayush is developing safety dossiers for four key traditional herbs:
– Gokshura (Tribulus terrestris)
– Tulsi (Ocimum sanctum)
– Haridra (Curcuma longa)
– Chandrashura (Lepidium sativum)
• This effort is part of Ayush Ministry's initiative to strengthen the scientific evidence base of traditional medicine.

Ques: Which country announced that it will officially recognise the State of Palestine at the UN General Assembly in September 2025?
कौन सा देश सितंबर 2025 में संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासभा (UNGA) में आधिकारिक रूप से फिलिस्तीन को मान्यता देगा?

A. Germany / जर्मनी
B. United Kingdom / यूनाइटेड किंगडम
C. United States / संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका
D. France / फ़्रांस
E. Russia / रूस

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• France, under President Emmanuel Macron, announced it will officially recognise Palestine at the UNGA in September 2025.
• Macron emphasized the need for a ceasefire in Gaza, release of hostages, humanitarian aid, demilitarisation of Hamas, and rebuilding Gaza.
• This move comes despite criticism from Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu.
• Currently, over 140 of the 193 UN member states recognise the State of Palestine.

Ques: Which edtech company has launched the Aryabhata 1.0 AI model specifically for JEE Main Maths preparation?
JEE मेन के गणित अनुभाग की तैयारी के लिए आर्यभट 1.0 AI मॉडल किस एजुकेशन टेक कंपनी ने लॉन्च किया है?

A. PhysicsWallah / फिजिक्सवाला
B. Unacademy / अनअकैडमी
C. BYJU'S / बायजूस
D. Vedantu / वेदांतु
E. Khan Academy / खान एकेडमी

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• PhysicsWallah (PW) has launched Aryabhata 1.0, an open-source Small Language Model (SLM) with 7 billion parameters, built to assist students specifically in the Maths section of JEE Main.
• It achieved an impressive 90.20% score in the JEE Main April 2025 benchmark papers.
• Aryabhata 1.0 outperformed GPT-4.0 (43.55%) and GPT-4.1 (80.44%), showcasing its capability in solving exam-specific questions.
• It is optimized for a 2,000-token window, unlike larger models which require 8,000-token capacity.
• The model was trained using 1.3 lakh high-quality Q&A items from PW's own database.
• Techniques like supervised fine-tuning, reinforcement learning, and rejection sampling were employed to enhance its performance.
• It was launched under a $3 billion AI infrastructure project in collaboration with Microsoft Research India, aiming to improve exam-oriented learning efficiency.

Ques: Which organization hosted the 'Trade Conclave 2025' in New Delhi under the theme "Building Export-led Growth for Viksit Bharat"?
"विकसित भारत के लिए निर्यात आधारित विकास का निर्माण" विषय पर आधारित 'ट्रेड कॉन्क्लेव 2025' का आयोजन नई दिल्ली में किस संस्था द्वारा किया गया था?

A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry / वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय
B. NITI Aayog / नीति आयोग
C. Export Promotion Council / निर्यात संवर्धन परिषद
D. Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) / भारत का निर्यात-आयात बैंक (एक्ज़िम बैंक)
E. Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) / भारतीय उद्योग परिसंघ

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The Trade Conclave 2025 was held in New Delhi and was organized by the Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank).
• The event was inaugurated by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
• The theme of the conclave was "Building Export-led Growth for Viksit Bharat".
• During the event, the Finance Minister also virtually inaugurated EXIM Bank's new offices in Lucknow, Indore, and São Paulo, Brazil.

About Export-Import Bank of India :

• Established : March 1982
• HQ : Mumbai
• CMD : Harsha Bangari

Ques: Under which national mission were 6 crore people screened for Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) in India?
भारत में सिकल सेल रोग (SCD) के लिए 6 करोड़ लोगों की जांच किस राष्ट्रीय मिशन के तहत की गई?

A. National Genetic Disorders Eradication Mission / राष्ट्रीय आनुवंशिक विकार उन्मूलन मिशन
B. National Tribal Health Initiative / राष्ट्रीय जनजातीय स्वास्थ्य पहल
C. National Sickle Cell Anemia Elimination Mission / राष्ट्रीय सिकल सेल एनीमिया उन्मूलन मिशन
D. Mission Anemia-Free India / मिशन एनीमिया मुक्त भारत
E. Rashtriya Blood Disorder Prevention Yojana / राष्ट्रीय रक्त विकार रोकथाम योजना

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare announced that 6 crore individuals have been screened under the National Sickle Cell Anemia Elimination Mission.
• Of these, 2.15 lakh people were diagnosed with Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) and 16.7 lakh identified as carriers.
• SCD is a genetic blood disorder marked by abnormally shaped red blood cells.
• States such as Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Telangana, Karnataka, and Uttarakhand exceeded their screening targets.
• 2.6 crore health cards have been distributed across the states.
• The mission was launched on July 1, 2023, with the goal to eliminate SCD by 2047, focusing on tribal and vulnerable populations.

Ques: As per the Ministry of Jal Shakti's March 2025 report, which state has recorded the highest number of rural tap water connections?
जल शक्ति मंत्रालय की मार्च 2025 की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, किस राज्य में ग्रामीण नल जल कनेक्शन की संख्या सबसे अधिक है?

A. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
B. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
C. Bihar / बिहार
D. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
E. Gujarat / गुजरात

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• 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.
• It is followed by Bihar with 160.36 lakh connections, and Maharashtra with 131.2 lakh connections.
• The Jal Jeevan Mission, launched in August 2019, has increased national rural tap water coverage from 16.7% to 80.38% (15.57 crore households).
• Smaller States and UTs like Puducherry, Arunachal Pradesh, A&N Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu have achieved 100% coverage.
• Among larger states, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, and Telangana have also achieved 100% coverage.
• However, Kerala (54.48%), Jharkhand (54.85%), West Bengal (55.20%), and Rajasthan (56.12%) remain among the lowest-performing states.

Ques: Which Indian oil refinery has recently been sanctioned by the European Union for the first time as part of its Russia-related sanctions?
रूस से संबंधित प्रतिबंधों के तहत यूरोपीय संघ द्वारा हाल ही में किस भारतीय तेल रिफाइनरी पर पहली बार प्रतिबंध लगाया गया है?

A. Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) / इंडियन ऑयल कॉर्पोरेशन
B. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) / भारत पेट्रोलियम कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड
C. Nayara Energy Ltd, Vadinar / नायरा एनर्जी लिमिटेड, वाडिनार
D. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) / हिंदुस्तान पेट्रोलियम कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड
E. Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) / रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज़ लिमिटेड

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• For the first time, the 27-member European Union (EU) has imposed sanctions on Nayara Energy Ltd, an oil refinery located in Vadinar, Gujarat, India.
• Nayara Energy is partially owned by Russia's Rosneft, and this sanction is part of the EU's efforts to target entities linked to Russia's war efforts in Ukraine.
• The move is part of the 18th package of EU sanctions on Russia since the start of its military operation on 24 February 2022.
• The EU has also imposed a price cap on Russian oil, setting it at 15% below its average market price.
• Due to lower oil prices, India's petroleum exports to Europe fell from $19.2 billion in 2023-24 to $15 billion in 2024-25.

Ques: Who did Divya Deshmukh defeat to reach the final of the FIDE Women's World Cup 2025?
दिव्या देशमुख ने FIDE महिला विश्व कप 2025 के फाइनल में पहुंचने के लिए किसे हराया?

A. Lei Tingjie / लेई तिंगजी
B. D. Harika / डी. हरिका
C. Tan Zhongyi / तान झोंगयी
D. Ju Wenjun / जू वेनजुन
E. R. Vaishali / आर. वैशाली

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• 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.
• With this historic victory, Divya became the first Indian to qualify for the Women's Candidates Tournament, which will determine the challenger to the reigning women's world champion.
• Earlier in the tournament, she eliminated strong contenders like Zoner Jhu (China) and D. Harika.
• This achievement marks a major milestone in Indian women's chess, signaling a new era led by emerging talents like Divya, following in the footsteps of stars such as R. Vaishali.
• In the other semifinal, Koneru Humpy played a draw against Lei Tingjie, with the winner to face Divya in the final after a tiebreak.

Ques: As of July 25, 2025, which milestone has Prime Minister Narendra Modi achieved?
25 जुलाई 2025 तक प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने कौन-सा मील का पत्थर हासिल किया है?

A. Longest-serving Prime Minister of India / भारत के सबसे लंबे समय तक सेवा करने वाले प्रधानमंत्री
B. First Prime Minister to serve five terms / पाँच कार्यकाल तक सेवा करने वाले पहले प्रधानमंत्री
C. India's second-longest-serving Prime Minister in consecutive terms / लगातार कार्यकाल के साथ भारत के दूसरे सबसे लंबे समय तक सेवा करने वाले प्रधानमंत्री
D. First Prime Minister from the Armed Forces / सशस्त्र बलों से पहले प्रधानमंत्री
E. First PM to serve without contesting elections / बिना चुनाव लड़े सेवा करने वाले पहले प्रधानमंत्री

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• As of July 25, 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi completed 4,078 consecutive days in office, making him India's second-longest-serving Prime Minister in unbroken tenure, surpassing Indira Gandhi's 4,077 days.
• The record for the longest unbroken tenure is still held by Jawaharlal Nehru.
• PM Modi has also matched Nehru in winning three successive Lok Sabha elections (2014, 2019, 2024).
• He is India's first post-Independence-born PM, longest-serving non-Congress PM, and the first non-Congress leader to complete two full terms.

Ques: How many MoUs were signed between India and the Maldives during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit in July 2025?
जुलाई 2025 में प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की यात्रा के दौरान भारत और मालदीव के बीच कितने समझौता ज्ञापन (MoUs) पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए?

A. 6
B. 5
C. 7
D. 8
E. 10

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• India and the Maldives signed six MoUs during PM Modi's visit.
• A Rs.4850 crore line of credit was extended to the Maldives.
• PM Modi was the Guest of Honour at the 60th Independence Day of the Maldives (26 July 2025).
• The Maldives gained independence from British rule in 1965.
• A commemorative stamp was released showing Indian boat Uru and Maldivian Vadhu Dhoni.
• The new agreement reduces Maldives' annual loan repayment to India from $51 million to $29 million.
• It was Prime Minister Modi's third visit to the Maldives, following his visits in November 2018 and June 2019

Six MoUs between India and the Maldives are as follows :

1. Cooperation in the field of fisheries and aquaculture
2. Cooperation in meteorology
3. Cooperation in digital public infrastructure
4. Recognition of the Indian pharmacopoeia in the Maldives
5. MoU between National Payment Corporation of India International Limited and the Maldives Monetary Authority for the implementation of the UPI payment system in the Maldives

Ques: How much tax and penalty has the government raised under the Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) Act, 2015 between July 1, 2015 and March 31, 2025?
जुलाई 2015 से मार्च 2025 के बीच सरकार ने ब्लैक मनी एक्ट (2015) के तहत कितना टैक्स और जुर्माना वसूला है?

A. Rs.2,476 crore
B. Rs.4,164 crore
C. Rs.35,105 crore
D. Rs.338 crore
E. Rs.10,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Under the Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015 (BMA), the government raised tax and penalty demands of Rs.35,105 crore between July 1, 2015 and March 31, 2025.
• A total of 1,021 assessments were completed and 163 prosecution complaints were filed under the Act.
• The government recovered Rs.338 crore in tax, penalty, and interest during this period.
• It is mandatory to disclose foreign assets/income in I-T returns under BMA, and non-disclosure attracts penalties.
• In the 2015 one-time compliance window, 684 disclosures worth Rs.4,164 crore were made, and Rs.2,476 crore was collected in tax and penalties.

Ques: What is commemorated on 26 July as Kargil Vijay Diwas in India?
भारत में 26 जुलाई को कारगिल विजय दिवस किस उपलक्ष्य में मनाया जाता है?

A. Signing of Shimla Agreement / शिमला समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर
B. Completion of Operation Meghdoot / ऑपरेशन मेघदूत की पूर्णता
C. India's victory in the 1971 war / 1971 युद्ध में भारत की विजय
D. India's victory in the Kargil War / कारगिल युद्ध में भारत की विजय
E. Start of Operation Cactus / ऑपरेशन कैक्टस की शुरुआत

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• 26 July is celebrated as Kargil Vijay Diwas to commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in the Kargil War of 1999.
• The war took place between May and July 1999 in Kargil and along the Line of Control (LoC).
• Pakistani forces infiltrated Indian positions during the winter of 1998-99 in the Drass and Batalik sectors.
• India launched Operation Vijay, recapturing key posts like Tiger Hill.
• The war was notable for being fought at extreme altitudes, some over 18,000 feet, and was the first Indian war broadcast live on TV.
• The conflict ended on 26 July 1999, hence the day is marked annually as Kargil Vijay Diwas.

Ques: When is the International Day for Judicial Well-being observed, and what was the theme for 2024?
न्यायिक कल्याण के लिए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस कब मनाया जाता है, और 2024 का विषय क्या था?

A. 10 December; Upholding Justice for All / 10 दिसंबर; सभी के लिए न्याय सुनिश्चित करना
B. 25 July; Justice begins with well-being / 25 जुलाई; न्याय कल्याण से शुरू होता है
C. 14 June; Well-being and Human Rights / 14 जून; कल्याण और मानवाधिकार
D. 21 May; Building Judicial Resilience / 21 मई; न्यायिक लचीलापन बनाना
E. 1 October; Health of Judges, Health of Justice / 1 अक्टूबर; न्यायाधीशों का स्वास्थ्य, न्याय का स्वास्थ्य

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The International Day for Judicial Well-being is observed on 25 July.
• Theme for 2024: "Justice begins with well-being"
• The United Nations General Assembly officially proclaimed this day in March 2025.
• The Nauru Declaration on Judicial Well-being, adopted in July 2024 by UNODC and the Nauru Judiciary, highlights the importance of judges' well-being in ensuring judicial integrity, independence, and the quality of justice.

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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.

Veteran Wrestler Hulk Hogan passed away due to cardiac arrest in Florida, US. He was 71. Hogan had won six World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) Championships.

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 Ministry of Culture, organized a high-level Museum Roundtable on Latest Advancements in the Museum Sector at the National Museum, New Delhi

Justin Nsengiyumva, who served as deputy governor of the National Bank of Rwanda Appointed as Prime Minister of Rwanda. Kigali is the Capital of Rwanda and its Currency is Rwandan Franc

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

उत्तराखंड वन विभाग ने पश्चिमी हिमालय में 14 गंभीर रूप से संकटग्रस्त पादप प्रजातियों को उनके मूल पारिस्थितिक तंत्र में पुनर्स्थापित करने के लिए अपनी तरह का पहला व्यवस्थित पादप संरक्षण कार्यक्रम शुरू किया है।

दिग्गज पहलवान हल्क होगन का अमेरिका के फ्लोरिडा में हृदय गति रुकने से निधन हो गया। वह 71 वर्ष के थे। होगन ने छह विश्व कुश्ती मनोरंजन (WWE) चैंपियनशिप जीती थीं।

विश्व खाद्य भारत का चौथा संस्करण केंद्रीय खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय द्वारा भारत व्यापार संवर्धन संगठन के साथ नई दिल्ली में आयोजित किया गया। इसका विषय "समृद्धि के लिए प्रसंस्करण" है।

संस्कृति मंत्रालय ने राष्ट्रीय संग्रहालय, नई दिल्ली में संग्रहालय क्षेत्र में नवीनतम प्रगति पर एक उच्च-स्तरीय संग्रहालय गोलमेज सम्मेलन का आयोजन किया।

जस्टिन न्सेंगियुम्वा, जिन्होंने रवांडा के राष्ट्रीय बैंक के उप-गवर्नर के रूप में कार्य किया, को रवांडा का प्रधानमंत्री नियुक्त किया गया। किगाली रवांडा की राजधानी है और इसकी मुद्रा रवांडा फ्रैंक है।

Ques: Which NBFC had the RBI withdrawn the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) from in 2024?
2024 में RBI ने किस गैर-बैंकिंग वित्तीय कंपनी (NBFC) पर से सुधारात्मक कार्रवाई योजना (CAP) हटाई?

A. Bajaj Finance / बजाज फाइनेंस
B. Muthoot Finance / मुत्थूट फाइनेंस
C. Religare Finvest Limited / रेलिगेयर फिनवेस्ट लिमिटेड
D. L&T Finance / एलएंडटी फाइनेंस
E. Shriram Finance / श्रीराम फाइनेंस

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) officially withdrew the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) imposed on Religare Finvest Limited (RFL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Religare Enterprises Limited (REL).
• CAP was imposed on January 18, 2018, due to irregularities found in the inspection dated March 31, 2017.
• RFL had accumulated losses of Rs.2,270 crores till March 2022, primarily due to large-scale fund misappropriation.
• The company made significant progress by completing a one-time settlement with 16 lenders in March 2023, repaying over Rs.9,000 crores to the banking system.

Ques: How much capital is IndusInd Bank planning to raise in total?
IndusInd बैंक कुल कितनी पूंजी जुटाने की योजना बना रहा है?

A. Rs.10,000 crore
B. Rs.26,000 crore
C. Rs.20,000 crore
D. Rs.30,000 crore
E. Rs.15,000 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• IndusInd Bank has announced a total fundraising plan of Rs.30,000 crore.
• This includes Rs.20,000 crore through debt (domestic or foreign) and Rs.10,000 crore via equity instruments such as ADRs, GDRs, or QIP.
• The move also supports the plan to increase promoter stake to 26% (from 15.08%) with RBI's in-principle approval.
• Governance reforms include appointing two new board members from the Hinduja Group (promoter group).
• This step comes after regulatory concerns raised by RBI and SEBI regarding unreported forex losses and insider trading allegations.

Ques: How much fund is Sagarmala Finance Corp planning to raise in its first tranche?
सागरमाला फाइनेंस कॉर्प पहले चरण में कितनी राशि जुटाने की योजना बना रहा है?

A. Rs.2,000 crore
B. Rs.5,000 crore
C. Rs.4,000 crore
D. Rs.6,000 crore
E. Rs.3,500 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Sagarmala Finance Corp Ltd (SFCL), India's first maritime NBFC, is planning to raise Rs.4,000 crore in its first tranche within the next six months.
• The funds will be raised through various channels such as bank loans, bonds, and non-convertible debentures (NCDs).
• SFCL is a subsidiary of India Ports Global Ltd (IPGL) and has already invested ₹540 crore in port and railway infrastructure.

Ques: Why did the RBI recently conduct a Rs.50,000 crore variable rate repo (VRR) auction?
हाल ही में RBI ने Rs.50,000 करोड़ का वेरिएबल रेट रेपो (VRR) नीलामी क्यों आयोजित की?

A. To control inflation / मुद्रास्फीति को नियंत्रित करने के लिए
B. To support rupee exchange rate / रुपया विनिमय दर का समर्थन करने के लिए
C. Due to GST-related outflows straining liquidity / GST से संबंधित निकासी के कारण तरलता में तनाव
D. To regulate foreign investments / विदेशी निवेश को नियंत्रित करने के लिए
E. Due to rising interest rates / ब्याज दरों में वृद्धि के कारण

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Liquidity in the banking system came under strain due to GST-related outflows.
• To address this, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) conducted a two-day Variable Rate Repo (VRR) auction worth Rs.50,000 crore.
• Banks submitted bids worth Rs.71,902 crore, but the RBI accepted Rs.50,001 crore at a weighted average rate of 5.58% to infuse liquidity into the system.

Ques: How much penalty has IRDAI imposed on Star Health for violating cyber security norms?
साइबर सुरक्षा मानदंडों के उल्लंघन के लिए IRDAI ने Star Health पर कितना जुर्माना लगाया है?

A. Rs.5 crore
B. Rs.2.5 crore
C. Rs.4 crore
D. Rs.3.39 crore
E. Rs.6 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has imposed a penalty of Rs.3.39 crore on Star Health and Allied Insurance.
• The penalty is related to the violation of Information & Cyber Security Guidelines issued by IRDAI.
• Along with the monetary fine, IRDAI has also issued a formal warning to the insurer.
• This action highlights IRDAI's focus on ensuring strict compliance with cybersecurity protocols in the insurance sector.

Ques: Which Indian bank has launched the country's first biometric authentication solution for e-commerce card transactions?
किस भारतीय बैंक ने ई-कॉमर्स कार्ड लेनदेन के लिए देश का पहला बायोमेट्रिक प्रमाणीकरण समाधान लॉन्च किया है?

A. HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
B. ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक
C. State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
D. Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
E. Federal Bank / फेडरल बैंक

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

• Federal Bank Limited has launched India's first-ever biometric authentication solution for e-commerce transactions using credit and debit cards.
• This new system replaces the traditional OTP verification, reducing the transaction time from 30–60 seconds to just 3–4 seconds.
• The initiative enhances both security and user experience for online shoppers.
• It was developed in collaboration with fintech partners M2P and MinkasuPay.

About Federal Bank :

• Established : 1931
• HQ : Kochi, Kerala
• MD & CEO : KVS Manian
• Tagline : Your Perfect Banking Partner

Ques: In which state did DRDO successfully test the ULPGM-V3 missile from a UAV?
DRDO ने किस राज्य में UAV से ULPGM-V3 मिसाइल का सफल परीक्षण किया?

A. Telangana / तेलंगाना
B. Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
C. Odisha / ओडिशा
D. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
E. Karnataka / कर्नाटक

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• DRDO successfully conducted the flight trial of the UAV Launched Precision Guided Missile (ULPGM)-V3 at the Palakolanu National Open Air Range (NOAR) in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.
• The range was established by the Defence Electronics Research Laboratory (DLRL).
• This test marks a significant advancement in India's indigenous defence technology.
• Defence Minister Rajnath Singh commended DRDO, startups, and industry partners for their contribution to this achievement.

Ques: What has the Parliamentary Estimates Committee recommended for organic crops?
संसद की प्राक्कलन समिति ने जैविक फसलों के लिए क्या सिफारिश की है?

A. Removal of all MSPs / सभी MSP समाप्त करने की सिफारिश
B. Same MSP as regular crops / सामान्य फसलों के समान MSP
C. No MSP needed / MSP की आवश्यकता नहीं है
D. Separate MSP for organic crops / जैविक फसलों के लिए अलग MSP
E. MSP only for export crops / केवल निर्यात फसलों के लिए MSP

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

• The Parliamentary Estimates Committee has recommended a separate Minimum Support Price (MSP) for organic crops to promote their economic viability and wider adoption.
• It also emphasized the need to formalize the current 20–30% premium on organic produce under the MSP system.
• The report identified key challenges such as high input cost, lack of bio-fertilizers, and weak supply chains, and suggested the use of AI-based tools for real-time monitoring.
• The committee appreciated initiatives like NICRA and suggested resuming ranking of Krishi Vigyan Kendras based on performance.

Ques: As per the report, by how much is India's chemical exports to the UK expected to grow by 2025–26?
रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, 2025–26 तक भारत का रासायनिक निर्यात ब्रिटेन को कितने प्रतिशत बढ़ने की उम्मीद है?

A. 30–40%
B. 20–25%
C. 70–80%
D. 50–60%
E. 10–15%

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

• The India–UK trade deal allows duty-free access to a $23 billion UK market, benefiting MSMEs across labour-intensive sectors.
• This includes leather, footwear, textiles, gems & jewellery, furniture, and sports goods.
• The pact is expected to boost India's chemical exports to the UK by 30–40%, reaching a value of $650–750 million by FY 2025–26.
• Tariffs on key items like marine products (previously 20%), textiles (12%), and base metals (10%) have been reduced to 0%, boosting India's export competitiveness.
• Additionally, 1,800 Indian chefs, yoga instructors, and musicians will be allowed temporary work access to the UK every year.

Other projections include:

– Leather & footwear exports to UK crossing $900 million.
– Marine exports potentially reaching $5.4 billion.
– Textile exports (currently $1.79 billion) are likely to double in 2 years.
– India gaining 5% additional market share in UK within 1–2 years.

Ques: Under the India-UK CETA agreement, what percentage of India's agricultural and processed food products will be allowed zero-duty access to the UK market?
भारत-UK CETA समझौते के तहत, भारत के कितने प्रतिशत कृषि और प्रसंस्कृत खाद्य उत्पादों को UK बाजार में शून्य शुल्क की अनुमति दी जाएगी?

A. 75%
B. 85%
C. 90%
D. 95%
E. 100%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• 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.
• This is expected to significantly benefit Indian farmers and exporters by boosting exports and income.
• Products benefiting include turmeric, pepper, cardamom, mango pulp, pickles, pulses, shrimp, tuna, and fishmeal.
• Earlier duties on some items ranged from 4.2% to 8.5%, now reduced to zero.
• Excluded from the agreement are sensitive sectors like dairy, edible oils, and apples.

Ques: What is the estimated value of India's pharma exports to the UK in FY24?
FY24 में ब्रिटेन को भारत के फार्मा निर्यात का अनुमानित मूल्य क्या है?

A. $500 million
B. $750 million
C. $1.1 billion
D. $914 million
E. $1.5 billion

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• In FY24, India's pharmaceutical exports to the UK amounted to $914 million, showcasing robust trade in the pharma sector.
• The UK levies no tariff on Indian pharmaceutical products.
• The new India–UK pact aims to reduce registration timelines for Indian pharma and medtech exporters — possibly from 1.5–2 years to less than a year.
• A similar India–UAE trade pact had earlier reduced the registration window to 90 days, setting a precedent.
• The agreement also promises to boost bulk drug imports, CDMO (Contract Development and Manufacturing Organization) collaborations, joint research, and increase foreign direct investment (FDI) in the sector.

Ques: Araku Valley Coffee received duty-free access under Free Trade Agreement with which country?
Araku Valley Coffee को किस देश के साथ हुए फ्री ट्रेड एग्रीमेंट के तहत ड्यूटी-फ्री टैग मिला है?

A. USA / अमेरिका
B. Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
C. United Kingdom / यूनाइटेड किंगडम
D. Germany / जर्मनी
E. Japan / जापान

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• Under the India–UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA), Araku Valley Coffee has received duty-free access to the United Kingdom market.
• The initiative is supported by Girijan Cooperative Corporation (GCC), Andhra Pradesh's tribal welfare agency.
• Coffee cultivation started 65 years ago and gained momentum from 1985 onwards through state promotion.
• Between 2015–2025, GCC invested over Rs.100 crore, bringing 25,000 families under cultivation programs.
• In 2024–25, GCC offered record procurement prices of Rs.450/kg (Arabica parchment) and Rs.330/kg (Arabica cherry).
• 6,000 acres have been certified as organic plantations, and the coffee received a GI tag in 2019.

Ques: According to Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, what are the 3 A's needed to meet the aspirations of Indian youth?
केंद्रीय मंत्री डॉ. जितेंद्र सिंह के अनुसार, भारतीय युवाओं की आकांक्षाओं को पूरा करने के लिए कौन से 3 "A" आवश्यक हैं?

A. Ability, Aim, Action / क्षमता, लक्ष्य, क्रिया
B. Awareness, Aptitude, Avenue / जागरूकता, योग्यता, अवसर
C. Awareness, Ambition, Achievement / जागरूकता, महत्त्वाकांक्षा, उपलब्धि
D. Aspire, Apply, Achieve / आकांक्षा, आवेदन, उपलब्धि
E. None of the above / उपरोक्त में से कोई नहीं

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh highlighted the "3 A" formula – Awareness, Aptitude, and Avenue – during the CSIR Jigyasa Programme's "One Day as a Scientist" (ODAS) celebration at the CSIR-National Physical Laboratory.
• He emphasized that India's youth must be supported through these three pillars to fulfill their scientific and career aspirations.
• The Minister also recommended enhancements such as parental participation in ODAS, scientist visits to rural schools, and private sector mentorship to further build scientific curiosity and opportunities among students.

Ques: What is the primary objective of the Palna Scheme under Mission Shakti's Samarthya vertical?
मिशन शक्ति के समर्थ्य वर्टिकल के तहत पलना योजना का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. Providing nutrition supplements to pregnant women / गर्भवती महिलाओं को पोषण अनुपूरक प्रदान करना
B. Offering employment to rural women / ग्रामीण महिलाओं को रोजगार प्रदान करना
C. Bridging the childcare gap by offering crèche facilities / डे-केयर सुविधाएं प्रदान करके बाल देखभाल की कमी को दूर करना
D. Supporting women entrepreneurs / महिला उद्यमियों का समर्थन करना
E. Providing free education to girl children / बालिकाओं को मुफ्त शिक्षा प्रदान करना

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• 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.
• Under the 15th Finance Commission cycle (till FY 2025–26), a total of 17,000 Anganwadi-cum-Crèches (AWCCs) were planned, out of which 14,599 have already been approved.

About Palna Scheme :

• Launched : 2022
• Previous name : National Creche Scheme
• Launched under : Samarthya Vertical of Umbrella Mission Shakti
• Ministry : Union Women and Child Development Ministry
• Aim : To provide quality crèche facilities in a safe and secure environment for children (from ages 6 months – 6 years), nutritional support, health and cognitive development of children, growth monitoring & immunization

Ques: According to the World Bank report, how much funding will Indian cities require by 2050 for climate-resilient infrastructure?
विश्व बैंक रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, 2050 तक जलवायु-संवेदनशील ढांचा विकसित करने के लिए भारतीय शहरों को कितने धन की आवश्यकता होगी?

A. $1.2 trillion
B. $2.4 trillion
C. $3.0 trillion
D. $5.5 trillion
E. $950 billion

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• As per the World Bank–Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs joint report, Indian cities will require $2.4 trillion by 2050 to develop climate-resilient infrastructure in response to rapid urbanisation and climate change.
• By 2030, 70% of new jobs in India will be generated in urban areas, driven by economic growth and demographic shifts.
• However, cities also face rising risks — including an estimated $5 billion annual flood loss by 2030, as impermeable surfaces expand.
• India's urban population may reach 951 million by 2050, necessitating 144 million new homes by 2070.
• Without mitigation, heat-related deaths may exceed 3 lakh per year by 2050.
• The report also highlights the importance of the 74th Constitutional Amendment (1992) which gave constitutional status to Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to strengthen local self-governance.

Ques: What is the total number of enrolments under Atal Pension Yojana as of the current fiscal?
वर्तमान वित्त वर्ष तक अटल पेंशन योजना के तहत कुल कितने नामांकन हुए हैं?

A. 6 crore
B. 7 crore
C. 8 crore
D. 9 crore
E. 10 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• The Atal Pension Yojana (APY) is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme targeting the unorganised sector.
• It guarantees a monthly pension of Rs.1,000 to Rs.5,000 after the age of 60.
• According to the Finance Ministry, APY has crossed 8 crore total gross enrolments, with 39 lakh new subscribers added in the current fiscal year.
• The scheme continues to strengthen India's social security framework by encouraging long-term savings among informal workers.

Ques: Who has been appointed as the full-time Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA)?
भारतीय ओलंपिक संघ (IOA) के पूर्णकालिक मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (CEO) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

A. Anurag Thakur / अनुराग ठाकुर
B. Raghuram Iyer / रघुराम अय्यर
C. Rohit Rajpal / रोहित राजपाल
D. Neeraj Chopra / नीरज चोपड़ा
E. Rajeev Mehta / राजीव मेहता

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Raghuram Iyer has been appointed as the full-time Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).
• In parallel, the Athletes Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel has been constituted with 7 members, headed by Rohit Rajpal, a former tennis player.
• The objective of the panel is to ensure transparent and fair adjudication of doping cases, and to promote awareness among athletes, trainers, and officials.
• India recorded a 3.8% doping positivity rate in 2023, highlighting the need for stricter anti-doping measures.

About Indian Olympic Association (IOA) :

• Established : 1927
• HQ : New Delhi
• President : P. T. Usha

Ques: Where is the 14th edition of the India–Singapore Joint Military Exercise 'Bold Kurukshetra 2025' being held?
भारत-सिंगापुर संयुक्त सैन्य अभ्यास 'बोल्ड कुरुक्षेत्र 2025' का 14वां संस्करण कहाँ आयोजित हो रहा है?

A. Pune / पुणे
B. Jodhpur / जोधपुर
C. Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
D. Wellington / वेलिंग्टन
E. Dehradun / देहरादून

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The 14th edition of India–Singapore Joint Military Exercise 'Bold Kurukshetra 2025' is being held at Jodhpur from 27th July to 04 August 2025.
• It is a bilateral military exercise between the Indian Army and the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF).
• The exercise involves the 42 Singapore Armoured Regiment of the 4 Singapore Armoured Brigade and the Indian Army's Mechanised Infantry Regiment.

Ques: Which state has the highest crop insurance premium default under PMFBY as of FY25?
FY25 तक PMFBY के तहत किस राज्य का फसल बीमा प्रीमियम बकाया सबसे अधिक है?

A. Rajasthan / राजस्थान
B. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश
C. Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
D. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
E. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

• 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.
• Andhra Pradesh is the top defaulter state, with a pending amount of Rs.2,565 crore.
• Other major defaulters include Rajasthan (Rs.1,525 cr), Madhya Pradesh (Rs.1,468 cr), Tamil Nadu (Rs.124 cr), and Uttar Pradesh (Rs.121 cr).
• From Kharif 2026, states must deposit premiums in escrow accounts in advance.
• A 12% penalty clause has been introduced to penalize delayed claim settlements by insurance companies.
• The government has mandated a minimum of 50% crop yield data to be collected via Yes-Tech, a tech-based estimation system.
• Currently, PMFBY is active in 23 states/UTs with premium sharing: Centre - 40%, State - 48%, Farmers - 12%.
• Farmer enrollment has grown from 3.17 crore (2022–23) to 4.19 crore (2024–25).

Ques: Who has been awarded the GP Birla Memorial Award in 2025?
2025 में जीपी बिड़ला मेमोरियल पुरस्कार से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?

A. Dr. S. Somanath / डॉ. एस. सोमनाथ
B. Dr. Venkataraman Ramakrishnan / डॉ. वेंकटरामन रामकृष्णन
C. Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam / डॉ. ए. पी. जे. अब्दुल कलाम
D. Dr. V. Narayanan / डॉ. वी. नारायणन
E. Dr. Jogesh Pati / डॉ. जोगेश पाटी

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• Dr. V. Narayanan, the current Chairman of ISRO and Secretary of the Department of Space, has been honored with the GP Birla Memorial Award 2025.
• The award is presented by the GP Birla Archaeological Astronomical and Scientific Institute.
• This prestigious award has previously been given to 32 Nobel laureates, including Venkataraman Ramakrishnan, Jogesh Pati, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, and former ISRO chairman Kasturirangan.

Ques: What is the objective of NASA's recently launched TRACERS mission?
नासा के हाल ही में लॉन्च किए गए TRACERS मिशन का उद्देश्य क्या है?

A. Study asteroid impacts on Earth / पृथ्वी पर क्षुद्रग्रह प्रभावों का अध्ययन
B. Monitor Mars' atmosphere / मंगल के वायुमंडल की निगरानी
C. Explore the Moon's polar regions / चंद्रमा के ध्रुवीय क्षेत्रों का अन्वेषण
D. Study Earth's magnetic defense against space storms / अंतरिक्ष तूफानों के खिलाफ पृथ्वी की चुंबकीय रक्षा का अध्ययन
E. Detect exoplanets beyond the solar system / सौरमंडल से परे एक्सोप्लैनेट का पता लगाना

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

• TRACERS stands for Tandem Reconnection And Cusp Electrodynamics Reconnaissance Satellites.
• The mission was launched by NASA aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Vandenberg Space Force Base, California.
• It aims to study Earth's magnetic shield, especially in the polar cusp region near the North Pole, where space storms interact most directly with Earth's magnetic field.
• The mission will explore magnetic reconnection, a process where magnetic field lines from the Sun and Earth break and reconnect, releasing energy.
• Over a 12-month period, TRACERS will record around 3,000 crossings through these regions.

Ques: When is the 87th Raising Day of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) observed?
केंद्रीय रिजर्व पुलिस बल (CRPF) का 87वां स्थापना दिवस कब मनाया गया?

A. August 15
B. July 27
C. December 28
D. June 1
E. January 26

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• The 87th Raising Day of the CRPF was observed on July 27, 2025.
• The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) started as the Crown Representative Police on July 27, 1939.
• It was renamed as CRPF on December 28, 1949, after the enactment of the CRPF Act.
• CRPF is the only paramilitary force in India to have six all-women battalions.

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

According to the OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook 2025–2034, India is expected to divert 22% of its sugar output toward ethanol production by 2034, significantly up from the current level of 9%. By 2034, India's sugar production is projected to increase by 8.7 million tonnes

Government of India (GoI) has extended President's Rule in Manipur by six months till 13 February 2026, citing continued social unrest and lack of suitable environment for free and fair elections. The Parliament has approved the extension of President's rule as per the Article 356 of the Constitution of India.

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.

India has resumed issuing tourist visas to Chinese nationals after 5 years, according to a statement by the Indian Embassy in Beijing. This decision is seen as a move towards normalising bilateral relations after the Galwan Valley clashes and LAC standoff in 2020.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

OECD-FAO कृषि परिदृश्य 2025-2034 के अनुसार, भारत द्वारा 2034 तक अपने चीनी उत्पादन का 22% इथेनॉल उत्पादन में लगाने की उम्मीद है, जो वर्तमान 9% के स्तर से काफी अधिक है। 2034 तक, भारत के चीनी उत्पादन में 8.7 मिलियन टन की वृद्धि का अनुमान है।

भारत सरकार ने मणिपुर में राष्ट्रपति शासन को छह महीने के लिए बढ़ाकर 13 फरवरी 2026 तक कर दिया है, क्योंकि वहाँ सामाजिक अशांति बनी हुई है और स्वतंत्र एवं निष्पक्ष चुनाव के लिए उपयुक्त माहौल नहीं है। संसद ने भारतीय संविधान के अनुच्छेद 356 के अनुसार राष्ट्रपति शासन के विस्तार को मंजूरी दे दी है।

भारत-यूके व्यापक आर्थिक और व्यापार समझौते (CETA) के अनुसार, 75,000 भारतीय कुशल पेशेवरों को प्रतिवर्ष यूके में काम करने की अनुमति होगी। उन्हें 3 वर्षों तक यूके की सामाजिक सुरक्षा में योगदान देने से छूट दी जाएगी।

बीजिंग स्थित भारतीय दूतावास के एक बयान के अनुसार, भारत ने पाँच साल बाद चीनी नागरिकों को पर्यटक वीज़ा जारी करना फिर से शुरू कर दिया है। इस फैसले को 2020 में गलवान घाटी में हुई झड़पों और वास्तविक नियंत्रण रेखा (एलएसी) पर गतिरोध के बाद द्विपक्षीय संबंधों को सामान्य बनाने की दिशा में एक कदम के रूप में देखा जा रहा है।

Ques: Who has been nominated as Director on the RBI Central Board in July 2025?
जुलाई 2025 में RBI सेंट्रल बोर्ड के निदेशक के रूप में किसे नामित किया गया है?

A. T. V. Somanathan / टी. वी. सोमनाथन
B. Ajay Seth / अजय सेठ
C. Anuradha Thakur / अनुराधा ठाकुर
D. Tarun Bajaj / तरुण बजाज
E. Nirmala Sitharaman / निर्मला सीतारमण

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.

Ques : KredX partnered with which bank to enhance digital trade finance using the TReDS platform?
KredX ने किस बैंक के साथ मिलकर TReDS प्लेटफॉर्म के माध्यम से डिजिटल ट्रेड फाइनेंस को बढ़ावा देने के लिए साझेदारी की है?

A. State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
B. Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक
C. HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
D. ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक
E. Bank of Baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा

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.

Ques: As per IRDAI's new directive, how many Gram Panchayats are to be covered by insurers over the next two years?
IRDAI के नए निर्देश के अनुसार, अगले दो वर्षों में बीमाकर्ताओं को कितनी ग्राम पंचायतों को कवर करना है?

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.

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?
Q. 2025 में किस भारतीय बैंक की हांगकांग शाखा पर हांगकांग मौद्रिक प्राधिकरण (HKMA) द्वारा HK$850,000 (लगभग Rs.9.3 करोड़) का जुर्माना लगाया गया?

A. State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
B. Punjab National Bank / पंजाब नेशनल बैंक
C. Bank of Baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा
D. Indian Overseas Bank / इंडियन ओवरसीज बैंक
E. Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक

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.

Ques: As of March 31, 2025, how many unique corporate borrowers have been classified as wilful defaulters by India's public sector banks?
31 मार्च 2025 तक भारत के सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंकों द्वारा कितने कॉरपोरेट उधारकर्ताओं को जानबूझकर डिफॉल्टर घोषित किया गया है?

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 ≥ 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?
नवीनतम मॉर्निंग कंसल्ट सर्वे (जुलाई 2025) के अनुसार, किस नेता की वैश्विक अनुमोदन रेटिंग सबसे अधिक है?

A. Lee Jae-myung / ली जे-म्युंग
B. Javier Milei / जेवियर मिली
C. Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
D. Donald Trump / डोनाल्ड ट्रंप
E. Justin Trudeau / जस्टिन ट्रूडो

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.

Ques : Which Act was amended by the Government in 2023 to curb digital piracy in the creative sector?
रचनात्मक क्षेत्र में डिजिटल पायरेसी पर रोक लगाने के लिए सरकार ने 2023 में किस अधिनियम में संशोधन किया?

A. Copyright Act, 1957 / कॉपीराइट अधिनियम, 1957
B. Information Technology Act, 2000 / सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी अधिनियम, 2000
C. Cinematograph Act, 1952 / सिनेमा अधिनियम, 1952
D. Indian Penal Code, 1860 / भारतीय दंड संहिता, 1860
E. Digital Media Regulation Act, 2021 / डिजिटल मीडिया विनियमन अधिनियम, 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.

Ques: Who is the author of the book 'The Rise of the Hitman' based on Rohit Sharma's journey?
रोहित शर्मा की जीवन यात्रा पर आधारित 'द राइज़ ऑफ द हिटमैन' पुस्तक के लेखक कौन हैं?

A. Boria Majumdar / बोरीया मजूमदार
B. R. Kaushik / आर. कौशिक
C. Harsha Bhogle / हर्षा भोगले
D. Rajdeep Sardesai / राजदीप सरदेसाई
E. Sanjay Manjrekar / संजय मांजरेकर

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.

Ques: Where will the grand statues of Chola emperors Rajaraja Chola and Rajendra Chola be erected as announced by PM Modi?
प्रधानमंत्री मोदी द्वारा घोषित अनुसार, चोल सम्राटों राजराज चोल और राजेंद्र चोल की भव्य मूर्तियां कहां स्थापित की जाएंगी?

A. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
B. Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
C. Telangana / तेलंगाना
D. Kerala / केरल
E. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु

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.

Ques: Which state recently increased the monthly pension for journalists to Rs.15,000 under the Journalist Samman Pension Scheme?
किस राज्य ने हाल ही में पत्रकारों की मासिक पेंशन को बढ़ाकर Rs.15,000 कर दिया है?

A. Bihar / बिहार
B. Rajasthan / राजस्थान
C. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
D. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश
E. Odisha / ओडिशा

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.

Ques: 'MATSYA-6000', India's first manned submersible, is being developed under which project?
'मत्स्य-6000', भारत की पहली मानवयुक्त सबमर्सिबल, किस परियोजना के तहत विकसित की जा रही है?

A. Sagar Vikas Mission / सागर विकास मिशन
B. Deep Ocean Mission / गहन समुद्र मिशन
C. Blue Revolution Project / नीली क्रांति परियोजना
D. Ocean Quest Program / महासागर खोज कार्यक्रम
E. Coastal Exploration Initiative / तटीय अन्वेषण पहल

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).

Ques: Which Hindi author's book Once Elephants Lived Here won the PEN Translates award?
किस हिंदी लेखक की किताब Once Elephants Lived Here को PEN Translates अवार्ड मिला है?

A. Krishna Sobti / कृष्णा सोबती
B. Uday Prakash / उदय प्रकाश
C. Geetanjali Shree / गीतांजलि श्री
D. Nirmal Verma / निर्मल वर्मा
E. Mridula Garg / मृदुला गर्ग

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.

Ques: SHAURYA BHARAT Car Rally was organized in collaboration with which organization to honour the Armed Forces and promote environmental awareness?
SHAURYA BHARAT कार रैली किस संगठन के सहयोग से सशस्त्र बलों का सम्मान करने और पर्यावरण जागरूकता बढ़ाने के लिए आयोजित की गई थी?

A. PHDCCI & Indian Air Force / PHDCCI और भारतीय वायु सेना
B. Indian Army / भारतीय सेना
C. DRDO / डीआरडीओ
D. NCC / एनसीसी
E. Ministry of Defence / रक्षा मंत्रालय

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".

Ques: Which animal has Bannerghatta Biological Park exported for the first time in its history?
बन्नेरघट्टा जैविक उद्यान ने अपने इतिहास में पहली बार किस जानवर का निर्यात किया है?

A. Tigers / बाघ
B. Cheetahs / चीते
C. Asian Elephants / एशियाई हाथी
D. Jaguars / जैगुआर
E. Gorillas / गोरिल्ला

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.

Ques: ISRO will launch three more NavIC satellites by 2026 to strengthen which navigation system?
ISRO 2026 तक तीन और NavIC उपग्रह लॉन्च करेगा, यह किस नेविगेशन प्रणाली को मजबूत करने के लिए है?

A. GAGAN / गगन
B. IRNSS / आईआरएनएसएस
C. GPS India / जीपीएस इंडिया
D. AstroNav / एस्ट्रोनेव
E. Bharat SatNav / भारत सैटनैव

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.

Ques: Which Indian state was the first to launch MBBS education in Hindi?
हिंदी में MBBS शिक्षा शुरू करने वाला पहला भारतीय राज्य कौन था?

A. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
B. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश
C. Rajasthan / राजस्थान
D. Bihar / बिहार
E. Gujarat / गुजरात

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.

Ques: Which country will host the 17th Men's Asia Cup Cricket Tournament in 2025?
2025 में 17वें पुरुष एशिया कप क्रिकेट टूर्नामेंट की मेज़बानी कौन सा देश करेगा?

A. India / भारत
B. Pakistan / पाकिस्तान
C. Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका
D. United Arab Emirates / संयुक्त अरब अमीरात
E. Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश

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)

Ques: Where was the second edition of the WADA Intelligence & Investigations (I&I) Workshop hosted?
WADA इंटेलिजेंस एंड इन्वेस्टिगेशंस (I&I) कार्यशाला के दूसरे संस्करण की मेज़बानी कहाँ की गई?

A. Mumbai / मुंबई
B. Singapore / सिंगापुर
C. Kuala Lumpur / कुआलालंपुर
D. New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
E. Dhaka / ढाका

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.

Ques: Kerala Tourism won the PATA Gold Award 2025 in which category?
केरल पर्यटन को PATA गोल्ड अवार्ड 2025 किस श्रेणी में मिला?

A. Best Ecotourism Project / सर्वश्रेष्ठ इकोटूरिज्म परियोजना
B. Sustainable Tourism Strategy / सतत पर्यटन रणनीति
C. Cultural Heritage Promotion / सांस्कृतिक विरासत संवर्धन
D. Most Engaging Social Media Campaign / सबसे आकर्षक सोशल मीडिया अभियान
E. Digital Transformation in Tourism / पर्यटन में डिजिटल परिवर्तन

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

Ques: Who did Joe Root surpass to become the second-highest run scorer in Test cricket?
टेस्ट क्रिकेट में दूसरे सबसे ज्यादा रन बनाने वाले बल्लेबाज बनने के लिए जो रूट ने किसे पीछे छोड़ा?

A. Brian Lara / ब्रायन लारा
B. Rahul Dravid / राहुल द्रविड़
C. Steve Smith / स्टीव स्मिथ
D. Jacques Kallis / जैक्स कैलिस
E. Ricky Ponting / रिकी पोंटिंग

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.

Ques: Where was India's first hydrogen-powered coach, called the Driving Power Car (DPC), successfully tested?
भारत के पहले हाइड्रोजन-चालित कोच, जिसे ड्राइविंग पावर कार (DPC) कहा जाता है, का सफलतापूर्वक परीक्षण कहां किया गया?

A. Bhopal Coach Factory / भोपाल कोच फैक्ट्री
B. Chittaranjan Locomotive Works / चित्तरंजन लोकोमोटिव वर्क्स
C. Modern Coach Factory, Rae Bareli / मॉडर्न कोच फैक्ट्री, रायबरेली
D. Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala / रेल कोच फैक्ट्री, कपूरथला
E. Integral Coach Factory, Chennai / इंटीग्रल कोच फैक्ट्री, चेन्नई

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.

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

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.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

प्रसिद्ध भारतीय संगीतकार ए.आर. रहमान ने ओपनएआई के सीईओ सैम ऑल्टमैन के साथ मिलकर 'सीक्रेट माउंटेन' नामक एक अभिनव एआई संगीत परियोजना शुरू की है।

महाराष्ट्र ने चालू शैक्षणिक वर्ष से निजी मेडिकल कॉलेजों में आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर वर्ग (ईडब्ल्यूएस) के लिए 10 प्रतिशत आरक्षण लागू किया है।

विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग के सांविधिक प्रौद्योगिकी विकास बोर्ड (टीडीबी) ने मेसर्स ईजी पैलेट प्राइवेट लिमिटेड के साथ कंपनी की रचनात्मक परियोजना, "लकड़ी और प्लास्टिक कचरे का उपयोग करके थोक परिवहन और भंडारण हेतु पैकेजिंग सहायक उपकरणों के निर्माण हेतु व्यावसायिक प्रस्ताव" के व्यावसायीकरण में सहायता के लिए एक समझौता किया है।

झारखंड मंत्रिमंडल ने अटल मोहल्ला क्लिनिक का नाम बदलकर 'मदर टेरेसा एडवांस हेल्थ क्लिनिक' करने का निर्णय लिया है।

भारत ने 36वें अंतर्राष्ट्रीय जीव विज्ञान ओलंपियाड में उत्कृष्ट प्रदर्शन किया और दो स्वर्ण और दो रजत पदक प्राप्त किए। यह कार्यक्रम 20 जुलाई से 27 जुलाई तक फिलीपींस के क्यूज़ोन शहर में आयोजित किया गया।