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Ques: Who chaired the review meeting of Public Sector General Insurance Companies (PSGICs) held in New Delhi in 2025?

- A. Dr. Jitendra Singh
- B. Shri Amit Shah
- C. Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman
- D. Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw
- E. Shri Piyush Goyal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the review meeting of Public Sector General Insurance Companies (PSGICs) in New Delhi.
- After seven years, United India Insurance Company Ltd. (UIICL) reported a profit in Q3 of FY 2024-25. Oriental Insurance Company Ltd. (OICL) and National Insurance Company Ltd. (NICL) began reporting quarterly profits in Q4 of FY 2023-24 and Q2 of FY 2024-25, respectively.
- Notably, New India Assurance Company Ltd. (NIACL) has been profitable on a regular basis and has continuously held its position as the market leader.

Key highlights from the meeting:

- PSGICs' total premium collection increased from Rs.80,000 crore in 2019 to nearly Rs.1.06 lakh crore in 2025.
- The overall general insurance industry reported Rs.3.07 lakh crore in premium collections in FY 2024-25.
- Insurance penetration in India is still low at 1% of GDP, compared to the global average of 4.2% (2023).
- Insurance density rose from \$9 in 2019 to \$25 in 2023.





Ques: What new rule has the NPCI introduced for UPI apps effective from 30 June 2025?

- A. Only QR code-based payments will be allowed
- B. Maximum UPI limit reduced to Rs.50,000
- C. Payment reminders must be disabled
- D. UPI apps must charge a transaction fee
- E. Recipient's verified bank name must be shown, not custom names

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India) has mandated that from 30 June 2025, UPI apps must show only the recipient's name as registered with their bank.
- This means custom or user-defined names will no longer be displayed.
- The decision aims to prevent digital payment fraud caused by scammers using fake or misleading recipient names to trick users.
- This move enhances transparency and trust in UPI transactions.

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Ques : Why did SEBI impose a fine of Rs.25 lakh on MCX?

- A. For insider trading
- B. For improper disclosure of payments to 63 Moons Technologies / 63 Moons Technologies
- C. For failure to launch a new platform
- D. For manipulation in commodity prices
- E. For non-submission of quarterly reports

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) imposed a fine of ₹25 lakh on MCX, India's largest commodity exchange.
- Reason: Failure to disclose significant payments (₹222 crore across three quarters from Oct 2022 to June 2023) made to 63 Moons Technologies for support & managed services.
- These payments were not mentioned in press releases or financial notes, which misled investors.
- The disclosure was delayed until January 11, 2023, which was considered a serious lapse in transparency.
- MCX later termed it an inadvertent mistake, but SEBI found the non-disclosure to be a violation of fair disclosure norms, hence the penalty.



Ques: Which financial institution has received regulatory approval to open branches and offer credit services in Jammu & Kashmir?

- A. Bajaj Finance
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. IIFL Finance
- D. Muthoot Finance
- E. SBI

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- IIFL Finance has received regulatory approval to open new branches and provide credit services in Jammu & Kashmir.
- This move is aimed at expanding financial access to underserved communities, including small businesses and households in the region.
- It aligns with IIFL's CSR efforts, which are focused on areas like education, healthcare, and community empowerment in Jammu & Kashmir.
- The initiative is also expected to support the revival of local businesses and contribute to the region's economic development.

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Ques: What is the maximum short-term loan amount eligible for interest subvention under the Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS) through Kisan Credit Cards (KCC)?

- A. Rs.1 lakh
- B. Rs.2 lakh
- C. Rs.3 lakh
- D. Rs.5 lakh
- E. Rs.10 lakh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, approved the continuation of the Interest Subvention (IS) component under the Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS) for FY 2025–26.
- MISS is a Central Sector Scheme aimed at providing affordable short-term credit to farmers via Kisan Credit Cards (KCC).
- There are over 7.75 crore KCC accounts in India.
- Institutional credit disbursement through KCC rose from Rs.4.26 lakh crore in 2014 to Rs.10.05 lakh crore in December 2024.
- Overall agricultural credit flow grew from Rs.7.3 lakh crore (FY 2013–14) to Rs.25.49 lakh crore (FY 2023–24).

Key Features:

- Farmers can avail short-term loans up to Rs.3 lakh through KCC at a 7% interest rate.
- 1.5% interest subvention is provided to eligible lending institutions.
- Farmers who repay promptly get a Prompt Repayment Incentive (PRI) of 3%, reducing the effective interest rate to 4%.
- For loans exclusively for animal husbandry or fisheries, the interest subvention applies up to Rs.2 lakh.





Ques: Which is India's first pet food brand to achieve Unicorn status in 2025?

- A. Netradyne
- B. Porter
- C. JSW One Platforms
- D. Drools
- E. Juspay

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Drools Pet Food Private Limited has become India's first pet food brand to achieve Unicorn status in 2025.
- The milestone came after Nestlé S.A. (Switzerland) acquired a minority stake, elevating Drools' valuation to over USD 1 billion.
- The company is backed by USA-based L Catterton.
- Drools is the fifth Indian startup to enter the unicorn club in 2025, following Netradyne, Juspay, Porter, and JSW One Platforms.
- A Unicorn is a privately held startup valued at USD 1 billion or more.

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Ques: Which company has recently been authorised by RBI to act as a Payment Aggregator for import and export transactions?

- A. Razorpay
- B. PhonePe
- C. Paytm
- D. Worldline ePayments India
- E. BharatPe

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Worldline ePayments India, a leading digital payments company, has been authorised by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a Payment Aggregator (PA) for cross-border trade, i.e., import and export transactions.
- The authorisation was granted under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.
- This move empowers Worldline to enable seamless digital payments for international trade, enhancing efficiency and compliance in global transactions.
- Worldline already manages a significant volume of domestic digital payments in India and is now expanding into the cross-border segment with this RBI approval.

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Ques: What is the name of the two-seater electric trainer aircraft being developed indigenously in India?

- A. Tejas Lite
- B. E-Hansa
- C. Akash Trainer
- D. Bharat Hawk
- E. Garuda-X

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- E-Hansa is a next-generation two-seater electric trainer aircraft being indigenously developed by CSIR–National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), Bengaluru.
- It is part of the HANSA-3 (NG) trainer aircraft program aimed at offering affordable pilot training solutions in India.
- The aircraft is expected to cost roughly half as much as imported trainer aircraft, supporting self-reliance in aviation.
- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh described the initiative as a matter of national pride during a review meeting with Science Department Secretaries.
- This effort aligns with India's push toward innovation, cost-efficiency, and Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India) in the aerospace sector.

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Ques: What is the estimated cost of the recently approved multitracking projects in Maharashtra & Madhya Pradesh?

- A. Rs.1,499 crore
- B. Rs.3,399 crore
- C. Rs.4,000 crore
- D. Rs.2,999 crore
- E. Rs.5,000 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Under the PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan, the Union Cabinet approved two railway multitracking projects: Ratlam–Nagda (3rd & 4th Line) and Wardha–Balharshah (4th Line) in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.
- These projects will add 176 km of rail tracks, benefiting 784 villages with a combined population of 19.74 lakh.
- The total estimated cost is Rs.3,399 crore, with completion targeted by FY 2029–30.
- The projects will generate approximately 74 lakh human-days of direct employment.
- They will enhance freight capacity by 18.40 million tonnes per annum, reduce CO₂ emissions by 99 crore kg, and cut oil imports by 20 crore litres.

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Ques: NIBE Limited recently secured a major export order from which country for Universal Rocket Launchers?

- A. France
- B. Israel
- C. Germany
- D. South Korea
- E. USA

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- NIBE Limited received a significant export purchase order worth USD 17.52 million from a leading technology-based firm in Israel.
- The order is for the manufacturing and supply of Universal Rocket Launchers, marking the first time such an advanced system is being produced in India for international markets.
- The system features cutting-edge technology and is comparable to the Precise & Universal Launching System (PULS) developed by Elbit Systems Limited, an Israeli defense technology firm.
- The rocket launchers have a maximum range capability of 300 kilometers, demonstrating India's growing capabilities in defense manufacturing and exports.

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Ques: Who has been nominated as the Forest and Wildlife Ambassador by the Environment Ministry?

- A. M.S. Dhoni
- B. Sachin Tendulkar
- C. Rahul Dravid
- D. Anil Kumble
- E. Kapil Dev

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Eshwar B. Khandre, Minister for Forest, Biology & Environment, announced the nomination of former cricketer Anil Kumble as the Forest and Wildlife Ambassador.
- Kumble has accepted the role without any remuneration.
- His role involves promoting public awareness regarding forest conservation, forest development, and wildlife protection.
- Leveraging his global fame and commitment, Kumble aims to support conservation efforts and environmental awareness campaigns.

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Ques: Which university became the first American university to receive approval to set up a campus in India under UGC's 2023 regulations?

- A. Harvard University
- B. Stanford University
- C. University of California, Berkeley
- D. Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago
- E. MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The University Grants Commission (UGC) approved the establishment of campuses for five internationally recognized foreign universities in India under the UGC (Setting Up and Operation of Campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in India) Regulations, 2023.
- The Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago (USA) became the first American university to get approval for a campus in India.
- University of Southampton (UK) was the first foreign institution overall to receive UGC approval to set up a campus in India.

Other approved universities include:

- University of Liverpool, UK – expected to begin operations by 2026 or 2027
- Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia
- Western Sydney University, Penrith, Australia
- Istituto Europeo di Design, Milan, Italy





Ques : Which northeastern capital has recently been connected to the national railway network?

- A. Imphal
- B. Shillong
- C. Itanagar
- D. Aizawl
- E. Kohima

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Mizoram's capital Aizawl has been integrated into the national railway network via the Bairabi–Sairang railway line.
- With this, Mizoram becomes the 4th northeastern state capital connected by rail, after Assam (Dispur), Tripura (Agartala), and Arunachal Pradesh (Itanagar).
- The Bairabi–Sairang rail project is a 51.38 km line involving 48 tunnels, 55 major bridges, 87 minor bridges, 5 Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and 6 Road Under Bridges (RUBs)
- Bridge No. 196, at 104 meters tall, is taller than the Qutub Minar by 32 meters.
- The inauguration is expected after June 17, following the CRS (Commission of Railway Safety) inspection.

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Ques: By which year does the Government aim to operationalise 76 waterways across India?

- A. 2025
- B. 2026
- C. 2027
- D. 2030
- E. 2047

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Government of India has set a target to operationalise 76 waterways by the year 2027 to promote inland water transport.
- The initiative aligns with the Maritime India Vision 2030, which aims to handle 200 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) of cargo through inland waterways.
- Cargo traffic is expected to reach 156 MTPA by March 2026, progressing toward that goal.
- The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is actively surveying 10,000 km monthly to evaluate the Least Available Depth (LAD) for navigational purposes.

Key infrastructure developments include:

- NW-1 (Ganga): 1,390 km corridor with terminals at Varanasi, Kalughat, Sahibganj, and Haldia.
- NW-2 (Brahmaputra): Terminals at Dhubri, Jogighopa, Pandu, and Bogibeel, plus 13 floating terminals.
- Rs.208 crore ship repair facility at Pandu and a ₹180 crore road project to be completed by 2026.
- NW-16 (Barak) and NW-31 (Dhansiri) also under active development.





Ques: Who inaugurated the curtain raiser event for Wings India 2026, Asia's largest civil aviation event?

- A. Jyotiraditya Scindia
- B. Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu
- C. Ashwini Vaishnaw
- D. Nitin Gadkari
- E. Hardeep Singh Puri

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu, Ministry of Civil Aviation, inaugurated the curtain raiser event for Wings India 2026 in New Delhi.
- Wings India is Asia's largest civil aviation event, held to showcase advancements and opportunities in the aviation sector.
- The event is organized in collaboration with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
- The theme for Wings India 2026 is "Indian Aviation: Paving the Future – from Design to Deployment, Manufacturing to Maintenance, Inclusivity to Innovation and Safety to Sustainability."

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Ques: What is the main purpose of the 'Know Your PIN Code' web application launched by the Department of Posts?

- A. Track postal parcel location
- B. Locate nearby post offices
- C. Identify correct PIN Code using GNSS-based location
- D. Generate new PIN Codes
- E. Book speed post online

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 'Know Your PIN Code' web application was launched by the Department of Posts to help users identify the correct PIN Code using their real-time location through GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System) technology.
- This initiative is a result of a nationwide geofencing exercise that mapped all PIN code boundaries across India.
- The application also allows users to submit feedback to enhance the accuracy of the PIN code data.
- The geo-referenced PIN code dataset has been made publicly available on the Open Government Data Platform under the title "All India PIN Code Boundary geo-json."
- This effort aligns with the objectives of Digital India and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), improving digital governance and service accessibility.

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Ques: Which Indian university has produced India's first gene-edited sheep enhancing muscle mass by 30%?

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- A. National Dairy Research Institute
- B. Tamil Nadu Veterinary University
- C. SKUAST, Srinagar
- D. IVRI, Bareilly
- E. ICAR, Delhi

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Researchers from Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST), Srinagar, have produced India's first gene-edited sheep by using the CRISPR gene-editing technology to modify the myostatin gene, which regulates muscle growth.
- This achievement, after four years of research, has resulted in a 30% increase in the muscle mass of the sheep.
- This is a significant scientific advancement as it directly edits the gene rather than relying on traditional cross-breeding methods, offering potential benefits such as disease resistance and animal twinning.

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Ques: Which Fiji-born, Mumbai-based singer and humanitarian was awarded the Companion of the Order of Fiji, the highest civilian honour in Fiji?

- A. Dr. Krupali Tappoo
- B. Sumeet Tappoo
- C. Sri Madhusudan Sai
- D. Udit Narayan
- E. Vijay Prakash

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sumeet Tappoo, a Fiji-born, Mumbai-based singer and humanitarian, was awarded the Companion of the Order of Fiji, the highest civilian honour in Fiji.
- The award was presented by the President of Fiji, His Excellency Ratu Naiqama Tawakecolati Lalabalavu.
- Other recipients included Dr. Krupali Tappoo, Director of Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Children's Hospital, Fiji and Sri Madhusudan Sai, Founder of the "One World, One Family" Global Humanitarian Mission
- Other awards received by Sumeet Tappoo is Fiji Presidential Medal (2020), Pravasi Bharatiya Samman (2021), Youth Icon of Fiji (2022), and Government of India Sanskriti Award 2016

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Ques: Who became the first cricketer to score 9000 T20 runs for a single franchise?

- A. Rohit Sharma
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. David Warner
- D. Jos Buttler
- E. AB de Villiers

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Virat Kohli, playing for Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), became the first cricketer to score 9000 T20 runs for a single franchise.
- He achieved this milestone in IPL 2025 by scoring 54 runs off 30 balls against Lucknow Super Giants.
- Kohli also surpassed David Warner's record for the most half-centuries in IPL, reaching 63 half-centuries.
- This achievement highlights his consistency and dominance in the T20 format for a single team over many years.

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Liverpool Football Club lifted the Premier League trophy marking their 20th English league title. English Premier League (EPL) season – the top-tier football league in England

Prashant Thakker Appointed as Head of Citigroup Inc. corporate bank for South- and Southeast Asia

The 2025 Malaysia Masters, officially titled the Perodua Malaysia Masters 2025 organised by Badminton Association of Malaysia was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Rakesh Gangwal and his family trust sold a 5.7% stake in InterGlobe Aviation (IndiGo) through a block deal worth approximately Rs.11,559 crore. The shares were sold at Rs.5,230.50 per share, which was a 3.5% discount to the previous closing price of Rs.5,420.

Bollywood star Shahid Kapoor has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Vogue Eyewear. This marks a notable collaboration, as he joins Taapsee Pannu, who has been associated with the brand for a long time

Dr. Samir V. Kamat has been given an extension in his role as Secretary of the Department of Defence Research and Development (DDR&D) and Chairman of DRDO. His tenure has been extended from June 1, 2025, to May 31, 2026, or until further orders

Vishweshwar Sahakari Bank Ltd., Pune has been officially included in the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. It was subsequently published in the Gazette of India on May 09, 2025, under Part III – Section 4.





Ques: SBI Life Insurance and which firm jointly acquired a 4.25% stake in National Highways Infra Trust (NHIT)?

- A. LIC Housing Finance
- B. Aditya Birla Capital
- C. HDFC Pension
- D. Vidyaniti LLP
- E. ICICI Prudential

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- SBI Life Insurance Company Limited and Vidyaniti LLP have jointly acquired a 4.25% stake in the National Highways Infra Trust (NHIT) for Rs.1,100.61 crore.
- Out of this, SBI Life purchased approximately 3.74 crore units, equating to a 1.93% stake.
- Vidyaniti LLP acquired over 4.49 crore units, which amounts to a 2.3% stake in NHIT.
- This investment marks a significant move in India's infrastructure sector.

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Ques: What was the share of UPI in total retail payments by volume in 2024–25?

- A. 70%
- B. 75%
- C. 80%
- D. 84%
- E. 90%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- UPI continued to dominate India's digital payment landscape in 2024–25.
- UPI transactions grew by 41.7% in volume and 30.3% in value compared to the previous year.
- It accounted for 84% of total retail payment transactions by volume, the highest among all payment modes.
- The growth was also supported by a 91.5% increase in UPI QR codes, which reached 65.8 crore by March 31, 2025.
- RBI also authorized 26 new online payment aggregators to strengthen the retail payment ecosystem.

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Ques: What was the total size of RBI's balance sheet at the end of FY 2024–25?

- A. Rs.72.50 lakh crore
- B. Rs.74.10 lakh crore
- C. Rs.76.25 lakh crore
- D. Rs.78.90 lakh crore
- E. Rs.80.00 lakh crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- RBI's balance sheet expanded by 8.2% in FY 2024–25, reaching a total size of Rs.76.25 lakh crore.
- Net income grew by 27% to Rs.2.11 lakh crore, and Rs.1.28 lakh crore surplus was transferred to the government.
- Provisioning for the contingency fund rose significantly to Rs.50,994 crore, compared to around Rs.38,000 crore the previous year.
- The rise in income was supported by foreign exchange gains and a sharp increase in interest income from foreign assets, which crossed Rs.1.35 lakh crore.
- Despite higher income, expenditure increased only 8%, reflecting strong cost discipline by the RBI.

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Ques: What is the new per-transaction limit for UPI tax payments as per the RBI's latest revision?

- A. Rs.1 lakh
- B. Rs.2 lakh
- C. Rs.3 lakh
- D. Rs.5 lakh
- E. Rs.10 lakh

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has enhanced various UPI limits to promote its wider adoption.
- For direct and indirect tax payments, the UPI limit has been increased from Rs.1 lakh to rs.5 lakh per transaction.
- This is aimed at making UPI more useful for high-value government transactions.
- Other enhancements include raising the UPI123Pay limit to Rs.10,000 per transaction, and the UPI Lite wallet limit to Rs.1,000 per transaction and Rs.5,000 overall

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Ques: What was the percentage growth in UPI QR codes as of March 31, 2025?

- A. 65%
- B. 78.3%
- C. 84%
- D. 91.5%
- E. 100%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- UPI QR codes increased by 91.5%, reaching 65.8 crore by March 31, 2025.
- This growth in QR infrastructure supported the expansion of UPI usage.
- Alongside, UPI transactions rose by 41.7% in volume and 30.3% in value, further strengthening its dominance in the retail payment ecosystem.
- The RBI also approved 26 new online payment aggregators, enhancing digital payment capabilities across the country.

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Ques: Which country was the top source of FDI equity inflows into India in FY 2024–25?

- A. United States
- B. Japan
- C. Netherlands
- D. Mauritius
- E. Singapore

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Singapore remained the top source of FDI equity inflows into India in both FY 2023–24 and FY 2024–25.
- Inflows from Singapore rose from US\$ 12.5 billion to US\$ 15 billion.
- Mauritius came second, with inflows increasing slightly from US\$ 8.5 billion to US\$ 9 billion.
- The United States maintained third place, with an increase from US\$ 5 billion to US\$ 5.5 billion.
- UAE showed a notable rise in FDI ranking, while Japan's inflow declined during FY 2024–25.

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Ques: What was the value of RBI's forex transaction gains in FY 2024-25?

- A. \$9 billion
- B. \$11 billion
- C. \$15 billion
- D. \$13 billion
- E. \$17 billion

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- RBI earned \$13 billion (Rs.1.11 lakh crore) from foreign exchange transactions in FY 2024-25, marking a nearly 33% increase year-on-year.
- This gain was a key driver behind the 27.5% rise in net income, which reached Rs.2.69 lakh crore.
- Interest income from foreign securities also rose significantly to Rs.97,070 crore, up from Rs.65,328 crore the previous year.
- The RBI's balance sheet expanded by 8.2% to Rs.76.25 lakh crore, reflecting strength in its monetary and reserve management policies.
- These forex gains contributed to a substantial dividend transfer to the government and increased provisioning to the contingency fund, now at Rs.4.84 lakh crore.

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Ques : RBI has issued how many draft guidelines outlining the procedures for banks and NBFCs to issue gold loans to individuals ?

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

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

• Draft guidelines detailing the steps for banks and non-banking financial institutions (NBFCs) to offer gold loans to consumers have been released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

About the Proposals :

- When a borrower takes out a loan secured by gold, lenders are required to provide a certificate attesting to the gold's value and purity. This certificate will include information on the gold's weight, carat purity, any deductions (such as stones or other materials), and the collateral's estimated worth.
- Loans Against Silver Now Allowed, Specially minted silver coins sold by banks with a minimum purity of 925 will now be acceptable as collateral under these draft guidelines
- Loan-to-Value (LTV) Ratio Capped at 75%. This means that if the pledged gold was worth Rs.100, the maximum loan amount would be around Rs.75
- As per the proposal, the gold must be returned within 7 working days to the borrower after the full payment. In case of delay, the lender will pay Rs 5,000 for each day of delay
- According to the draft, only gold jewellery, ornaments, and specified gold coins are eligible as collateral for gold loan
- The gold will be valued at the price of 22-carat purity, regardless of the actual purity of your gold





- As per the draft, the aggregate weight of gold ornaments pledged by a borrower should not exceed 1 Kilogram (kg), and the total weight of gold coins should not exceed 50 grams (gm) per borrower
- According to the RBI draft, borrowers would need to provide evidence of ownership for the gold that will be pledged as security.
- The loan document must include complete details of the pledged gold (description, weight, value, etc.)



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Ques: What is the percentage of Currency in Circulation (CIC) as a share of GDP in FY 2024-25?

- A. 12.2%
- B. 13.5%
- C. 14.4%
- D. 11.2%
- E. 10.0%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- In FY 2024-25, Currency in Circulation (CIC) as a percentage of GDP declined to 11.2%, continuing a downward trend from 14.4% in FY 2020-21.
- This level is even lower than the pre-demonetisation level of 12.2% recorded in FY17.
- The decline indicates growing adoption of UPI and other digital payment methods.
- However, in absolute terms, CIC increased from Rs.13.35 lakh crore in FY17 to Rs.37.24 lakh crore in FY25.
- Also, 98.99% of CIC is in the form of banknotes as of FY25.

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Ques: What is the revised monthly stipend range recommended under NAPS and NATS by the Central Apprenticeship Council in its 38th meeting?

- A. Rs.5,000 – Rs.9,000
- B. Rs.6,000 – Rs.10,500
- C. Rs.8,000 – Rs.14,000
- D. Rs.7,500 – Rs.13,000
- E. Rs.6,800 – Rs.12,300

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The 38th Meeting of the Central Apprenticeship Council (CAC) recommended a 36% hike in the stipend under two national schemes National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS)
- Once notified by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), the monthly stipend range under both schemes will rise from Rs.5,000– Rs.9,000 to Rs.6,800– Rs.12,300 across five bands.
- NAPS: Provides stipend subsidy of Rs.1,500/month or 25%, whichever is lower, to employers.
- NATS: Under the Ministry of Education, reimburses 50% of the stipend to employers.
- The CAC also recommended automatic revision of stipends every two years based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- CAC is a statutory body under the Apprenticeship Act, 1961, reconstituted in October 2024 with a 3-year tenure and 54 members.
- Union MoS Jayant Chaudhary is the Chairman, and MP Vikramjit Singh Sahney is the Vice-Chairman.





Ques: Which upcoming indigenous programme aims to develop India's fifth-generation fighter aircraft?

- A. Tejas MK-2
- B. Rafale India
- C. AMCA Programme
- D. Gaganyaan Mission
- E. Astra Initiative

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved the execution model of the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programme, which aims to build India's first fifth-generation fighter aircraft.
 - The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) under DRDO will design the aircraft.
 - Private companies will participate for the first time in the manufacturing process.
 - Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) will have to bid to develop the prototype.
 - Currently, India's most advanced fighter jets include the Rafale (4.5-generation) and Tejas MK-1A, also a 4.5-generation indigenous aircraft.
 - Only three nations in the world currently possess fifth-generation combat aircraft.
 - Lockheed Martin in the US produced the F-22 Raptor and the F-35 Lightning II fighter aircraft, which are owned by the US.
 - The J-20 Mighty Dragon is produced by Chengdu Aerospace Corporation in China. It is also working on the J-35 aircraft.
 - The SU-57 is a Russian aircraft developed by the Sukhoi Design Bureau.
- Lockheed Martin's F-22 Raptor is regarded as the first fifth-generation fighter aircraft in history.





Ques: Which airline will be the first to operate from the Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA)?

- A. Air India
- B. Vistara
- C. GoAir
- D. IndiGo
- E. SpiceJet

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- IndiGo will be the first airline to commence operations at the upcoming Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) with 18 daily flights to 15 cities on the first day of commercial operations.
- The airline plans to scale up its operations to 79 daily departures (158 ATMs), including 14 international departures, by November 2025.
- By March 2026, IndiGo aims to operate 100+ daily departures, and by November 2026, it will reach 140 daily departures (280 ATMs), including 30 international departures.
- NMIA is being developed by Navi Mumbai International Airport Ltd (NMIAL), a joint venture of Adani Airport Holdings Ltd (AAHL) and CIDCO.
- The new airport aims to alleviate congestion at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) in Mumbai.

Genius





Ques: Which crop has received the highest percentage increase in MSP for 2025–26?

- A. Maize
- B. Nigerseed
- C. Ragi
- D. Soybean
- E. Paddy

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved a hike in Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for 14 Kharif crops for the 2025–26 season.
- Ragi received the highest percentage increase in MSP at 13.89%.
- Nigerseed, however, received the highest absolute increase of Rs.820 per quintal.
- This reflects the government's strategy to encourage crop diversification by offering higher MSP hikes for coarse cereals like ragi and maize.
- The MSP for ragi was increased to incentivize farmers toward cultivating more nutritious and climate-resilient crops.

EXAM
Genius



Ques: As per the 2025 Amendment Order, what is the maximum stock limit of wheat allowed for Traders/Wholesalers across India?

- A. 5000 MT
- B. 1000 MT
- C. 1500 MT
- D. 3000 MT
- E. No Limit

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- To manage food security and prevent hoarding, the Government of India imposed stock limits on wheat through The Removal of Licensing Requirements, Stock Limits and Movement Restrictions on Specified Foodstuffs (Amendment) Order, 2025, effective from 27 May 2025 to 31 March 2026.
- As per the Order, Traders/Wholesalers are allowed to hold a maximum of 3000 metric tonnes (MT) of wheat.

Other limits include:

- Retailers: 10 MT per outlet
- Big Chain Retailers: 10 MT × number of outlets (total stock limit across outlets and depots)
- Processors: 70% of Monthly Installed Capacity × remaining months of FY 2025–26





Ques: At which international event in 2025 did Neeraj Chopra win a silver medal in javelin throw?

- A. Diamond League, Doha
- B. World Athletics Championships
- C. Janusz Kusociński Memorial
- D. Asian Athletics Championships
- E. Golden Spike Meet

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Neeraj Chopra won the silver medal at the 71st edition of the Janusz Kusociński Memorial 2025 held in Chorzów, Poland.
- His best throw was 84.14 meters, achieved on his sixth and final attempt.
- Germany's Julian Weber won the gold with 86.12 m, while Anderson Peters (Grenada) took bronze with 83.24 m.
- This marked Neeraj's 22nd consecutive top-two finish in international events since June 2021, a remarkable consistency in performance.

EXAM
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Ques: What is Indrajaal Infra, recently launched by Indrajaal, designed to protect?

- A. Satellite communication systems
- B. National highways
- C. High-value infrastructure from drone threats
- D. Submarine cables
- E. Banking networks

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Indrajaal Infra is an AI-powered anti-drone solution launched by Indrajaal, designed to protect critical infrastructure such as nuclear power plants, ports, airports, oil refineries, and power grids.
- It is built on the SkyOS platform, integrating AI-based threat detection with sensors, spoofers, and jammers, offering protection across up to 4,000 sq km of airspace.
- First operational at a naval port in Gujarat, it is now being deployed at India's largest naval port in Karnataka to strengthen maritime and industrial defence.

EXAM
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Ques: Which states are involved in the Rs.7,000-crore rail and road projects approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)?

- A. Maharashtra, Gujarat, Telangana
- B. Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh
- D. Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Odisha
- E. Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved over Rs.7,000 crore worth of rail and road infrastructure projects.
- The states involved in these projects are Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Andhra Pradesh.
- Of this amount, Rs.3,399 crore is allocated for multi-tracking railway projects in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, to be completed by FY 2029–30.
- A four-lane highway corridor from Badvel to Nellore in Andhra Pradesh has also been approved with an estimated cost of Rs.3,653 crore.
- These projects will enhance connectivity to 784 villages, add 176 km of rail tracks, increase freight capacity by 18.4 MTPA, and save 20 crore litres of fuel while reducing 99 crore kg of CO₂ emissions.





Ques: Which country was the top destination for India's petroleum exports in FY 2024–25 despite an overall decline?

- A. Netherlands
- B. Singapore
- C. United Arab Emirates
- D. United States
- E. South Africa

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Netherlands remained the top destination for India's petroleum exports in FY 2024–25.
- However, exports to the Netherlands declined from US\$ 15.2 billion to 13.7 billion compared to FY 2023–24.
- Overall, petroleum export volume dropped in most months of FY 2024–25.
- For example, in December, export volume dropped from 12.7 million tonnes to 9.4 million tonnes, and value fell from US\$ 9.1 bn to 6.4 bn.
- Major destinations like UAE, Singapore, Australia, and the US also saw declines.
- Only South Africa among the top destinations showed an increase in export value.

EXAM
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Ques: AM Green has signed an MoU with which European port to establish a green energy supply chain between India and Northwestern Europe?

- A. Port of Rotterdam
- B. Port of Hamburg
- C. Port of Antwerp
- D. Port of Marseille
- E. Port of Valencia

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- AM Green signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Port of Rotterdam Authority, located in the Netherlands, which is Europe's largest energy port.
- The MoU is aimed at creating a green energy supply chain connecting India and Northwestern Europe via the Port of Rotterdam.
- The partnership is expected to enable annual trade of 1 million tonnes of green fuels, including Green ammonia and Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF)
- The trade is valued at approximately USD 1 billion annually.
- AM Green will start production at its green ammonia facility in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh in the second half of 2026.
- The facility involves an investment of Rs.12,500 crores.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of IndiGo, replacing Venkataramani Sumantran?

- LA. Ronojoy Dutta
- B. Aditya Ghosh
- C. Rahul Bhatia
- D. Vikram Singh Mehta
- E. Sanjay Kumar

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Vikram Singh Mehta has been appointed as the new Chairman of IndiGo (InterGlobe Aviation Ltd).
- He succeeds Venkataramani Sumantran in this role.
- Mehta has been on IndiGo's Board since May 2022.
- He is a former IAS officer and also served as the Chairman and CEO of Shell Companies in India and Egypt.
- His vast leadership experience is expected to guide IndiGo in its next phase of growth.

EXAM
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Ques: Which country topped the medal tally at the ISSF Junior World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun 2025 (1st leg) held in Suhl, Germany?

- A. USA
- B. Germany
- C. France
- D. China
- E. India

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- From May 19–27, 2025, Suhl, Germany, hosted the first leg of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun 2025.
- India took first place with 11 medals, including 3 gold, 4 silver, and 4 bronze. China came in second with 4 medals.
- The ISSF Junior World Cup 2025's second (final) leg will take place in New Delhi, India, from September 24 to October 2, 2025.

Indian Medal Winners at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2025 (1st leg) :

Gold Medal :

- Kanak Budhwar : Women's 10m air pistol
- Tejaswani Sawant : Women's 25m pistol
- Shambhavi Shravan Kshirsagar : Women's 10m air rifle

Silver Medal :

- Khyaty Chaudhary and Naraen Pranav Vanitha Suresh : 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team
- Ojasvi Thakur : Women's 10m Air Rifle
- Raiza Dhillon : Women's Skeet
- Adriyan Karmakar : Men's 50m Rifle Prone





Ques: Who won the Palme d'Or at the 78th Cannes International Film Festival held in 2025?

- A. Payal Kapadia
- B. Jafar Panahi
- C. Juliette Binoche
- D. Hirokazu Kore-eda
- E. Pedro Almodóvar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 78th Cannes International Film Festival took place in Cannes, France in 2025.
- Iranian filmmaker Jafar Panahi won the prestigious Palme d'Or for his film 'It Was Just an Accident'.
- The jury was chaired by French actress Juliette Binoche, and included Indian director Payal Kapadia among its nine members.
- The India Pavilion at Cannes 2025 adopted the theme "Create In India", promoting India's growing role in global content creation.

2025 Winners of Cannes Film Festival :

- Jafar Panahi(Iran) : It Was Just an Accident (Palme d'Or Award)
- Oliver Laxe(Spain) : Sirat (Jury Prize Award)
- Kleber Mendonça Filho(Brazil) : The Secret Agent (Best Director Award)
- Joachim Trier(Norway) : Sentimental Value (Grand Prix Award)
- Nadia Melliti(France) : The Little Sister (Best Performance by an Actress Award)
- Wagner Moura(Brazil) : The Secret Agent (Best Performance by an Actor Award)
- Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne(Belgium) : Young Mothers (Best Screenplay Award)
- Mascha Schilinski(Germany) : Sound of Falling (Jury Prize Award)





Ques: According to the government, what is the estimated record foodgrain production for the crop year ending June 2025?

- A. 332.3 million tonnes
- B. 350.5 million tonnes
- C. 345.10 million tonnes
- D. 360.25 million tonnes
- E. 353.96 million tonnes

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India has recorded its highest-ever foodgrain production at 353.96 million tonnes (MT) for the crop year ending June 30, 2025.
- This includes all-time high production of rice (149.07 MT), wheat (117.51 MT), and maize (42.28 MT).
- The output is 6.5% higher than the previous year's production of 332.3 MT.
- According to Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the achievement is due to the dedication of farmers, agricultural scientists, and supportive government policies.
- There was also an increase in pulses, oilseeds, and nutri cereals. While mustard production declined, soybean and groundnut helped offset the loss.

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Ques: NLC India Renewables Ltd (NIRL) has signed a Joint Venture Agreement with which organization to develop renewable energy projects in Maharashtra?

- A. SECI
- B. NTPC Green Energy
- C. MAHAPREIT
- D. IREDA
- E. MSEDCL

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- NLC India Renewables Limited (NIRL), a subsidiary of NLC India Ltd, signed a Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) with Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology Ltd (MAHAPREIT).
- The Joint Venture Company (JVC) to be formed will develop up to 2000 MW of renewable energy projects, expanding to 5000 MW in Maharashtra.
- The initial focus will be on 500 MW under Phase I.
- The equity structure of the JVC will be 74% NIRL and 26% MAHAPREIT.
- Project types include solar, wind, hybrid, floating solar, BESS (Battery Energy Storage Systems), pumped storage, and solar parks.

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Ques: According to the ILO & NASK report, what percentage of jobs worldwide fall under the highest risk category due to Generative AI?

- A. 3.3%
- B. 4.7%
- C. 9.6%
- D. 2.4%
- E. 11%

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The report titled "Generative AI and Jobs: A Refined Global Index of Occupational Exposure" was jointly published by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and National Research Institute (NASK).
- It reveals that 3.3% of jobs globally fall under the highest risk category due to the impact of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI).
- The report highlights a gender disparity, with 4.7% of women's jobs being at high risk compared to 2.4% of men's jobs.
- In High-Income Countries (HICs), the gender gap is more pronounced—9.6% of women's jobs are at high risk vs. 3.5% for men.

About International Labour Organisation :

- Established : 1919
- HQ : Geneva, Switzerland
- Member : 187
- Director-General : Gilbert F. Houngbo





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Swiggy rebranded its quick-commerce vertical Instamart by dropping the parent name 'Swiggy' to build an independent brand. It launched a new logo, kept the 'S-Pin' icon, and aims to reflect innovation and convenience.

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has approved the grant of "Miniratna" status Category-I for Munitions India Limited (MIL), Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL) & India Optel Limited (IOL)

Karnataka Cabinet Renamed Ramanagara District as 'Bengaluru South'

Cristiano Ronaldo has once again amazed the football world. On May 26, 2025, he scored his 800th club goal in a Saudi Pro League match for Al-Nassr against Al-Fateh. Messi has 753 goals, but is still behind him.

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has approved 3 new high-yielding crop varieties developed by Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth. The new varieties include AKAW 5100 Wheat, CSV 65 Yellow Sorghum (Kharif), and Super Jaki Chickpea (AKG 1402)

Intelsat, a multinational satellite services provider, has received an approval from the IN-SPACe to provide direct satellite coverage to media organizations in India. The approval authorizes Intelsat to operate four Geostationary satellites such as Indian Space (IS)-17, IS-20, IS-36, and IS-39, offering Communication Band (C-Band) coverage across India.



Ques: What was India's fiscal deficit as a percentage of GDP in FY 2024–25?

- A. 5.4%
- B. 6.1%
- C. 4.8%
- D. 4.5%
- E. 3.9%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's fiscal deficit for FY 2024–25 stood at 4.8% of GDP, as per data released by the Comptroller General of Accounts.
- The deficit amounted to Rs.15.77 lakh crore, which is 100.5% of the revised annual target.
- Total expenditure was Rs.46.56 lakh crore, or 98.7% of the revised budget target.
- Revenue receipts stood at Rs.30.36 lakh crore – with Rs.24.99 lakh crore from taxes and Rs.5.38 lakh crore from non-tax revenue.
- Capital expenditure was Rs.10.52 lakh crore, exceeding the target at 103.3%.
- Revenue deficit was at Rs.5.67 lakh crore or 92.9% of the target.
- RBI surplus transfer to the government was Rs.2.11 lakh crore for FY24

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Q. Which Indian fintech company recently completed a reverse flip to shift its parent domicile from the US to India?

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- A. PhonePe
- B. Razorpay
- C. Paytm
- D. Groww
- E. CRED /

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Fintech unicorn Razorpay, backed by Y Combinator and Peak XV, has successfully completed the reverse flip process by merging its US-based parent entity with Razorpay Software India.
- This shift brings the company's operations under Indian jurisdiction and supports its goal of listing on Indian stock exchanges.
- Co-founder Shashank Kumar highlighted this as a milestone, reflecting confidence in India's economic and innovation ecosystem.
- Razorpay's move follows the trend set by other startups like PhonePe, Groww, and Zepto, who also shifted their domicile to India.

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Ques: What is the projected value of India's overall goods and services exports for FY 2025–26, as per FIEO?

- A. \$850 billion
- B. \$900 billion
- C. \$950 billion
- D. \$1 trillion
- E. \$1.1 trillion

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- According to the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), India's overall goods and services exports are projected to reach \$1 trillion in FY 2025–26, reflecting a 21% increase over the previous year.
- In FY 2024–25, total exports stood at \$825 billion.
- Merchandise exports are expected to rise from \$437 billion to \$525–535 billion (around 12% growth).
- Services exports are projected to grow from \$387 billion to \$465–475 billion (around 20% growth).

About Federation of Indian Export Organisations :

- Established : 1965
- HQ : New Delhi
- Director General & CEO : Dr. Ajay Sahai
- President : Ashvini Kumar





Q. Who has been recommended as the new MD & CEO of Union Bank of India by FSIB?

- A. Kalyan Kumar
- B. A. Manimekhalai
- C. Asheesh Pandey
- D. Rajkiran Rai G
- E. Atul Kumar Goel

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) has recommended Asheesh Pandey as the new Managing Director and CEO of Union Bank of India (UBI).
- He is currently serving as Executive Director at Bank of Maharashtra.
- Along with him, Kalyan Kumar, Executive Director at Punjab National Bank, has been recommended for the role of MD & CEO of Central Bank of India.
- FSIB conducted interviews of 23 candidates between May 27–30, 2025, for top leadership roles in public sector banks.
- These recommendations are part of the government's selection process for ensuring strong leadership in the public banking sector.

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Ques: What is the name of the new investor-focused initiative launched by IEPFA and SEBI in Pune on June 1, 2025?

- A. NiveshakSahyog
- B. SmartInvestor Camp
- C. NiveshakShivir
- D. DhanSuraksha Mission
- E. SEBI Helpdesk Yatra

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, in collaboration with SEBI, launched a new pilot initiative titled “NiveshakShivir”.
- The first camp was held in Pune on June 1, 2025.
- The initiative aims to be a one-stop solution for resolving issues related to unclaimed dividends and shares and providing access to investor services.
- Over 1.1 billion unclaimed shares, worth approximately Rs.1 lakh crore, and unclaimed dividends worth Rs.6,000 crore are currently with the IEPFA.

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Ques: Which Indian city will host the 2026 Asian Weightlifting Championships?

- A. Ahmedabad
- B. Mumbai
- C. New Delhi
- D. Chennai
- E. Bengaluru

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Asian Weightlifting Federation (AWF), headquartered in Doha, Qatar, has announced that Ahmedabad, Gujarat will host the 2026 Asian Weightlifting Championships.
- This will mark India's return as host of the event after 44 years, the last time being in 1982 in New Delhi during the Asian Games.
- The championship will be organized by the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLF) under the supervision of AWF.
- India received the hosting rights in 2024 during the AWF Congress held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

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Ques: Who is the youngest Indian to complete the Seven Summits challenge?

- A. Kamya Karthikeyan
- B. Jordon Romero
- C. Arjun Vajpai
- D. Vishwanath Karthikey Padakanti
- E. Krushnaa Patil

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Vishwanath Karthikey Padakanti, a 16-year-old from Hyderabad, became the youngest Indian and second youngest globally to complete the 7 Summits challenge.
- He broke the previous Indian record held by Kamya Karthikeyan, who completed the challenge at age 17.
- The world record is held by Jordon Romero of the USA, who achieved it at age 15 in 2011.
- Vishwanath's final climb was Mount Everest (8,848 meters), marking the completion of his challenge.

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Q. How much additional tax devolution was approved by the Centre for states on June 2, 2025?

- A. Rs.72,000 crore
- B. Rs.81,735 crore
- C. Rs.1,00,000 crore
- D. Rs.12.86 lakh crore
- E. Rs.14.22 lakh crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- On June 2, 2025, the Government of India approved Rs.81,735 crore in additional tax devolution to the states.
- This amount is separate from the regular monthly instalment, which is scheduled for June 10, 2025.
- The funds will support capital spending, welfare programs, and priority projects in various states.
- This move reflects the government's commitment to cooperative federalism and the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047.
- In FY25, the total tax devolution to states stood at Rs.12.86 lakh crore, up Rs.1.57 lakh crore from the previous year.
- For FY26, the estimated tax devolution is Rs.14.22 lakh crore.
- According to the devolution formula, 41% of the Centre's net tax collection is transferred to states in monthly instalments.





Ques : Who has approved the grant of 'Miniratna' Category-I status to 3 Indian Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) ?

- A Amit Shah
- B Yogi Adityanath
- C Anurag Thakur
- D Rajnath Singh
- E Narendra Modi

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Munitions India Limited (MIL), Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL), and India Optel Limited (IOL) are the three Indian Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) that have been granted "Miniratna" Category-I status by Union Minister Rajnath Singh of the Ministry of Defence (MoD).
- The Ordnance Factory Board (OFB), which gave rise to these three DPSUs, was reorganized into seven organizations on October 1, 2021, in an effort to increase independence and creativity in defense manufacturing.
- There are fifty-two central PSUs in the nation with Miniratna Category-I designation. There are ten CPSEs in total at the Miniratna Category-II status.
- Munitions India Limited Manufactures ammunition and explosives and Headquarters in Khadki, Pune, Maharashtra
- Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited. Manufactures vehicles for the armed forces and Headquarters in Avadi, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- India Optel Limited Manufactures opto-electronic items. And Headquarters in Dehradun, Uttarakhand

About Criteria for Miniratna status :

- Miniratna Category-I : Made profit consecutively for 3 years, pre-tax profit is Rs 30 crore or more in at least 1 of 3 years and have positive net worth are eligible
- Miniratna Category-II : Have made profit consecutively for 3 years and have positive net worth are eligible





Ques: Who was awarded the Global Indian of the Year 2025 by the Canada India Foundation (CIF)?

- A. Ratan Tata
- B. Jagadish "Jaggi" Vasudev (Sadhguru)
- C. Sundar Pichai
- D. Raj Subramaniam
- E. Indra Nooyi

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Jagadish “Jaggi” Vasudev, widely known as Sadhguru, was awarded the Global Indian of the Year 2025.
- The award was presented by the Canada India Foundation (CIF) in October 2024.
- The award includes a cash prize of CAD 50,000.
- It was presented by Ritesh Malik, Chairperson of CIF, and Sunita Vyas, National Convenor of CIF.
- Sadhguru dedicated the award to the Cauvery Calling initiative, aimed at revitalizing the Cauvery River and improving the livelihoods of 84 million people in Southern India.

About CIF Global Indian Award :

- Started : 2008
- Awarded by : Canada India Foundation
- Given to : A recipient who has demonstrated global leadership, vision and professional excellence that has made all people of Indian origin extremely proud of their Indian heritage
- Prize : \$50,000
- 2023 winner : Sudha Murty, Chairman, Murty Trust





Q. Which country recently launched the Tianwen-2 mission to collect asteroid samples by 2027?

- A. Japan
- B. USA
- C. Russia
- D. China
- E. India

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- China launched the Tianwen-2 spacecraft to collect samples from near-Earth asteroid 2016HO3 and to explore main-belt comet 311P.
- The mission aims to return asteroid samples by 2027, enhancing our understanding of the solar system's formation.
- Tianwen-2 is part of China's ambitious space exploration program, contributing to its goal of becoming a global space power.
- This effort will expand human knowledge of the cosmos, marking a significant step in planetary science and deep space research.

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Ques: What is the name of the scheme launched by the Gujarat Government to provide cashless medical treatment to its employees and pensioners?

- A. Karmayogi Swasthya Suraksha Yojana
- B. Gujarat Aarogya Suraksha Yojana
- C. Ayushman Bharat Gujarat Yojana
- D. Gujarat Medisave Scheme
- E. Swasth Gujarat Mission

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Gujarat Karmayogi Swasthya Suraksha Yojana was launched by the Government of Gujarat.
- It aims to provide cashless medical treatment up to ₹10 lakh per annum.
- The scheme is overseen by the State Health Agency (SHA).
- Beneficiaries receive a specially issued “G” category card under the PMJAY (Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana) framework.

Beneficiaries include:

- All India Services (AIS) officers and pensioners
- Gujarat state government officers, employees, and pensioners
- Fixed-pay employees, subject to specific conditions

Genius





Ques: Which satellite service provider received approval from IN-SPACe to offer direct satellite coverage to media organizations in India?

- A. Intelsat
- B. Hughes Network Systems
- C. SES S.A.
- D. Starlink
- E. Telesat

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Intelsat, a multinational satellite services provider, has received approval from IN-SPACe (Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre), based in Ahmedabad.
- The approval permits Intelsat to operate four Geostationary (GEO) satellites — IS-17, IS-20, IS-36, and IS-39.
- These satellites will provide C-Band communication coverage across India.
- Following the approval, Intelsat signed contracts with three of India's largest media organizations, enhancing its presence in the Indian broadcasting sector.

About Intelsat :

- Established : 20 August 1964
- HQ : Virginia, United States of America
- CEO : David C. Wajsgras

About IN-SPACe :

- Established : 24 June 2020
- HQ : Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Chairman : Pawan Kumar Goenka





Ques: Where was the 22nd edition of the Shangri-La Dialogue (Asian Security Summit) held in 2025?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Kuala Lumpur
- C. Tokyo
- D. Singapore
- E. Bangko

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The 22nd edition of the Shangri-La Dialogue, also known as the Asian Security Summit, was held in 2025 at the Shangri-La Hotel in Singapore.
- It is organised annually by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in collaboration with the Singapore government.
- The summit started in 2002.
- Notably, no Indian government officials attended the 21st edition held in 2024.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi became the first Indian PM to attend the summit in 2018

EXAM
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Ques: Where will India establish its first Artificial Intelligence-focused Special Economic Zone (SEZ)?

- A. Bengaluru, Karnataka
- B. Hyderabad, Telangana
- C. Pune, Maharashtra
- D. Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- E. Indore, Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India will set up its first AI-focused SEZ in Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
- The project is being developed by RackBank Datacenters Pvt. Ltd., based in Indore, with an investment of Rs.1,000 crore.
- The SEZ will cover 6 acres and include a 1.5 lakh sq. ft. data centre.
- It will feature 4 high-density data centres with a total power capacity of 80 megawatts.
- The SEZ will function under the existing SEZ Act of 2005.
- As per the Commerce Ministry, 423 SEZs have been approved in India, of which 270 are operational.

EXAM
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Ques: Which state recently became the 24th State/Union Territory to achieve 100% electrification of rail tracks?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Gujarat
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Punjab

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Gujarat has become the 24th State/UT to achieve 100% electrification of its railway tracks.
- This was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the inauguration of the Dahod Electric Locomotive Factory in Gujarat.
- The first electric train in India ran between Mumbai and Thane in 1925.
- The first Five-Year Plan (1951–1956) included a target to electrify 141 km of rail routes.
- The Central Organisation for Railway Electrification (CORE), which oversees electrification efforts, is headquartered in Prayagraj (formerly Allahabad), Uttar Pradesh.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Prashant Tripathy Resigned as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Axis Max Life Insurance Limited

Luis Filipe Montenegro Cardoso de Moraes Esteves, leader of the Democratic Alliance (AD) Party Appointed as 119th Prime Minister (PM) of Portugal

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur and Singapore's Institute of Microelectronics (IME), under the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) Signed MOU at SEMICON Southeast Asia 2025 to collaborate on semiconductor research and talent development

PepsiCo (USA) has entered into a strategic partnership with Formula One (F1) until 2030. Sting Energy (Energy Drink partner), Gatorade (official partner of F1 Sprint events) and Doritos (official savoury snack partner)

The 25th edition of Fit India Sundays on Cycle, celebrated as Tiranga Cycling Rally, was successfully held across the nation. The edition saw the launch of two key initiatives – the Fit India Newsletter and the Carbon Credit Feature on the Fit India mobile app

Raman Aggarwal Appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC) - Representative body of NBFCs





Ques: Where was the 17th edition of the India-Mongolia joint military exercise Nomadic Elephant held in 2025?

- A. Umroi, Meghalaya
- B. New Delhi, India
- C. Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- D. Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh
- E. Thimphu, Bhutan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 17th edition of the India–Mongolia joint military exercise Nomadic Elephant was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- The Indian Army was represented by 45 personnel, primarily from the Arunachal Scouts.
- Mongolia was represented by 150 troops from a Special Forces unit.
- The previous edition (16th) was held in Umroi, Meghalaya in 2024.
- The exercise began in 2004, and it aims to strengthen interoperability and coordination between the two armies in counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations.

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Ques: Which Indian state was recently declared fully literate under the ULLAS - Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram?

- A. Kerala
- B. Goa
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Tamil Nadu
- E. Sikkim

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant declared Goa as fully literate under the ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram, a centrally sponsored scheme.
- Goa became the second state in India to cross the 95% literacy benchmark.
- The declaration was made on Goa's 39th Statehood Day (May 30, 2025).
- According to PLFS Report 2023–24, Goa's literacy rate is 93.60%.
- ULLAS aims to achieve full literacy by 2030, in alignment with NEP 2020, and targets adults aged 15 years and above who missed formal education.
- The scheme includes 5 components: Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, Critical Life Skills, Basic Education, Vocational Skills and Continuing Education

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Ques : Which Airport tops in Air Connectivity Ranking 2024 ?

- A. Tokyo International (Haneda) Airport
- B. London Heathrow Airport
- C. Indira Gandhi International Airport
- D. Dubai International Airport
- E. Shanghai Pudong International Airport

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Air Connectivity Ranking 2024 Published by Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) of China based Airports Council International (ACI) Asia-Pacific & Middle East (APAC & MID)
- Dubai International Airport topped (DXB), located in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) the airports in Air Connectivity in 2024
- The report's 2025 edition also includes a recently added Hub Connectivity Index, where Dubai International Airport came in first.
- The airport code DEL designates Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), which is situated in New Delhi (Delhi) and was ranked 10th on the list of hub airports with strong connectivity leadership for 2024.

Ranking of Top 5 Airports in Airports in Air Connectivity in 2024 :

- 1 Dubai International Airport, UAE
- 2 Shanghai Pudong International Airport, China
- 3 Incheon International Airport, South Korea
- 4 Hamad International Airport, Qatar
- 5 Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, China

Ranking of Top 5 Airport Hubs in Connectivity Leadership in 2024 :

- 1 Dubai International Airport , UAE
- 2 Shanghai Pudong International Airport , China
- 3 Hamad International Airport , Qatar





- 4 Incheon International Airport , South Korea
- 5 Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport , China
- 10 Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) , India



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Ques: What is the primary objective of the “Battery Aadhaar” project launched by the Government of India in 2025?

- A. Promote battery exports from India
- B. Subsidize EV battery manufacturing
- C. Ensure transparency and safety in battery systems
- D. Create employment in the EV sector
- E. Monitor fuel prices digitally

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Battery Aadhaar project was launched by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) at the Battery Summit 2025, held in New Delhi on 28 May 2025.
- It aims to assign a unique digital identity to locally manufactured EV batteries.
- The initiative promotes transparency, provides battery usage history, manufacturer identity, and material composition.
- It addresses safety concerns from unregulated EV charging stations, prevents counterfeiting, and supports safe battery disposal.
- The project is a part of the UNEP-GEF initiative “Electrifying Mobility in Cities” and is being implemented by NITI Aayog in partnership with DST.
- The Battery Summit was organized by WRI India with support from UNEP, Battery360 Alliance, and NITI Aayog.

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Ques: Who presented the National Florence Nightingale Awards 2025 to outstanding nursing professionals?

- A. President of India
- B. Union Minister of Health
- C. Prime Minister of India
- D. Vice President of India
- E. Union Minister of Women and Child Development

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, conferred the National Florence Nightingale Awards 2025 to 15 exceptional nurses.
- The awards are instituted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to recognize the dedication, compassion, and resilience in the nursing profession.
- Each award consists of a Certificate of Merit, a cash prize of Rs.1,00,000, and a medal.

List of Awardees – National Florence Nightingale Awards 2025 :

- Lady Health Visitors (LHVs) : Bina Pani Deka (Assam)
- Nurse : Kijum Sora Karga (Arunachal Pradesh)
- Nurse : Dimple Arora (Delhi)
- Nurse : Maj Gen Sheena P D (Delhi)
- Nurse : Dr. Banu M R (Karnataka)
- Nurse : Leimapokpam Ranjita Devi (Manipur)
- Nurse : V Lalmangaihi (Mizoram)
- Nurse : L S Manimozhi (Puducherry)
- Nurse : Alamelu Mangayarkarasi K (Tamil Nadu)
- Nurse : Doli Biswas (West Bengal)
- Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) : Reba Rani Sarkar (Andaman and Nicobar Islands)
- ANM : Valiveti Subhavathi (Andhra Pradesh)
- ANM : Saroj Fakirbhai Patel (Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu)
- ANM : Raziya Beegum P B (Lakshadweep)





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Independent President of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) for the term 2026–2028?

- A. Yang Yang
- B. Witold Banka
- C. Thomas Bach
- D. Sebastian Coe
- E. Sun Yang

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Witold Banka (Poland) has been appointed as the Independent President of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) for the third and final term from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2028.
- He first assumed office on January 1, 2020.
- Yang Yang (China), the first Chinese to hold the position, has been reappointed as the Vice President of WADA.
- WADA was established in 1999 and is headquartered in Montreal, Canada.

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Ques: What is the objective of the ‘Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan’ launched in May 2025?

- A. Promote agricultural exports
- B. Transform agriculture through technology adoption
- C. Digitalize agricultural markets
- D. Increase MSP for all crops
- E. Provide crop insurance to every farmer

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the ‘Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan’ at ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar on May 29, 2025.
- The 15-day campaign (May 29–June 12, 2025) aims to transform Indian agriculture by promoting the adoption of advanced agricultural and fisheries technologies among over 1.5 crore farmers.
- The initiative connects farmers with innovations from 731 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and 113 ICAR institutes.
- It focuses on climate-resilient farming, natural farming, and effective use of Soil Health Cards.
- A major highlight was the launch of “CIFA Argu VAX-I”, a vaccine developed to combat parasitic fish infections, reducing economic losses in aquaculture.

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Ques: Under which international initiative have 10 Indian AI startups been selected to undergo acceleration in Paris, France?

- A. India AI Global Connect Program
- B. India AI Startups Global Initiative
- C. Global AI Acceleration Scheme
- D. Paris AI Innovation Exchange
- E. HEC AI Fellowship Programme

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The India AI Startups Global Initiative is an international acceleration programme launched under the India AI Mission.
- It is conducted in partnership with Station F (the world's largest startup campus) and HEC Paris, both based in France.
- As part of this initiative, 10 cutting-edge Indian AI startups will undergo a 4-month acceleration programme at Station F in Paris to boost their global AI presence.

List of 10 Indian AI Startups :

- PrivaSapien Technologies : Bengaluru, Karnataka
- CoRover.ai : Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Staqu Technologies (Jarvis) : Gurugram, Haryana
- SatSure Analytics : Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Storyvord : National Capital Region, Delhi
- VolarAlta : Pune, Maharashtra
- Smartail : Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN)
- Secure Blink : Noida, Uttar Pradesh (UP)
- NeuroPixel.AI : Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Voicing AI : National Capital Region, Delhi

About IndiaAI Mission :





- Launched : 2024
- Implemented by : Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
- Outlay : Rs 10,300 crores
- Objective : Building AI infrastructure, enhancing data quality, and promoting AI applications





Ques: What is 'Meghdoot Millennium', recently inaugurated by the Indian Army Postal Service Corps and Department of Posts?

- A. A military weather forecasting system
- B. A secure postal software for defence personnel
- C. A cloud storage service for army communication
- D. A new postal stamp series for the Indian Army
- E. An AI surveillance tool for border regions

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- 'Meghdoot Millennium' is a secure, real-time postal software designed specifically for defence personnel, ensuring modernized and efficient postal services.
- It was developed by the Centre for Excellence in Postal Technology (CEPT) in Mysuru, Karnataka.
- The software was inaugurated in collaboration with the Indian Army Postal Service Corps and Department of Posts.
- The initiative is part of the Indian Army's 'Year of Tech Absorption' (2024) and supports the larger vision of 'Decade of Transformation', which focuses on modernizing defence logistics and communication systems.

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Ques: What is the main objective of the newly launched AyushSuraksha Portal?

- A. To promote Ayurvedic education in rural areas
- B. To regulate the export of Ayush products
- C. To monitor misleading advertisements and adverse drug reactions in Ayush sector
- D. To provide free online Ayush consultations
- E. To register Ayush startups for government funding

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Diu district, part of the Union Territory Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, has become the first district in India to meet 100% of its electricity demand from solar energy.
- The total installed solar capacity in the district is 11.88 MW, comprising of 9 MW ground-mounted solar park (located in Fudam) and 2.88 MW rooftop solar systems
- The achievement was announced by Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy.

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Ques: Who won the 72nd Miss World title in 2025?

- A. Nandini Gupta (India)
- B. Krystyna Pyszkova (Czech Republic)
- C. Opal Suchata Chuangsri (Thailand)
- D. Hasset Dereje Admassu (Ethiopia)
- E. Maja Klajda (Poland) /

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The AyushSuraksha Portal was launched by Union Minister Shri Prataprao Jadhav, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Ayush.
- It aims to act as a watchtower against misleading advertisements and ensure only safe and credible Ayush products reach the public.
- The portal was developed with technical support from the Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS).
- It is aligned with the National Pharmacovigilance Program.
- It allows consumers, healthcare professionals, and regulators to digitally report and monitor misleading ads and adverse drug reactions (ADRs).

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Ques: Which district has become the first in India to meet its entire power demand through solar energy?

- A. Leh, Ladakh
- B. Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu
- C. Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh
- D. Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- E. Bikaner, Rajasthan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 72nd Miss World 2025 title was won by Miss Thailand, Opal Suchata Chuangsri.
- The event was held at HITEX Exhibition Centre, Hyderabad, Telangana.
- She was crowned by Miss World 2024, Krystyna Pyszkova from the Czech Republic.
- The event was co-hosted by Former Miss World 2016 Stephanie Del Valle and Indian television personality Sachiin Kumbhar.
- India's representative was Nandini Gupta from Rajasthan.
- The 1st Runner-Up was Hasset Dereje Admassu (Ethiopia) and the 2nd Runner-Up was Maja Klajda (Poland).
- The jury was led by Julia Morley, Chairwoman of the Miss World Organisation.
- A total of 108 contestants participated.
- This was the third time the Miss World pageant was held in India, after 1996 and 2023.

About Miss World :

- Started : 1951
- Total Indian winner : 6
- 1st indian winner : Reita Faria (1966)
- Last Indian winner : Manushi Chhillar (2017)
- 2023 winner : Krystyna Pyszková (Czech Republic)





Ques: Where is India's first privately led helicopter Final Assembly Line (FAL) being set up by Tata Advanced Systems and Airbus?

- A. Kolar, Karnataka
- B. Vadodara, Gujarat
- C. Hyderabad, Telangana
- D. Nagpur, Maharashtra
- E. Bengaluru, Karnataka

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL), in collaboration with Airbus, will establish India's first privately led helicopter Final Assembly Line (FAL) in Kolar district, Karnataka.
- The facility will assemble the Airbus H125 helicopter, a top-selling intermediate single-engine helicopter globally.
- It will be the fourth H125 FAL in the world, after France, the US, and Brazil.
- The Kolar plant will initially assemble 10 helicopters annually, with plans for scaling.
- Airbus estimates over 500 H125-class helicopters will be needed in the Asia-Pacific region over the next 20 years.
- Separately, Tata and Airbus are also working on a C295 aircraft assembly plant in Vadodara, Gujarat.

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Ques: What was the theme of the year-long celebration of Sikkim's 50th Statehood anniversary in 2025?

- A. Vibrant Sikkim
- B. One India, One Sikkim /
- C. Sunaulo, Samriddha and Samarth Sikkim
- D. Golden Sikkim at 50
- E. Evergreen Sikkim

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually addressed the “Sikkim@50” event on 29 May 2025 from Gangtok, marking 50 years of Sikkim's statehood.
- He released a Rs.50 commemorative silver coin and a postage stamp to mark the occasion.
- The event was a part of the year-long celebration led by the Government of Sikkim.
- Sikkim became the 22nd state of India through the 36th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1975 after a referendum in which 97% of the population supported the merger with India.
- The theme for the year-long celebration was “Sunaulo, Samriddha and Samarth Sikkim” (Golden, Prosperous and Capable Sikkim).

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Ques: Who won the 2025 Princess of Asturias Award for Sports?

- A. Rafael Nadal
- B. Serena Williams
- C. Lionel Messi
- D. Novak Djokovic
- E. Simone Biles

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Former tennis player Serena Williams wins Princess of Asturias for sports 2025.
- It is given by Spain's Princess Leonor at northern Spanish city of Oviedo
- The Prize money is 50,000-euro (\$57,000)
- With 73 career singles titles, including a staggering 23 Grand Slam victories, Serena Williams is widely considered among the greatest athletes of all time

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Ques: What was the theme of World No Tobacco Day 2025 observed on 31st May?

- A. Tobacco Threatens Our Environment
- B. Unmasking the Appeal: Exposing Industry Tactics on Tobacco and Nicotine Products
- C. Protecting Youth from Industry Manipulation
- D. Quit Tobacco to Save Lives
- E. Tobacco and Heart Disease

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- World No Tobacco Day is observed every year on 31st May to raise awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco use.
- The 2025 theme was “Unmasking the Appeal: Exposing Industry Tactics on Tobacco and Nicotine Products.”
- India is the second largest producer of tobacco in the world after China.
- Major tobacco-producing states in India include Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Gujarat.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the 9th President of the African Development Bank (AfDB)?

- A. Akinwumi Adesina
- B. Sidi Ould Tah
- C. Donald Kaberuka
- D. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
- E. Moussa Faki

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Mauritanian economist Sidi Ould Tah has been appointed as the 9th President of the African Development Bank (AfDB).
- He succeeds Akinwumi Adesina of Nigeria.
- His term will be for 5 years.
- The African Development Bank (AfDB) was established on September 10, 1964.
- It is headquartered in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, and has 81 member countries.
- AfDB plays a crucial role in promoting economic development and social progress across the African continent.

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Ques: What is the title of the documentary series launched by RBI in collaboration with Jio Hotstar?

- A. Rupee Chronicles /
- B. RBI
- C. RBI Unlocked: Beyond the Rupee
- D. The Reserve Story
- E. Money Matters India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced a five-part documentary series in collaboration with Jio Hotstar.
- The series is titled “RBI Unlocked: Beyond the Rupee”, produced by Chalkboard Entertainment, a Mumbai-based production house.
- The estimated cost of the project is Rs 7 crore.
- This initiative was commissioned to visually document the RBI’s 90-year history and aims to raise awareness about the central bank’s functions and roles.

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Ques: How much sovereign lending is the Asian Development Bank (ADB) ready to provide annually to India?

- A. \$2 billion
- B. \$3 billion
- C. \$4.5 billion
- D. \$5 billion
- E. \$6 billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) President Masato Kanda announced that ADB is ready to provide up to \$4.5 billion annually in sovereign lending to India.
- The announcement was made during a meeting with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi to deepen ADB's partnership with India.
- The discussion aimed to align ADB's efforts with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Viksit Bharat 2047 vision.
- This engagement took place during the 58th ADB Annual Meeting held from 4–7 May 2025 in Milan, Italy.
- ADB is a multilateral development bank promoting economic growth and cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region.

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Ques: How much has ADB committed for India's urban transformation over the next 5 years?

- A. \$5 billion
- B. \$3 billion
- C. \$7 billion
- D. \$10 billion
- E. \$15 billion

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has committed up to \$10 billion over 5 years for India's urban transformation, including metro expansions.
- The funding includes sovereign loans, private sector financing, and third-party capital.
- This initiative is supported by India's Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) to boost private investment in urban infrastructure.
- ADB is also providing \$3 million in technical assistance to help design bankable projects and strengthen urban local bodies (ULBs).
- ADB's active urban portfolio involves 27 loans worth \$5.15 billion, covering over 110 cities across 22 states.
- In the transport sector, \$4 billion has been committed for metro and RRTS projects covering 300 km across 8 cities, including Delhi-Meerut RRTS, Mumbai, Chennai, Nagpur, and Bengaluru metros.





Ques: According to RBI's revised 2025 guidelines, deposits not operated for how many years will be transferred to the DEA Fund?

- A. 5 years
- B. 7 years
- C. 10 years
- D. 2 years
- E. 15 years

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- As per RBI's 2025 amendment titled "Inoperative Accounts/Unclaimed Deposits in Banks – Revised Instructions", any bank deposit not operated for 10 years or more will be transferred to the Depositor Education and Awareness (DEA) Fund.
- To make reactivation easier, KYC updates can now be done at any branch, not just the home branch.
- RBI also allows V-CIP (Video Customer Identification Process) and assistance by Business Correspondents to reactivate dormant accounts.

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Ques: Which bank signed a tripartite MoU with AMUL and Richplus to promote organic farming in India?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with AMUL, India's largest dairy cooperative, and Richplus, a bio fertilizer company.
- The MoU aims to promote organic farming and empower one lakh organic farmers by offering credit facilities and agricultural support services.
- This initiative supports sustainable agriculture practices.
- Under the agreement, IOB will launch a dedicated credit scheme named "Harit Kranti" tailored to the financial needs of organic farmers.

About Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) :

- Founded : 1937
- HQ : Chennai
- MD & CEO : Ajay Kumar Srivastava
- Tagline : Good people to grow with





Ques: What was the total volume of UPI transactions recorded in May 2025?

- A. 17.89 billion
- B. 18.3 billion
- C. 25.14 billion
- D. 18.68 billion
- E. 16.72 billion

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- As per NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India), UPI transactions reached a record high of 18.68 billion in May 2025.
- This marks the highest monthly transaction volume ever recorded on UPI.
- The value of these transactions stood at Rs.25.14 trillion.
- Compared to April 2025, there was a 4% increase in volume (April: 17.89 billion) and 5% in value (April: Rs.23.95 trillion).
- On a year-on-year basis, transaction volume increased by 33%, and transaction value increased by 23%.

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Question: What is the name of the new climate risk data platform launched by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to address data gaps in climate-related financial information?

- A. RBI Green Tracker
- B. Climate Financial Hub
- C. RBI-CRIS
- D. RBI-ECO Portal
- E. Bharat Climate Index

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

To address long-standing gaps in climate-related financial data, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced the "Reserve Bank-Climate Risk Information System (RBI-CRIS)," a two-pronged data platform.

With the introduction of this new approach, the RBI has acknowledged that one of the biggest threats to the financial system is climate change.

The RBI initially recommended this RBI-CRIS data portal during its biweekly Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting in October 2024.

The new data platform will be divided into two sections: an online directory that will be publicly available on the RBI website and identify different data sources, including geospatial and meteorological data.

Regulated Financial Institutions (FIs) will have access to processed, standardized datasets through a restricted-access data site.

Physical risk, transition risk, and carbon emissions are the three data gaps that it seeks to solve and standardize.





Ques: How much total penalty did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) impose on regulated entities in FY 2024-25 for statutory violations?

- A. Rs.11.11 crore
- B. Rs.15.63 crore
- C. Rs.54.78 crore
- D. Rs.14.80 crore
- E. Rs.83 lakh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed total penalties of Rs.54.78 crore in FY 2024-25 on various regulated entities for statutory violations.
- A total of 353 penalties were issued for non-compliance, including cybersecurity lapses, IRAC norm breaches, KYC violations, and reporting issues.
- 264 cooperative banks were fined Rs.15.63 crore, and 13 housing finance companies faced penalties totaling Rs.83 lakh.
- 37 NBFCs/ARCs were fined a combined Rs.7.29 crore.
- Penalties worth Rs.11.11 crore were levied on 8 public sector banks, and Rs.14.8 crore on 15 private banks.
- Six foreign banks were also penalized during the period.

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Ques : What was the gross GST collection in May 2025, as per recent government data?

- A. Rs.2.01 Lakh Crore
- B. Rs.1.87 Lakh Crore
- C. Rs.1.50 Lakh Crore
- D. Rs.2.37 Lakh Crore
- E. Rs.1.92 Lakh Crore

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Gross GST collections in May 2025 rose by 16.4% year-on-year to Rs.2.01 lakh crore, reflecting sustained momentum in economic activity and compliance.
- This follows a record GST collection in April 2025, when revenues hit an all-time high of Rs.2.37 lakh crore.
- Of the May collection:
 - Domestic transactions contributed Rs.1.50 lakh crore (up 13.7%).
 - GST from imports amounted to Rs.51,266 crore (up 25.2%).

Collection of GST in May 2025 :

- Gross GST Revenue : Rs 2,01,050 crore
- Central GST : Rs 35,434 crore
- State GST : Rs 43,902 crore
- Integrated GST : Rs 1.09 lakh crore
- Cess : Rs 12,879 crore

GST Collection of Previous Months :

- April 2025 : 2,36,716 crore
- March 2025 : 1,96,141 crore
- February 2025 : 183,646 crore
- January 2025 : 1,95,506 crore





Ques: Which debit cards are included with Indian Bank's new NRE savings account variants for NRIs?

- A. IND Classic, IND Silver, IND Gold
- B. IND D'Elite, IND Premium, IND Plus
- C. Visa Platinum, MasterCard Signature, Rupay Titanium
- D. Axis Magnus, SBI Elite, ICICI Sapphire
- E. HDFC Regalia, Kotak Privy, Yes First

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indian Bank has launched new NRE Savings Account variants specifically for NRIs, bundled with premium debit cards – IND D'Elite, IND Premium, and IND Plus.
- These cards offer benefits such as domestic and international airport lounge access, personal accident cover, and exclusive loyalty rewards.
- The new account variants blend traditional banking trust with modern digital conveniences, providing NRIs a secure and convenient banking experience globally.

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Ques : Who has been appointed as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the year 2025–26?

- A. R Mukundan
- B. Rajiv Memani
- C. Sanjiv Puri
- D. Suchitra K Ella
- E. N. Chandrasekaran

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Rajiv Memani, Chairman and CEO of Ernst & Young (EY) India, has been appointed as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the term 2025–26.
- He replaces Sanjiv Puri, Chairman & Managing Director of ITC Ltd.
- Suchitra K Ella, Co-founder and MD of Bharat Biotech International Ltd, has been appointed Vice President of CII.
- R Mukundan, MD & CEO of Tata Chemicals Ltd, has taken over as President-Designate of CII.

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Ques: Where is Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) setting up India's largest Green Hydrogen Generation Unit?

- A. Jamnagar, Gujarat
- B. Panipat, Haryana
- C. Paradeep, Odisha
- D. Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- E. Bina, Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has finalized the Levelized Cost of Hydrogen (LCoH) to establish India's largest Green Hydrogen Generation Unit.
- The unit will be located at the Panipat Refinery & Petrochemical Complex in Panipat, Haryana.
- It will have a production capacity of 10,000 Tonnes Per Annum (TPA) and is expected to be commissioned by December 2027.
- This project supports the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM) and IOCL's goal of achieving net-zero operational emissions by 2046.
- The contract to build, own, and operate the plant for 25 years was awarded to Mumbai-based L&T Energy Green Tech Limited.





Ques: Which Australian cricketer recently announced his retirement from One Day Internationals (ODIs)?

- A. David Warner
- B. Pat Cummins
- C. Glenn Maxwell
- D. Steve Smith
- E. Mitchell Starc

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Glenn Maxwell, the Australian all-rounder, has announced his retirement from ODIs, concluding a 13-year career in the format.
- He plans to focus on T20 Internationals, particularly with an eye on the 2026 ICC T20 World Cup, to be held in India and Sri Lanka.
- Maxwell had already retired from Test cricket in 2017.
- He was a part of Australia's World Cup winning teams in 2015 and 2023.

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Ques: Which club won its maiden UEFA Champions League title in 2025 by defeating Inter Milan?

- A. Real Madrid
- B. Marseille
- C. Inter Milan
- D. Paris Saint-Germain (PSG)
- E. Bayern Munich

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) won their first-ever UEFA Champions League title by defeating Inter Milan 5-0 in the 2025 final held in Munich.
- Desire Doue starred in the final with 2 goals and 1 assist.
- Other scorers included Achraf Hakimi (12'), Khvicha Kvaratskhelia (73'), and Senny Mayulu (86').
- PSG became the second French club to win the title, after Marseille in 1993.
- PSG coach Luis Enrique won his second Champions League title, having previously won with Barcelona in 2015.
- Inter Milan, meanwhile, missed out on their first UCL title since 2010.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the 18th Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN)?

- A. Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan
- B. Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi
- C. Admiral R. Hari Kumar
- D. Lt Gen Dinesh Singh Rana
- E. Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Lieutenant General Dinesh Singh Rana has been appointed as the 18th Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN).
- He replaces Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan.
- The Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC), headquartered at Sri Vijaya Puram, is India's first and only joint services operational command.
- ANC integrates personnel and operations from the Indian Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard.
- This strategic command plays a vital role in safeguarding India's maritime interests in the Indian Ocean Region.

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Ques: What is the denomination of the commemorative coin issued by PM Modi in honor of Ahilyabai Holkar?

- A. Rs.100
- B. Rs.200
- C. Rs.250
- D. Rs.300
- E. Rs.500

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a Rs.300 commemorative coin on the occasion of the 300th birth anniversary of Lokmata Devi Ahilyabai Holkar, an 18th-century queen of Malwa.
- The coin was launched during the Women Empowerment Maha Sammelan held at Jamboree Maidan, Bhopal.
- It was issued by the Ministry of Culture and notified by the Ministry of Finance, featuring an embossed image of Ahilyabai Holkar.
- Ahilyabai Holkar was known for social reforms, infrastructure development, and the reconstruction of the Kashi Vishwanath Temple.
- The event also included the presentation of the Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Prize to Dr. Jaymati Kashyap for preserving the Gond language and rescuing women from trafficking.

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Ques: What is the name of India's first indigenously developed, government-funded AI-based Multimodal Large Language Model (LLM)?

- A. AI Bharat
- B. IndicGen
- C. Bharat GPT
- D. Bharat Gen
- E. Vani AI

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of Science & Technology, launched "Bharat Gen" at the BharatGen Summit held in New Delhi.
- Bharat Gen is India's first indigenously developed and government-funded AI-based Multimodal Large Language Model (LLM).
- It supports 22 Indian languages and aims to make AI accessible and inclusive for all.
- The model was developed under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS) and implemented via the TIH Foundation for IoT and IoE at IIT Bombay.
- The launch date was September 30, 2024.

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Ques: What is the purpose of the Krishi Nivesh Portal launched by the Ministry of Agriculture?

- A. To provide subsidies directly to farmers
- B. To sell agricultural produce online
- C. To integrate agri-investment schemes under one digital platform
- D. To monitor weather and crop patterns
- E. To provide crop insurance

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Krishi Nivesh Portal is an initiative by the Ministry of Agriculture to serve as a unified digital platform.
- It integrates 17 flagship agri-investment schemes across 7 ministries, including Agriculture, Food Processing, Rural Development, Jal Shakti, New and Renewable Energy, and Fertilizers.
- The portal helps users to Track investment opportunities, Monitor application status and Access scheme-related information
- It aligns with the Ease of Doing Business initiative and aims to improve transparency and efficiency in agricultural investments.

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Ques: Which three startups have joined India's AI Mission after Sarvam to build foundation AI models?

- A. Infosys, TCS, Mindtree
- B. OpenAI, Razorpay, Google India
- C. Soken AI, Gan.ai, Gnani AI
- D. Paytm AI, Microsoft India, EnKash
- E. Haptik, Zoho AI, CRED

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's AI Mission aims to build indigenous large AI foundation models.
- After Sarvam AI, the government has selected Soken AI, Gan.ai, and Gnani AI to develop new foundational models.
- Soken AI will create a 120 billion parameter open-source model, while Gan AI will develop a 70 billion parameter multilingual model.
- The government has increased GPU units to 34,000 to support AI computing infrastructure.
- So far, 367 datasets have been uploaded to AI Kosh, a platform for AI model training.
- IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw emphasized democratizing technology and reversing brain drain as key goals.

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Ques : What is the purpose of the National Anubhav Awards Scheme, 2025 recently announced by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions?

- A. Reward innovations in governance
- B. Promote pension schemes
- C. Document and share work experiences of retiring employees
- D. Encourage employee attendance
- E. Provide financial aid to retired employees

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The National Anubhav Awards Scheme, 2025, launched by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, aims to encourage retiring and retired employees to share their work experiences and insights in written form.
- The 'Anubhav' online platform was launched in March 2015 by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare.
- As of 2025, 10,886 write-ups from 98 organizations have been published, resulting in 59 Anubhav Awards and 19 Jury Certificates.
- Winners receive a medal, certificate, and a cash prize of Rs.10,000.
- For the first time, employees from Central Public Sector Enterprises and Public Sector Banks were also included in 2025 to acknowledge their role in nation-building.
- The evaluation was based on submissions made between April 1, 2024, and March 31, 2025.

Anubhav Awards :

- 1 Hukum Singh Meena : Additional Secretary, Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD)
- 2 Shalini Kacker : Chief General Manager (CGM), State Bank of India (SBI)
- 3 M. Venkatesan : Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to Ministry of State (MoS) for Prime Minister's Office (PMO)



- 4 O. Virupakshappa : Senior Superintendent of Post Offices (SSPO), Bangalore South Division, Karnataka
- 5 Saju P.K : Head Constable, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

Anubhav Jury Certificates :

- 1 Jai Prakash Srivastava : Director, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
- 2 Vinod P : Scientist G, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- 3 Jolly Dhar : Outstanding Scientist, Department of Space (DOS)
- 4 Sunitha Cherodath : Special Director General, Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communication (MoC)
- 5 Sabu Sebastian M : Scientist G, DRDO
- 6 Velaga Kumari : Deputy Director, Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS)
- 7 Santosh Gawli : Head Constable GD, Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
- 8 Balam Singh Rawat : Deputy Commandant, CRPF
- 9 S Meenakshi Sundaram : Inspector/Pharmacist, CRPF
- 10 Sheela Rani Poddar : Sub-Inspector/GD, CRPF

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Ques: What is the theme of World Milk Day 2025?

- A. Let's Celebrate The Power of Dairy
- B. Nutrition through Dairy
- C. Milk for All
- D. Dairy for Growth
- E. Power in Every Drop

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- World Milk Day is celebrated every year on 1st June to highlight the importance of milk as a global food and to acknowledge the role of the dairy sector.
- The theme for 2025 is: "Let's Celebrate The Power of Dairy", focusing on the nutritional, economic, and agricultural value of dairy.
- According to USDA 2024/2025 data, India remains the largest milk producer globally, contributing 31% of the world's fluid milk production since 1998.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

S Padmanabhan Appointed as Chairman of Tata Chemicals. He Replaced N Chandrasekaran

Shri Shailendra Nath Gupta assumed the office of Director General of Defence Estates

Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Melbourne (Australia) based Monash University signed MOU to elevate the educational standards to international standards in UP in the presence of Chief Minister (CM) Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow, UP

Microsoft Corporation and Yotta Data Services Private Limited signed an agreement to accelerate Artificial Intelligence (AI) adoption in India by integrating Microsoft Azure AI services into Yotta's sovereign Shakti Cloud platform

SBM ZET Credit Card Launched by ZET (Bengaluru) & State Bank of Mauritius (SBM) Bank (India). The card can be secured by opening an FD with SBM Bank, starting from Rs.5,000

CSIR – Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM) Organized Lavender Festival 3rd Edition at Bhaderwah, J&K. It is Inaugurated by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology

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Ques: How much worth of G-Secs did FPIs sell in Q1 FY26 under the Fully Accessible Route (FAR)?

- A. Rs.15,000 crore
- B. Rs.25,544 crore
- C. Rs.20,000 crore
- D. Rs.12,650 crore
- E. Rs.30,000 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- In Q1 of FY26, Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) sold Government Securities (G-Secs) worth Rs.25,544 crore under the Fully Accessible Route (FAR).
- This marks the largest quarterly sale since G-Secs were included in global bond indices.
- Notably, G-Secs were added to the JP Morgan GBI-EM Index (effective June 28, 2024) and Bloomberg's EM LC Government Index (January 31, 2025).

Key reasons for the sell-off include:

- A reduced yield spread (~180 bps) between the 10-year US Treasury and the 10-year Indian G-Sec (down from 400–500 bps earlier)
- Geopolitical tensions (e.g., India-Pakistan) and global trade/tariff uncertainties.
- Profit-booking after a bond rally, supported by 50 bps RBI rate cuts earlier this year.





Ques: Which HDFC Bank subsidiary received SEBI approval for launching India's largest NBFC IPO worth Rs.12,500 crore?

- A. HDFC Securities
- B. HDB Financial Services
- C. HDFC Capital
- D. HDFC AMC
- E. HDFC Infra Ltd

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- HDB Financial Services, a subsidiary of HDFC Bank, has received SEBI approval to launch an IPO worth Rs.12,500 crore, the largest NBFC IPO in India.
- The IPO includes an Offer for Sale (OFS) of Rs.10,000 crore and a fresh issue of Rs.2,500 crore.
- HDFC Bank currently holds a 94.36% stake in HDB Financial Services.
- The IPO is in compliance with the RBI's upper-layer NBFC norms, which mandate listing by 30 September 2025.
- Funds raised will be used to augment Tier-I capital and meet future lending needs.
- The company filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) in October 2024.
- Lead book-running managers include JM Financial, BNP Paribas, BofA Securities, Goldman Sachs, HSBC, IIFL, Jefferies, Motilal Oswal, among others.





Ques: Swarup Kumar Saha's tenure as MD & CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank has been extended till which year?

- A. 2027
- B. 2026
- C. 2025
- D. 2028
- E. 2030

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Government of India has extended the tenure of Swarup Kumar Saha, Managing Director and CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank, till February 28, 2027, or until further orders.
- His original tenure was supposed to end on June 2, 2025, but has now been extended under the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1980.
- Saha has over 30 years of experience in banking and has led the bank since June 2022.
- Punjab & Sind Bank reported strong financial results in Q4 and FY 2024-25.

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Ques: Which global investment firm sold 2.6% stake in YES Bank for Rs.1,775 crore through open market transactions?

- A. Blackstone Group
- B. Bain Capital
- C. Carlyle Group
- D. Warburg Pincus
- E. KKR & Co.

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Carlyle Group, a global investment firm based in the United States, sold a 2.6% stake in YES Bank worth Rs.1,775 crore via open market transactions.
- The transaction was conducted through its affiliate, CA Basque Investments.
- Carlyle sold 82 crore shares at a price between Rs.21.61– Rs.21.68 per share.
- Post-sale, Carlyle's stake in YES Bank declined from 6.84% to 4.22%.
- This development followed the announcement by SBI and 7 other lenders to sell 20% combined stake in YES Bank to Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) of Japan for Rs.13,483 crore, marking the largest cross-border investment in the Indian banking sector.
- Following the sale, YES Bank shares fell over 10% on both BSE and NSE.

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Ques: Which company recently received in-principle RBI approval to operate as a cross-border payment aggregator in India?

- A. PayPal
- B. Wise
- C. PhonePe
- D. Revolut
- E. Western Union

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Wise, a global technology company, has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a cross-border payment aggregator in India.
- This move allows Wise to provide faster, cheaper, and more transparent cross-border payment solutions to Indian users.
- Currently, Wise handles about 10% of all inbound international remittances to India.
- According to SK Saraogi, APAC Head of Expansion at Wise, this is a major step toward simplifying global money transfers for customers.
- The approval further solidifies Wise's footprint in the Indian fintech and remittance market.

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Ques: Under which article of the Indian Constitution were the new regulations for Ladakh's land, jobs, and cultural preservation issued?

- A. Article 370
- B. Article 244
- C. Article 240
- D. Article 371
- E. Article 368

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Central Government has issued a series of regulations for Ladakh under Article 240 of the Constitution.
- Article 240 empowers the President of India to make regulations for Union Territories without legislatures.

The new regulations include:

- Domicile-based recruitment rules for Ladakh government jobs.
- Reservation capped at 85% for SC, ST, OBC, and other backward groups (excluding 10% EWS).
- Recognition of English, Hindi, Urdu, Bhoti, and Purgi as official languages.
- Amendment to LAHDC Act to reserve one-third seats for women.
- Cultural and linguistic support for local communities.





Ques: Under the KERA project, how much financial assistance will rubber farmers receive per hectare?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The KERA Project (Kerala Climate Resilient Agri-Value Chain Modernisation) is a collaborative effort supported by the World Bank from 2025 to 2029.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Rubber Board and the Department of Agricultural Development and Farmers' Welfare, Kerala.
- Another MoU was signed with the Spices Board, represented by Director Rema Shree AB.
- Under this project:
 - Rubber farmers will receive Rs.75,000 per hectare, and
 - Cardamom farmers will receive Rs.1,00,000 per hectare (for up to 2 hectares).
- The project will benefit rubber farmers in Kottayam, Ernakulam, Pathanamthitta, Kannur, Malappuram, and Thiruvananthapuram, and cardamom farmers in Idukki.
- It also aims to replant 30,000 hectares of aged rubber plantations with a total project outlay of Rs.225 crore.

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Ques: What is the minimum investment required under the EV manufacturing scheme notified by the Government of India?

- A. Rs.3,000 crore
- B. Rs.5,000 crore
- C. Rs.4,150 crore
- D. Rs.6,484 crore
- E. Rs.2,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Under the EV manufacturing scheme, the minimum investment required in India over 3 years is Rs.4,150 crore (approximately USD 500 million).
- This investment condition is mandatory to avail benefits like reduced customs duty on import of electric passenger cars and permission to import Completely Built Units (CBUs).
- The scheme aims to attract global EV manufacturers, boost employment, and promote “Make in India.”

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Ques: Who won the 2025 Indian Premier League (IPL) title and how was the final match decided?

- A. Mumbai Indians by 5 wickets
- B. Chennai Super Kings by 3 runs
- C. Royal Challengers Bengaluru by 6 runs
- D. Punjab Kings by 4 wickets
- E. Kolkata Knight Riders by 7 runs

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) won their maiden IPL title in 2025 with a six-run victory over Punjab Kings in the final.
- The final was held at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad. 2025 Indian Premier League is 18th Edition
- RCB scored 190/9 in 20 overs and Punjab Kings scored 184/7 in their 20 overs.
- RCB captain Rajat Patidar, in his first season leading the team, achieved what many of his predecessors could not, ending an 18-year wait for the trophy.
- RCB won Rs.20 crore (US\$2.4 million) as prize money, while Punjab Kings received Rs.12.5 crore (US\$1.5 million) as runners-up.

Awards of 2025 Indian Premier League :

- Purple Cap (most wickets) : Prasidh Krishna (25) (Gujarat Titans)
- Orange Cap (most runs) : Sai Sudharsan (759) (Gujarat Titans)
- Emerging player of the season : Sai Sudharsan (Gujarat Titans)
- Striker of the season : Vaibhav Suryavanshi (Rajasthan Royals)
- Fantasy player of the season : Sai Sudharsan (Gujarat Titans)
- Most sixes : Nicholas Pooran (Lucknow SuperGiants)
- Most fours : Sai Sudharsan (Gujarat Titans)
- Green dot balls of the season : Mohammed Siraj (Gujarat Titans)
- Catch of the season : Kamindu Mendis (Sunrisers Hyderabad)
- Most Valuable Player : Suryakumar Yadav (Mumbai Indians)



About Indian Premier League :

- Started : 2008
- Most successful : Chennai Super Kings & Mumbai Indians (5 titles each)
- Most runs : Virat Kohli (9,275)
- Most wickets : Yuzvendra Chahal (221)
- 2024 winner : Kolkata Knight Riders (3)



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Ques: What was India's overall rank in the medal tally at the 26th Asian Athletics Championships 2025?

- A. First
- B. Second
- C. Third
- D. Fourth
- E. Fifth

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India secured the second position in the overall medal tally at the 26th Asian Athletics Championships 2025, held at Gumi Civic Stadium, South Korea, from May 27 to 31, 2025.
- India won a total of 24 medals – 8 Gold, 10 Silver, and 6 Bronze.
- China topped the chart with 32 medals (19 Gold, 9 Silver, 4 Bronze).
- The 27th edition of the championships is scheduled to be held in Xiamen, China, in 2027.

Ranking of Top 5 medal winners at 26th Asian Athletics Championships :

- 1 China : 19 (Gold) 9 (Silver) 4 (Bronze) 32 (Total)
- 2 India : 8 (Gold) 10 (Silver) 6 (Bronze) 24 (Total)
- 3 Japan : 5 (Gold) 11 (Silver) 12 (Bronze) 28 (Total)
- 4 Kazakhstan : 3 (Gold) 1 (Silver) 2 (Bronze) 6 (Total)
- 5 Qatar : 3 (Gold) 1 (Silver) 2 (Bronze) 6 (Total)





Ques: Who is the author of the book "The Great Conciliator: Lal Bahadur Shastri and the Transformation of India"?

- A. Ramachandra Guha
- B. Sanjeev Chopra
- C. Shashi Tharoor
- D. Jairam Ramesh
- E. Rajmohan Gandhi

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The book "The Great Conciliator: Lal Bahadur Shastri and the Transformation of India" is authored by Sanjeev Chopra.
- It explores Shastri ji's leadership during critical post-independence years and his role as a consensus builder balancing Nehruvian socialism and emerging Indian aspirations.
- The book highlights his contributions in the 1965 Indo-Pak war, the Green Revolution, and his emphasis on self-reliance with slogans like "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan."
- It presents him as a transformative figure in Indian politics, not just a transitional Prime Minister.

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Ques: Which city in Andhra Pradesh is set to host an ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 match after 28 years?

- A. Vijayawada
- B. Visakhapatnam
- C. Tirupati
- D. Guntur
- E. Rajahmundry

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Visakhapatnam, a coastal city in Andhra Pradesh, will host a match of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025, marking its first World Cup match in 28 years.
- The tournament will be held from September 30 to November 2, 2025, across five venues in India and Sri Lanka (Colombo).
- India previously hosted the ICC Women's World Cup in 1978, 1997, and 2013.
- Participating teams include India, Australia, England, South Africa, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh.

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Ques: What is the total cost of the Aravalli Green Wall Project launched by PM Modi?

- A. Rs.12,000 crore
- B. Rs.14,800 crore
- C. Rs.16,053 crore
- D. Rs.18,200 crore
- E. Rs.20,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Aravalli Green Wall Project on June 5, aligning with World Environment Day 2025.
- The project aims to combat desertification and restore degraded land across four states – Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Gujarat.
- It has an estimated cost of Rs.16,053 crore and will create a 5 km buffer zone around the 700-km-long Aravalli range.
- The initiative covers about 6.45 million hectares and is expected to establish a carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of CO₂ equivalent.
- Though the land restoration project began in 2023, a detailed action plan has now been launched.
- This is a part of India's commitment to restore 26 million hectares of degraded land by 2030 under global climate goals.
- The Aravalli hills play a vital ecological role by preventing the spread of the Thar Desert and supporting rivers and biodiversity.





Ques: What is the name of the newly inaugurated centre by DRDO to boost India's indigenous quantum capabilities?

- A. Quantum Innovation Lab
- B. Quantum Computing Centre
- C. Quantum Defence Unit
- D. Quantum Technology Research Centre (QTRC)
- E. Centre for Advanced Quantum Studies

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has inaugurated the Quantum Technology Research Centre (QTRC).
- The centre is spearheaded by the Solid State Physics Laboratory (SSPL) and is aligned with India's National Quantum Mission.
- QTRC aims to develop sovereign quantum technologies for strategic and defence purposes and reduce reliance on foreign systems.

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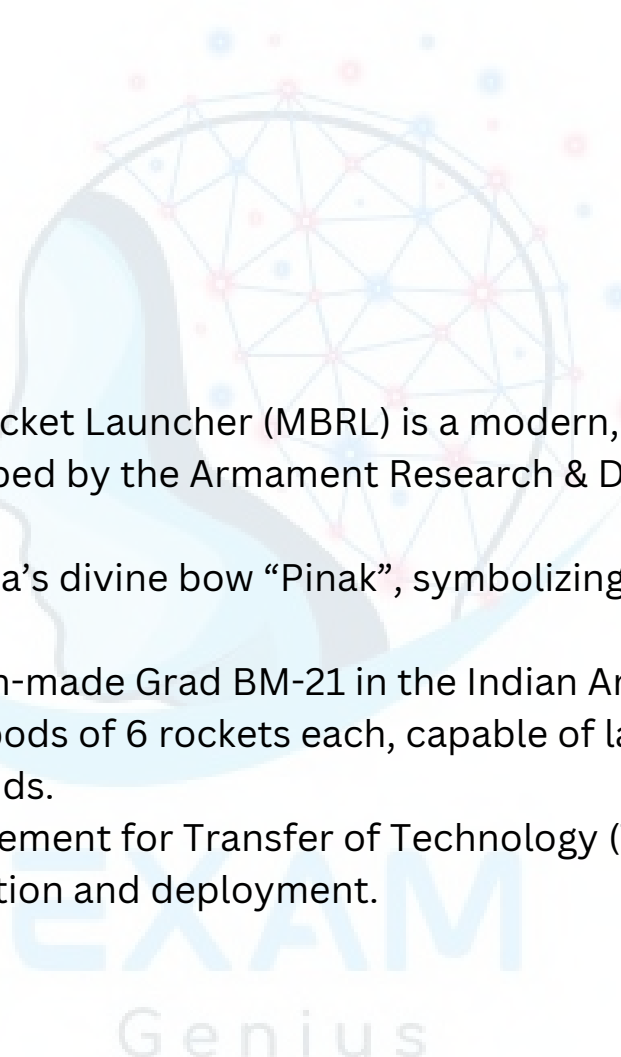
Ques: The Pinaka Multi Barrel Rocket Launcher, developed by ARDE and licensed to NIBE Limited, is named after which mythological weapon?

- A. Sudarshan Chakra
- B. Trishul
- C. Vajra
- D. Pinak
- E. Sharanga

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Pinaka Multi Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL) is a modern, high-precision indirect fire weapon system developed by the Armament Research & Development Establishment (ARDE).
- It is named after Lord Shiva's divine bow "Pinak", symbolizing strength and precision.
- It has replaced the Russian-made Grad BM-21 in the Indian Army's arsenal.
- The system includes two pods of 6 rockets each, capable of launching 12 rockets in salvo mode within 44 seconds.
- Recently, a Licensing Agreement for Transfer of Technology (ToT) was signed with NIBE Limited for its production and deployment.





Ques: What is the 70th division of Indian Railways that came into effect from June 1, 2025?

- A. Firozpur Division
- B. Jammu Division
- C. Baramulla Division
- D. Srinagar Division
- E. Amritsar Division

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Jammu Railway Division became the 70th division of Indian Railways effective from June 1, 2025, and operates under the Northern Railway zone.
- It was officially inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 6, 2025.

The division includes strategic and high-connectivity rail routes, transferred from the Firozpur Division, including:

- Pathankot–Jammu–Srinagar–Baramulla (423 km)
- Bhogpur Sirwal–Pathankot (87 km)
- Batala–Pathankot (68 km)
- Pathankot–Joginder Nagar (narrow gauge, 164 km)





Ques: Who received the Global Leadership Award at the 8th USISPF Annual Leadership Summit in 2025?

- A. Ratan Tata
- B. Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- C. Kumar Mangalam Birla
- D. Sundar Pichai
- E. Satya Nadella

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman of the Aditya Birla Group, received the Global Leadership Award from the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) at its 8th Annual Leadership Summit held in Washington, D.C.
- He was recognized for his leadership and for heading India's largest investor group in the United States.
- He shared the honour with Arvind Krishna (Chairman & CEO, IBM) and Toshiaki Higashihara (Executive Chairman, Hitachi).

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Ques: What is India's rank in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2025?

- A. 4th
- B. 7th
- C. 9th
- D. 10th
- E. 18th

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India ranked 10th in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2025, which assesses the climate protection efforts of 63 countries and the EU, together accounting for over 90% of global GHG emissions.
- The CCPI is published by Germanwatch, New Climate Institute, and Climate Action Network International.
- The top three positions remain vacant as no country performed "very high" across all four categories: GHG Emissions (40%), Renewable Energy (20%), Energy Use (20%), and Climate Policy (20%).
- Denmark secured the 4th position, making it the highest-ranked country in the 2025 index.
- India and the UK are the only G20 nations on track with low per capita emissions, highlighting India's efforts in sustainable growth.

Top 10 countries ranking high in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2025

- 1 --
- 2 --
- 3 --
- 4 Denmark 78.37 (CCPI Score)
- 5 Netherlands 69.6
- 6 United Kingdom 69.29
- 7 Philippines 68.41
- 8 Morocco 68.32
- 9 Norway 68.21
- 10 India 67.99
- 67 Islamic Republic of Iran 17.47 (last)





Ques: Who was elected President of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) for the 2025–2028 term?

- A. Ajay Seth
- B. Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- C. T.V. Somanathan
- D. V. Srinivas
- E. Amitabh Kant

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- V. Srinivas, Secretary of the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Government of India, has been elected as President of IIAS for the 2025–2028 term.
- The International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS), founded in 1930 and headquartered in Brussels, Belgium, promotes global cooperation in public administration.
- India has been an institutional member since 1998, and recently hosted the IIAS-DARPG India Conference 2025 in New Delhi with the theme "Next Generation Administrative Reforms – Empowering Citizens and Reaching the Last Mile."

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Ques: What is the name of IRCTC's AI-based assistant that helps in booking, cancelling and tracking train tickets?

- A. RailBot
- B. eRailMate
- C. RailYatri AI
- D. AskDISHA 2.0
- E. IRCTC Assistant

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- AskDISHA 2.0 is an AI-powered virtual assistant developed by Indian Railways for the IRCTC platform.
- It enables users to book, cancel, track train tickets, and check refund status with voice or text input.
- The chatbot supports multiple Indian languages and allows OTP-based login, real-time TDR tracking, and quick retry for failed payments.
- The tool simplifies travel by storing frequent traveler details and offering PNR-based refund tracking.
- To book a ticket: Type/say "book ticket" → Share details → Select train → OTP verification → Pay and get e-ticket
- To cancel: Say "cancel ticket" → Authenticate → Select PNR → Confirm → Wait for SMS/email
- For refunds: Say "refund status" → Enter PNR/Txn ID → Get updates instantly

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Ques: What is the name of the newly declared conservation reserve in Telangana that connects Kawal Tiger Reserve with Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve?

- A. Deccan Tiger Reserve
- B. Godavari Corridor Sanctuary
- C. Kumram Bheem Conservation Reserve
- D. Telangana-Maharashtra Wildlife Belt
- E. Gondwana Tiger Landscape

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Telangana state government has officially notified the tiger corridor connecting Kawal Tiger Reserve (KTR) with Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) in Maharashtra as the “Kumram Bheem Conservation Reserve”.
- This declaration is made under Section 36(A) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- The reserve spans an area of 1,492.88 sq. km, enhancing the habitat connectivity for tigers and promoting conservation in the region.

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Ques: What is the theme of World Environment Day 2025?

- A. Restore Our Earth
- B. Ecosystem Restoration
- C. Only One Earth
- D. Putting an End to Plastic Pollution
- E. Time for Nature

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- World Environment Day celebrated on 5 June.
- The theme for World Environment Day 2025 is "Putting an End to Plastic Pollution", highlighting global efforts to eliminate plastic waste.
- This year's observance is officially hosted by the Republic of Korea.
- It aligns with the UNEP-led #BeatPlasticPollution campaign.
- World Environment Day was established in 1972 during the Stockholm Conference, and the first celebration was held in 1973.

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Two ships – ESPS Reina Sofia (Spanish Navy) and ITS Antonio Marceglio (Italian Navy) – from EUNAVFOR's Operation Atalanta made their maiden port call to Mumbai in 2025

Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh defeated World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen at the prestigious Norway Chess 2025 tournament

Hinduja Global Solutions Limited announced appointment of Venkatesh Korla as its new Global Chief Executive Officer and Mahesh Kumar Nutalapati as the new Global Chief Financial Officer

Bangalore International Airport Limited and InterGlobe Aviation Limited (IndiGo) inked a Memorandum of Understanding to spend Rs 1,100 crore in the establishment of a Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facility at Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, presented the Kalaigal M. Karunanidhi Classical Tamil Award for 2025 to eminent Tamil scholar Thayammal Aravanan. The award carries a cheque of ₹10 lakh and a citation plaque.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Telangana Grameena Bank (TGB) for a three-year term?

- A. Y. Sobha
- B. K. Prathapa Reddy
- C. R. K. Singh
- D. V. Satyanarayana
- E. P. Ramesh Rao

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- K. Prathapa Reddy has been appointed as the Chairman of Telangana Grameena Bank (TGB) for a three-year term, replacing Y. Sobha.
- Before this role, he served as Deputy General Manager at SBI.
- As of January 1, 2025, TGB was restructured by merging the original TGB with the Telangana operations of Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank (APGVB).
- This move made Telangana the first Indian state to implement the “One State One RRB” (Regional Rural Bank) framework.

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Ques: Under the RBI's 2024–25 scheme, how many prizes will be awarded for writing books originally in Hindi on Economics/Banking/Finance?

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. Five
- E. Ten

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched a Hindi Book Writing Scheme (2024–25) to encourage original works in Economics, Banking, and Finance.
- The scheme is open to working or retired professors from UGC-recognized Indian universities.
- A total of three prizes, each worth Rs.1,25,000, will be awarded for original Hindi books on the specified subjects.
- The deadline for nomination submission is June 30, 2025, by 5:00 PM to the Rajbhasha Department, RBI, Mumbai.

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Ques : What does the newly launched Motilal Oswal BSE 1000 Index Fund track?

- A. BSE Sensex
- B. NSE Nifty 50
- C. BSE 1000 Total Return Index
- D. BSE Midcap 150
- E. NSE Nifty Next 50

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Motilal Oswal MF launched the Motilal Oswal Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) 1000 Index Fund, India's first index fund tracking the BSE 1000 Total Return Index.
- The New Fund Offer (NFO) opens on June 5, 2025, and closes on June 19, 2025.
- The fund offers broad exposure to Indian equities, tracking about 94% of India's listed market capitalization.
- Motilal Oswal MF was established in 1987, headquartered in Mumbai, with Prateek Agrawal as MD & CEO.

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Ques: SBI signed an MoU with which state's Digital Economy Mission to support the development of Global Capability Centres (GCCs)?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Karnataka
- E. Telangana

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The State Bank of India (SBI) signed an MoU with the Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) to promote the establishment and support of Global Capability Centres (GCCs) in Karnataka.
- On the same day, SBI also launched India's first Exclusive GCC Centre in Bengaluru.
- This initiative aims to boost Karnataka's positioning as a global technology and innovation hub, contributing to digital economy growth and skill development in the state.

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Ques: What stake has Central Bank of India acquired in Future Generali India Life Insurance Company Ltd (FGILICL)?

- A. 24.91%
- B. 25.18%
- C. 51%
- D. 8.21%
- E. 20%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Central Bank of India acquired a 25.18% stake in Future Generali India Life Insurance Company Ltd (FGILICL).
- This was done under the IBBI (Insolvency Resolution Process) Regulations, 2016.
- The acquisition cost for the life insurance stake was Rs.57 crore, and necessary approvals were obtained from CCI, RBI, and IRDAI.
- With this move, CBol joins other public sector banks like SBI, PNB, and BoB with their own insurance ventures

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Ques: What is the estimated Real GDP growth rate of India for FY25, as per the Provisional Estimates released by NSO?

- A. 6.2%
- B. 6.4%
- C. 6.5%
- D. 6.6%
- E. 7.4%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The National Statistics Office (NSO), under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), released the Provisional Estimates (PE) for India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the financial year 2024–25 (FY25).
- India's Real GDP is estimated to grow at 6.5% for FY25, marking a 4-year low.
- This estimate is 10 basis points lower than the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s projection of 6.6% for the same year.
- However, Q4FY25 (Jan–Mar 2025) showed 7.4% growth, the fastest quarterly growth in the year.
- The GDP growth estimate for Q3FY25 has been revised upward from 6.2% to 6.4%.

Growth Estimates for full FY25 :

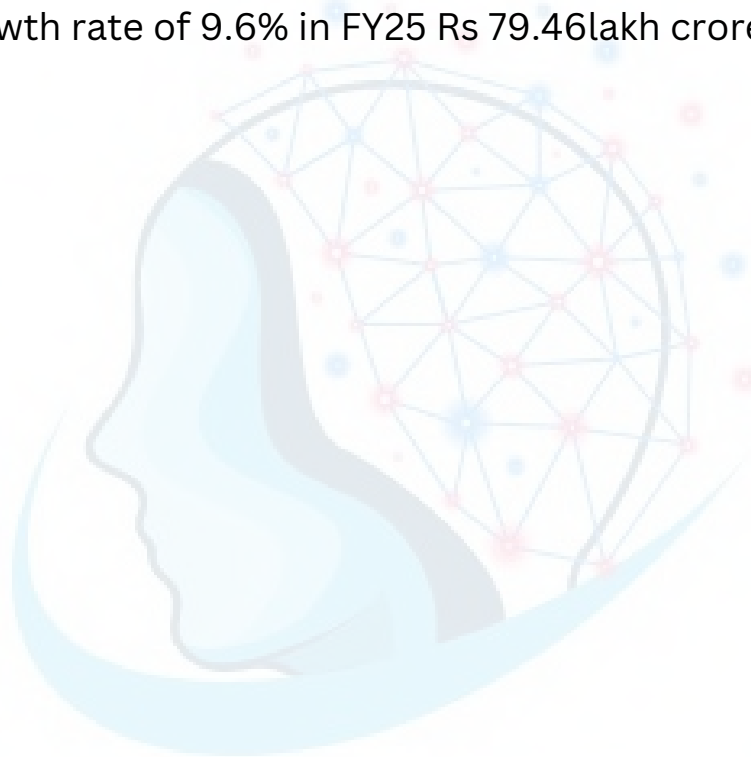
- Real GDP or GDP at Constant (2011-12) : Rs 187.97 lakh crore in FY25 compared to Rs 176.51 lakh crore in FY24
- Real Gross Value Added (GVA) : Growth of 6.4% (in FY25) Rs 171.87 lakh crore in FY25, against Rs 161.51 lakh crore in FRI for FY24
- Nominal GDP or GDP at Current Prices : Growth rate of 9.8% Rs 330.68 lakh crore in FY25 as against Rs 301.23 lakh crore in FY24
- Nominal GVA : Growth rate of 9.5% in FY25 Rs 300.22 lakh crore during FY25 compared to Rs 274.13 lakh





Growth Estimates for Q4FY25 :

- Real GDP or GDP at Constant (2011-12) Prices : Rs 51.35 lakh crore in Q4FY25 Increase of 7.4%
- Real Gross Value Added (GVA) : Growth of 6.8% (in FY25) Rs 45.76 lakh crore in Q4FY25
- Nominal GDP : Growth rate of 10.8% Rs 88.18 lakh crore in Q4FY25
- Nominal GVA : Growth rate of 9.6% in FY25 Rs 79.46 lakh crore (in Q3FY25)



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Ques: Who topped the 2025 Candere Hurun India Women Leaders List among top professionals?

- A. Vibha Padalkar
- B. Parminder Chopra
- C. Radha Vembu
- D. Shanti Ekambaram
- E. Roshni Nadar

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Shanti Ekambaram, Deputy Managing Director of Kotak Mahindra Bank, secured the top position in the 2025 Candere Hurun India Women Leaders List under the professionals category.
- Her company is valued at ₹3.8 trillion, the highest among all women professionals listed.
- Other top professionals included Parminder Chopra (Power Finance Corp), Vibha Padalkar (HDFC Life), Hina Nagarajan (United Spirits), and A. Manimekhalai (Union Bank of India).

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Ques: As per the June 2025 MPC meeting, what is the current Policy Repo Rate set by RBI?

- A. 6.00%
- B. 5.75%
- C. 5.50%
- D. 5.25%
- E. 5.00%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- In the 55th meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) held from June 4 to 6, 2025, RBI reduced the Policy Repo Rate by 50 basis points to 5.50%.
- This decision was taken to support growth while controlling inflation, which was revised downward to 3.7% for FY 2025-26.
- Other related rates like SDF, MSF, Bank Rate, and Reverse Repo were also adjusted accordingly.
- MPC stance changed from 'accommodative' to 'neutral' signaling a balanced approach towards inflation and growth.

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Ques : What is the primary objective of the Assam-Meghalaya joint project on the Kulsi River?

- A. To promote tourism between the states
- B. To generate 55 MW hydropower and provide irrigation benefits
- C. To build a new highway connecting Assam and Meghalaya
- D. To conserve the Gangetic river dolphin habitat only
- E. To develop urban infrastructure in Guwahati

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Assam and Meghalaya governments have jointly announced a 55 MW hydropower and irrigation project on the Kulsi River after consulting local communities.
- The initiative aims to tackle urban flooding in Guwahati and help resolve a longstanding boundary dispute between the two states.
- The announcement was made during a meeting between Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma and Meghalaya CM Conrad K. Sangma.
- The Kulsi River, a tributary of the Brahmaputra, flows through West Khasi Hills (Meghalaya) into Kamrup district (Assam).
- The project will generate electricity for both states and provide irrigation benefits to Assam.
- The Kulsi River is also an important ecological habitat, especially as a nesting site for the Gangetic river dolphin.

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Ques: The DHRUVA initiative, launched by the Department of Posts, aims to develop which type of infrastructure?

- A. National Digital Health Mission
- B. Address-based Delivery Mechanism
- C. Digital Address Digital Public Infrastructure
- D. Geospatial Mapping Framework
- E. Unified Communication Protocol

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The DHRUVA initiative stands for Digital Hub for Reference and Unique Virtual Address.
- It was launched by the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications.
- Its primary goal is to build a national-level Digital Address Public Infrastructure (DPI).
- DHRUVA will provide a secure, consent-based, and interoperable Address-as-a-Service (AaaS) framework.
- It aims to improve delivery services, governance, and location-based services across India by enabling digital address sharing, verification, and management across government and private platforms.





Ques: Who will be appointed as the new Chairman of TVS Motor Company from August 25, 2025?

- A. Venu Srinivasan
- B. Sir Ralf Speth
- C. Sudarshan Venu
- D. Vikram Kirloskar
- E. Pawan Goenka

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The TVS Motor Company board has unanimously approved Sudarshan Venu as the next Chairman and Managing Director.
- His appointment will be effective from August 25, 2025.
- Sir Ralf Speth, the current Chairman, will step down on August 22 at the end of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and will not seek reappointment.

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Ques: Under the new agreement, where will the Rafale fighter fuselage production facility be set up?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Pune
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Chennai
- E. Nagpur

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Dassault Aviation and Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) have signed 4 Production Transfer Agreements for manufacturing the Rafale fighter aircraft fuselage.
- The production facility will be set up in Hyderabad, India, and will cater to both domestic and global markets.
- The facility will manufacture structural parts such as rear, central, and front fuselage sections.
- Starting from 2028, the facility aims to deliver up to 2 complete fuselage units per month.
- This marks the first time Rafale fuselages will be produced outside France, representing a major milestone for India's aerospace infrastructure and high-precision manufacturing capabilities.

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Ques: Which two wetlands were recently added to India's Ramsar list on the eve of World Environment Day 2025?

- A. Chilika & Loktak
- B. Sultanpur & Bhitarkanika
- C. Khichan & Menar
- D. Harike & Sur Sarovar
- E. Keoladeo & Sambar

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- On the eve of World Environment Day 2025, India added two wetlands from Rajasthan to the Ramsar List are Khichan in Phalodi and Menar in Udaipur
- These additions increased India's total number of Ramsar Sites to 91.
- Ramsar Sites are wetlands of international importance, protected under the Ramsar Convention, which promotes the conservation and wise use of wetlands globally.
- This move underscores India's ongoing commitment to wetland and biodiversity conservation.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the President of the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)?

- A. Angela Merkel
- B. Ursula von der Leyen
- C. Philemon Yang
- D. Olaf Scholz
- E. Annalena Baerbock

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Former German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock has been appointed as the President of the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) for a term of 1 year.
- She secured 167 out of 188 votes and replaces Philemon Yang, the former Prime Minister of Cameroon.
- Annalena Baerbock becomes the first woman from the Western European Group and the fifth woman overall to preside over the UNGA.
- UNGA Established in 1945 and HQ in New York City, U.S.

EXAM
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Ques: Which city recently became Madhya Pradesh's first to get a metro rail service with the inauguration of the Super Priority Corridor?

- A. Bhopal
- B. Indore
- C. Gwalior
- D. Jabalpur
- E. Ujjain

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indore became the 16th city in India and first in Madhya Pradesh to receive a metro rail service.
- PM Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the 6-kilometre-long Super Priority Corridor, which includes 5 metro stations.
- These stations are named after iconic queens and women warriors – Devi Ahilyabai Holkar, Rani Durgavati, Maharani Laxmi Bai, Rani Avantibai Lodhi, and Veerangana Jhalkaribai.
- A Super Priority Corridor provides top-level clearance and priority for emergency and disaster management vehicles.

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Ques: What is the purpose of the Ayush Nivesh Saarthi Portal launched by the Government of India?

- A. Traditional Food Promotion
- B. Voter Turnout Management
- C. Investment in Traditional Medicine
- D. Climate Change Mitigation
- E. Tourism Development

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ayush Nivesh Saarthi Portal is an investor-centric digital platform launched on 29 May 2025 by the Ministry of Ayush and Invest India.
- It aims to promote investment in India's traditional wellness systems such as Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy.
- The portal unifies policies, incentives, and real-time facilitation to ease doing business in the sector.
- India's Ayush sector has recorded 17% annual growth (2014–2020) and allows 100% FDI, showing openness to global investment.
- It connects investors to over 8000 medicinal plant species and taps into a \$13 billion global wellness market.
- The platform supports data-driven decision making and policy transparency, positioning India as a global wellness hub.

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Ques: How many youth have been trained under PMKVY as of April 2025?

- A. 73 lakh
- B. 1.26 crore
- C. 1.63 crore
- D. 2.05 crore
- E. 26 lakh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) was launched in 2015 to offer short-term, industry-relevant skill training to youth.
- As of April 18, 2025, more than 1.63 crore youth have been trained under this scheme.
- Training has been provided in sectors such as manufacturing, IT, healthcare, and construction.
- The current version, PMKVY 4.0, has already benefited over 26 lakh candidates, continuing the momentum from previous phases.

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Ques: What is the name of the new app introduced by the Election Commission to update voter turnout data?

- A. ECI Portal
- B. ECI VOTE App
- C. ECINET App
- D. VoteTrack App
- E. E-Vote App

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Election Commission of India launched a new technology-driven voter turnout reporting system via the ECINET App.
- Presiding Officers (PROs) will update voter turnout every 2 hours on polling day using this app.
- Data will be automatically aggregated at the constituency level and published bi-hourly, reducing manual delays.
- After polling ends, final turnout will also be uploaded via ECINET before officers leave the station.
- This will eliminate the earlier system of SMS/call-based updates that caused 4–5 hour delays and confusion.
- The new system will go live before the Bihar elections.

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Ques: Where will the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) establish its first regional campus?

- A. Guwahati, Assam
- B. New Shillong, Meghalaya
- C. Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Kohima, Nagaland
- E. Imphal, Manipur

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), functioning under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, has acquired 5 acres of land in New Shillong Township, Meghalaya to set up its first regional campus.
- The project is supported by an investment of Rs.100.95 crore under the PM-DevINE scheme (Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North-East Region).
- The upcoming campus will act as a strategic hub for training, research, and policy advisory in the region.

About IICA:

- Established: 2008
- Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana
- Director General: Ajay Bhushan Pandey





Ques: What was the name of the yacht used in the first all-women Tri-Services international sailing expedition to Seychelles?

- A. INS Kalvari
- B. Samudra Shakti
- C. Triveni
- D. Varuna
- E. Shakti Sena

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The yacht 'Triveni', indigenously built, was used for India's first-ever international open-sea sailing mission by an all-women Tri-Services team.
- The 56-foot yacht carried 11 women officers from the Army, Navy, and Air Force.
- The mission covered 1,800 nautical miles to Seychelles and returned on 4 June 2025.
- The expedition showcased exceptional endurance, symbolizing Nari Shakti and strengthening India's maritime diplomacy.

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Ques: Who is the first woman officer from the Indian Navy to be appointed as Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to the President of India?

- A. Lt Cdr Yashasvi Solanki
- B. Lt Cdr Priyanka Singh
- C. Capt Omita
- D. Sqn Ldr Vaishali
- E. Maj Karamjeet

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Lieutenant Commander Yashasvi Solanki has been appointed as the Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to the President of India, becoming the first woman officer from the Indian Navy to hold this prestigious position.
- An ADC acts as a personal assistant to the President, facilitating communication and coordination with various branches of the armed forces.
- The President usually has five ADCs: three from the Army, one from the Navy, and one from the Air Force.

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QUES: KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT HAS RAISED THE LEGAL AGE FOR PURCHASING TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND BANNED HOOKAH BARS AND PUBLIC SMOKING. WHAT IS THE NEW LEGAL AGE FOR BUYING TOBACCO IN KARNATAKA?

- A. 18 years
- B. 19 years
- C. 20 years
- D. 21 years
- E. 25 years

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Karnataka government has increased the legal age for purchasing tobacco products from 18 to 21 years.
- The Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003, was amended to include these reforms.
- The sale of tobacco within 100 metres of any educational institution is banned as a buffer zone.
- Sale of loose/single cigarettes is prohibited to discourage casual use.
- Penalties for violations have increased, with fines for public smoking raised from Rs.200 to Rs.1,000 under Sections 21, 24, and 28.
- These measures aim to protect public health and reduce tobacco consumption in the state.

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Ques: Amul recently launched its fresh milk products in which two cities of Spain?

- A. Valencia and Malaga
- B. Seville and Cordoba
- C. Madrid and Barcelona
- D. Lisbon and Valencia
- E. Rome and Berlin

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Amul has officially launched its fresh milk products in Madrid and Barcelona, two major cities of Spain.
- The launch was held at the Embassy of India in Madrid, with attendance from Indian Ambassador Dinesh K Patnaik and Spanish Agriculture Ministry's official D. Fernando Heredia Noguera.
- Amul has partnered with COVAP, a top Spanish cooperative, to expand its dairy presence across Spain and later to other EU nations including Portugal, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland

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Ques: Which statement is true regarding the Chenab Rail Bridge inaugurated in 2024?

- A. It is 100 meters higher than the Eiffel Tower
- B. It is the world's longest sea bridge
- C. It is the highest railway arch bridge in the world
- D. It is located in Gujarat
- E. It was built without steel

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Chenab Rail Bridge, located in Jammu & Kashmir, was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 6, 2024.
- It is the world's highest railway arch bridge, rising 359 meters above the Chenab River, which is 35 meters taller than the Eiffel Tower.
- The bridge spans 1,315 meters in total length with a 467-meter-long arch.
- It is part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Link and was built using 30,000 tonnes of steel.
- Construction began in 2002, paused in 2008-09 due to wind safety concerns, and was finally completed in 2024 at a cost of Rs.1,486 crore.

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Ques: What is the name of the urban development initiative launched by the Odisha Government's Housing & Urban Development Department in Bhubaneswar?

- A. UDAYA
- B. O-SMART
- C. ANKUR
- D. SAMPADA
- E. NIRMAN

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Housing and Urban Development (H&UD) Department of Odisha launched the Atal Network of Knowledge, Urbanization & Reform (ANKUR) in Bhubaneswar.
- ANKUR aims to foster inclusive, sustainable, and innovative urban growth.
- It includes MoUs with six national and international institutions in the urban development ecosystem.
- The initiative is aligned with the state's urbanization vision to grow from 17% to 40% by 2036 and 60% by 2047.

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Ques: Which two countries were jointly elected to lead the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) Assembly for the 2025–2029 term?

- A. Malaysia and UAE
- B. Mexico and Kenya
- C. India and Brazil
- D. Nigeria and Germany
- E. France and Egypt

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Malaysia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) were jointly elected to lead the UN-Habitat Assembly for the 2025–2029 term.
- Malaysia, represented by Nga Kor Ming, will serve as President, succeeding Mexico.
- The UN-Habitat Assembly, headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, meets every four years and is the UN's top decision-making body on sustainable urbanization and human settlements.
- Founded in 1975, it was upgraded to a full programme by the UN General Assembly in 2001.

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Ques: Who has recently been appointed as the Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)?

- A. Suman Bery
- B. Bibek Debroy
- C. Raghuram Rajan
- D. S Mahendra Dev
- E. Arvind Subramanian

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Economist S Mahendra Dev has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM).
- He resigned from his position as independent director at Axis Bank to take up this full-time role.
- Mahendra Dev is an expert in agriculture and rural economy and editor of Economic and Political Weekly.
- He also chairs the Institute for Development Studies, Andhra Pradesh.
- Previously, he was associated with Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research and Kotak Mahindra Bank.
- He holds a PhD in Economics from Delhi School of Economics and completed post-doctoral research at Yale University.





Ques: Which of the following countries was elected as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for 2026–27?

- A. Algeria
- B. Colombia
- C. South Korea
- D. Guyana
- E. Slovenia

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The UN General Assembly elected Colombia, along with Bahrain, Democratic Republic of Congo, Latvia, and Liberia, as non-permanent members of the UN Security Council for the 2026–2027 term.
- These countries will replace Algeria, Guyana, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, and South Korea.
- Their membership will be effective from 1 January 2026.
- The UN Security Council has 15 members, of which 5 are permanent and 10 are elected as non-permanent for two-year terms.

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Ques: Where was the International Conference on Glaciers' Preservation held in 2025?

- A. Geneva, Switzerland
- B. Kathmandu, Nepal
- C. Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- D. Thimphu, Bhutan
- E. New Delhi, India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The International Conference on Glaciers' Preservation was held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, in 2025.
- It was organized by UNESCO, World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), and the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- India was represented by Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Kirti Vardhan Singh.
- As per a 2022 UNGA resolution, 2025 is declared the International Year of Glaciers' Preservation.

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Ques: Renowned Kannada poet and playwright Hodigere Shanbhog Venkatesha Murthy, who recently passed away, was a recipient of which of the following awards?

- A. Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize
- B. Karnataka Sahitya Academy Award
- C. Sahitya Akademi Bal Puraskar
- D. Filmfare Best Lyricist Award
- E. All of the above

Answer: *Option E*

Explanation:

- Hodigere Shanbhog Venkatesha Murthy (HSV) was a multifaceted Kannada poet, playwright, and scholar.
- His contributions spanned poetry, drama, translation, children's literature, films, and music.
- HSV was honored with several prestigious awards Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize (1991), Karnataka Sahitya Academy Award (won five times), Rajyotsava Award (2003), Sahitya Akademi Bal Puraskar (2013) and Filmfare Best Lyricist Award (2019)

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Ques: Which renowned Indian naturalist and conservationist, known as the 'BirdMan' and founder of the Mumbai Bird Race, recently passed away?

- A. Valmik Thapar
- B. Sunjoy Monga
- C. M. Krishnan
- D. Bittu Sahgal
- E. Ravi Sankaran

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sunjoy Monga, a celebrated naturalist, wildlife photographer, and conservationist, passed away recently.
- He was fondly known as 'BirdMan' due to his passionate work in avian conservation.
- In 2005, he founded the Mumbai Bird Race under the title 'WINGS – Birds of India', promoting citizen engagement in birdwatching and ecological awareness.
- His notable books include City Forest: Mumbai's National Park, Wildlife Reserves of India, Journeys Through India's Last Wild Places, and Birds of Mumbai.

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Kolkata-based Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE) and Norway's Kongsberg signed an MoU to build the country's first ever Polar Research Vessel (PRV) indigenously - advancing India's capabilities in polar and ocean research

Lee Jae-myung Appointed as 14th President of South Korea, officially known as the Republic of Korea. He Replaced Yoon Suk-yeol.

Oscar Piastri of McLaren Racing Limited won his fifth Formula One (F1) Grand Prix of the 2025 season at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya in Barcelona, Spain.

The State Support Mission (SSM) organized a one-day Regional Workshop in Dehradun. The workshop was organized by NITI Aayog in partnership with the State Institute for Empowering and Transforming Uttarakhand (SETU) Aayog, Government of Uttarakhand.

LIC (Life Insurance Corporation of India) acquired an additional 2% stake in Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, raising its total shareholding from 6.20% in October 2024 to 8.21% in 2025, involving the acquisition of over 1.67 crore shares.

Stefan Schaffer Appointed as Chief Executive officer (CEO) of Deutsche Bank India. He Replaced Dilipkumar Khandelwal.





Ques: Which public sector bank recently announced the removal of Average Monthly Balance (AMB) requirements for all savings bank accounts?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Canara Bank has announced that it will no longer require customers to maintain an Average Monthly Balance (AMB) in any type of savings bank (SB) account.
- This decision applies to regular savings accounts, salary accounts, and NRI accounts.
- With this move, Canara Bank becomes the first major public sector bank in India to completely eliminate AMB-related penalties across all savings account categories.
- This step aims to enhance customer convenience and promote financial inclusion.

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Ques: Which company plans to launch a UPI-based payment app for feature phones using GSPay technology?

- A. Google Pay
- B. Paytm
- C. BharatPe
- D. PhonePe
- E. Amazon Pay

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- PhonePe has acquired Gupshup's proprietary GSPay technology stack, which is built on NPCI's UPI 123PAY platform.
- Using this stack, PhonePe plans to launch a UPI-based payment app for feature phones, targeting rural and non-smartphone users.
- The initiative is aimed at expanding digital payment access and boosting financial inclusion in India.
- GSPay enables UPI payments via feature phones, helping bridge the digital divide in low-connectivity or low-end device areas.

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Ques: What is the new LTV ratio for gold-backed loans up to Rs.2.5 lakh as per RBI's update?

- A. 90%
- B. 85%
- C. 80%
- D. 75%
- E. 70%

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the Loan-to-Value (LTV) ratio for gold jewellery-backed loans up to Rs.2.5 lakh to 85%.
- For loans between Rs.2.5 lakh and Rs.5 lakh, the new LTV ratio is 80%.
- For loans above Rs.5 lakh, the LTV ratio remains unchanged at 75%.
- This move aims to enhance liquidity access for small borrowers and households.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as part-time member of the 16th Finance Commission after Ajay Narayan Jha's resignation?

- A. T. Rabi Sankar
- B. Shaktikanta Das
- C. Urjit Patel
- D. Arvind Panagariya
- E. Viral Acharya

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Shri T. Rabi Sankar, Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has been appointed as the part-time member of the 16th Finance Commission (XVIFC).
- He replaces Ajay Narayan Jha, who resigned from the position due to personal reasons.
- His tenure will last until the submission of the XVIFC report or 31st October 2025, whichever is earlier.
- The 16th Finance Commission was constituted on 31st December 2023 under the chairmanship of Dr. Arvind Panagariya, former Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog.
- The Commission is tasked to submit its recommendations by 31st October 2025 for the five-year award period beginning 1st April 2026.

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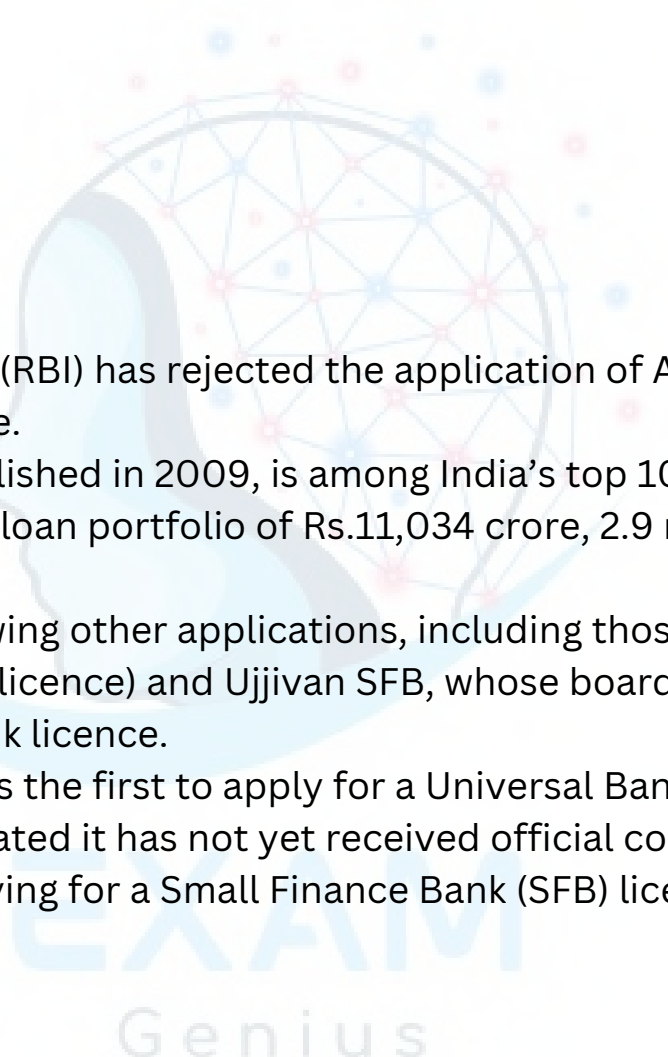
Ques: Which financial institution's application for a Universal Bank licence was recently rejected by the RBI?

- A. Annapurna Finance
- B. Ujjivan SFB
- C. AU Small Finance Bank
- D. Fino Payments Bank
- E. ESAF Small Finance Bank

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has rejected the application of Annapurna Finance for a Universal Bank Licence.
- Annapurna Finance, established in 2009, is among India's top 10 NBFC-MFIs.
- As of March 2025, it had a loan portfolio of Rs.11,034 crore, 2.9 million customers, and 1,636 branches.
- The RBI is currently reviewing other applications, including those from Fino Payments Bank (for an SFB licence) and Ujjivan SFB, whose board has approved applying for a universal bank licence.
- AU Small Finance Bank was the first to apply for a Universal Bank licence.
- Annapurna Finance has stated it has not yet received official communication from RBI and may consider applying for a Small Finance Bank (SFB) licence instead.





Ques: What is the current extreme poverty rate in India as per World Bank's updated \$3/day threshold?

- A. 15.5%
- B. 20.9%
- C. 5.3%
- D. 27.1%
- E. 9.8%

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- According to the World Bank, India's extreme poverty rate declined to 5.3% in 2022-23, down from 27.1% in 2011-12.
- The extreme poverty line has been revised to \$3/day (2021 PPP) from the earlier \$2.15/day threshold.
- Approximately 269 million people have been lifted out of extreme poverty over the last decade.
- The total number of extremely poor people in India fell from 344.47 million in 2011-12 to 75.24 million in 2022-23.
- India is also planning to develop its own poverty measurement method via NITI Aayog for more precise estimates.

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Ques: How much fund has Adani Airports Holdings Limited (AAHL) raised through External Commercial Borrowings (ECB)?

- A. \$500 million
- B. \$1 billion
- C. \$750 million
- D. \$300 million
- E. \$900 million

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Adani Airports Holdings Limited (AAHL), a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises, has raised \$750 million (6250 crore) through External Commercial Borrowings (ECB).
- ECB refers to the borrowing of funds by Indian companies from foreign sources like loans, bonds, or financial instruments.
- The transaction was led by First Abu Dhabi Bank, Barclays PLC, and Standard Chartered Bank.
- The loan has been secured at an interest rate of around 7.5%.
- The raised funds will be utilized to refinance existing debt, upgrade airport infrastructure, and expand capacity across six major airports: Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Mangaluru, Jaipur, Guwahati, and Thiruvananthapuram.

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Ques : Who won the 2024 Norway Chess title in the Open section?

- A. D. Gukesh
- B. Arjun Erigaisi
- C. Fabiano Caruana
- D. Magnus Carlsen
- E. Hikaru Nakamura

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Magnus Carlsen secured the 2024 Norway Chess title (Open section) with 16 points, his 7th win at this prestigious tournament.
- He drew against Arjun Erigaisi in the final round to clinch the title.
- Final standings (Top 3): Magnus Carlsen – 16 pts, Fabiano Caruana – 15.5 pts and D. Gukesh – 14.5 pts (after a key blunder against Caruana)
- In the Women's section, Anna Muzychuk (Ukraine) won the title, defeating R. Vaishali in an Armageddon tie-break with 16.5 points.

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Ques: Which wildlife species is the Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) around Tral Wildlife Sanctuary in Jammu and Kashmir primarily aimed to protect?

- A. Snow Leopard
- B. Hangul Deer
- C. Himalayan Black Bear
- D. Indian Pangolin
- E. Musk Deer

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Forest Environment and Climate Change has notified an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) around the Tral Wildlife Sanctuary in Pulwama, Jammu and Kashmir, to protect the critically endangered Hangul Deer, also known as the Kashmir Red Deer.
- The ESZ extends 0 to 3.26 kilometers from the sanctuary boundary, covering an area of 127.1 square kilometers, including 26 villages.
- The Hangul, which was once widely spread across Kashmir and parts of Himachal Pradesh, currently has an estimated population of 150–200 individuals as of 2015.
- The ESZ will also help protect other native species and their habitats in the region.

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Ques: Which country became the world's largest creditor nation in 2024, overtaking Japan?

- A. China
- B. Germany
- C. Norway
- D. Hong Kong
- E. United Kingdom

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Germany became the world's largest creditor nation in 2024, with Net External Assets (NEA) of JPY 569.7 trillion (USD 3.98 trillion), surpassing Japan's JPY 533.05 trillion (USD 3.73 trillion).
- China retained third place with JPY 516.28 trillion (USD 3.3 trillion), followed by Hong Kong (JPY 320.26 trillion) and Norway (JPY 271.83 trillion).
- The United States remains the world's largest net debtor nation, with a Net International Investment Position (NIIP) of USD 26.23 trillion.
- A creditor nation owns more foreign assets than it owes to foreign entities, reflecting a positive net investment position.

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Ques: Which two sectors will India and Italy jointly focus on by setting up working groups?

- A. Automobiles and Space
- B. Tourism and Agriculture
- C. Defence and Education
- D. Telecom and Railways
- E. Pharma and Fisheries

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- India and Italy have agreed to establish joint working groups in the automobile and space sectors.
- The announcement was made during the 22nd session of the India-Italy Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (JCEC), co-chaired by Piyush Goyal (India) and Antonio Tajani (Italy).
- The cooperation will also cover green hydrogen, biofuels, aerospace, Industry 4.0, sustainable mobility, and strategic initiatives like the India-Middle East-Europe Corridor (IMEC).
- Other collaboration areas include agri-tech, food processing, digital transformation, skill development, and renewable energy.
- A high-level business delegation from India participated and identified new opportunities for partnership.

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Ques: What is the name of the first ASW-SWC vessel to be commissioned by the Indian Navy in June 2025?

- A. INS Tamal
- B. INS Tushil
- C. INS Arnala
- D. INS Vaghsheer
- E. INS Vikrant

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indian Navy will commission INS Arnala, the first Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), on June 18, 2025, at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam.
- Arnala is the largest indigenous shallow water craft, 77.6 metres long and 1,490 tonnes, powered by a diesel-engine and waterjet combo.
- It is part of a series of 16 ASW-SWC ships being built by GRSE, Kolkata, in collaboration with L&T.
- This marks the beginning of a strategic induction drive that includes 9–10 warships before December 2025, as part of India's naval modernization.

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Ques: At the 4th edition of the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament, which two Indian boxers won gold medals?

- A. Amit Panghal and Vikas Krishan
- B. Deepak and Naman Tanwar
- C. Shiva Thapa and Manish Kaushik
- D. Gaurav Solanki and Satish Kumar
- E. Sachin Siwach and Akash Kumar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indian boxers Deepak and Naman Tanwar clinched gold medals at the 4th Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament, held under the World Boxing-backed Asian Boxing platform.
- Deepak won gold in the men's 75 kg weight category.
- Naman Tanwar secured gold in the men's 90 kg category.
- Overall, India won a total of 8 medals at the event : 2 Gold (Deepak and Naman), 1 Silver and 5 Bronze

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Ques: As of 2025, how many Ayushman Bharat cards have been created in Bihar under AB-PMJAY?

- A. 2.82 crore
- B. 5 crore
- C. 1.1 crore
- D. 7.52 lakh
- E. 3.94 crore

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- As of 2025, Bihar has created 3.94 crore Ayushman Bharat cards under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).
- During a special 4-day enrolment drive from May 26–30, an additional 17.38 lakh beneficiaries were added.
- Bihar is now one of the leading states in the country in terms of coverage under this cashless health insurance scheme, which provides up to Rs.5 lakh per family per year.
- The initiative also enrolled 2.82 lakh senior citizens (70+) under the Ayushman Vaya Vandana Card, and contributed to over Rs.1,000 crore in savings in out-of-pocket medical expenses.

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Ques: Which ministry organized the National Workshop on “Using Alternate Data Sources and Frontier Technologies for Policy Making” in June 2025?

- A. Ministry of Electronics and IT
- B. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- C. Ministry of Science and Technology
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs
- E. Ministry of Planning

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) organized a two-day National Workshop on “Using Alternate Data Sources and Frontier Technologies for Policy Making” on 5–6 June 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- The event was conducted in collaboration with NITI Aayog and the World Bank.
- Experts including Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood (Principal Scientific Advisor), Prof. Abhay Karandikar (Secretary, DST), and Dr. Saurabh Garg (Secretary, MoSPI) emphasized the role of combining traditional and alternate data for agile, secure, and effective policymaking.

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Ques : Which tech company has tied up with the Andhra Pradesh government to set up India's first AI University?

- A. Google
- B. Microsoft
- C. IBM
- D. NVIDIA
- E. TCS

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Andhra Pradesh Government partnered with NVIDIA to establish India's first AI University, aiming to boost education, skill development, and research in Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- 10,000 engineering students in Andhra Pradesh will receive AI-related skill training over the next two years, supported by NVIDIA.
- 500 AI startups from Andhra Pradesh will be included in NVIDIA's Inception Program, providing global exposure and support.
- This is Andhra Pradesh's second major tech initiative in 2025, following a Quantum Valley Tech Park project with IBM and TCS.
- AP CM N. Chandrababu Naidu emphasized that this initiative lays the groundwork for Swarna Andhra Pradesh, a vision for advanced technological development in the state.

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Ques: What major change did Bangladesh Bank implement in its newly released currency notes of Tk 20, Tk 50, and Tk 1000?

- A. Added security features
- B. Introduced plastic currency
- C. Removed Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's portrait and featured cultural landmarks
- D. Replaced Bengali text with English
- E. Introduced QR codes for tracking

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Bangladesh Bank, the central bank of Bangladesh, released new currency notes of Tk 20, Tk 50, and Tk 1000, marking a historic departure from tradition.
- The notes no longer feature the portrait of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the nation's founding father who had appeared on every note since 1971.

Instead, they highlight the country's cultural and historical heritage, including:

- Tk 20: Features Kantajew Temple (Dinajpur) and Somapura Mahavihara (Naogaon), showcasing religious harmony.
- Tk 50: Displays Ahsan Manzil, a historic palace in Dhaka, and a Bengal famine artwork by Zainul Abedin.
- Tk 1000: Highlights the National Martyr's Memorial, commemorating those who died in the 1971 Liberation War.





Ques: Where will the 82nd IATA AGM be held in 2026?

- A. London, UK
- B. Dubai, UAE
- C. Tokyo, Japan
- D. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- E. Singapore

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The 81st IATA AGM and World Air Transport Summit were hosted by IndiGo at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- This is the third time India hosted the AGM, previously in 1958 and 1983.
- PM Modi launched the "Aviation Vision 2047", aiming to add 50 airports by 2030 and expand to 350 airports by 2047 under the Viksit Bharat Vision.
- The global aviation industry's net profits are projected to hit USD 36 billion in 2025 (up from USD 32.4 billion in 2024).
- Total traveler numbers expected to reach 4.99 billion (4% increase), and air cargo volumes to hit 69 million tonnes (0.6% growth).
- Luis Gallego, CEO of International Airlines Group, appointed as the Chair of the IATA Board.
- The 82nd IATA AGM will be hosted in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June 2026 by LATAM Airlines Group S.A.

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Ques: From which date will filing of GST returns older than three years be barred, as per the new CGST amendment?

- A. April 2024
- B. July 2025
- C. January 2026
- D. June 2023
- E. March 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Under the Finance Act 2023, a new provision was introduced in the CGST Act, placing a three-year time limit for filing overdue GST returns.
- From July 2025, taxpayers will not be allowed to file returns such as GSTR-1 and GSTR-3B if the original due date was on or before June 20, 2022.
- Additionally, auto-populated liabilities in GSTR-3B will become non-editable, enhancing revenue protection and compliance discipline.
- This move is aimed at increasing certainty in the indirect tax framework and ensuring timely compliance.

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Ques: What is the objective of the 'Clean Plant Programme' recently launched by the Government of India?

- A. Promote organic farming nationwide
- B. Distribute free seeds to all farmers
- C. Provide disease-free horticultural plants to farmers
- D. Increase pesticide usage in horticulture
- E. Encourage imports of foreign plant varieties

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Government has launched the 'Clean Plant Programme' to provide disease-free horticultural plants to farmers.
- The program focuses on grapes, oranges, and pomegranates and will be implemented across India.
- Nine Clean Plant Projects will be launched nationwide, with three in Maharashtra : Pune for grapes, Nagpur for oranges and Solapur for pomegranates
- Modern nurseries will be established alongside these projects to ensure consistent supply.
- These nurseries will produce approximately 8 crore disease-free seedlings every year.
- The program was announced at the conclusion of India's first International Agri Hackathon, held in Pune from June 1–3, 2025, in the presence of Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis and Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.





Ques: What is the purpose of the newly upgraded Index Card system introduced by the Election Commission of India (ECI)?

- A. To track voter ID applications
- B. To collect feedback from voters
- C. To generate post-election statistical reports using a streamlined, tech-driven process
- D. To automate polling booth arrangements
- E. To provide real-time voting trends

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Election Commission of India (ECI), chaired by Shri Gyanesh Kumar along with Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Dr. Vivek Joshi, has introduced a streamlined, technology-driven system for generating Index Cards and post-election statistical reports.
- This modern system replaces outdated manual methods, which were slow and error-prone.
- The Index Card is a non-statutory post-election statistical reporting format, developed as a suo moto initiative by the ECI.
- It serves as the foundation for about 35 reports for Lok Sabha elections and 14 for State Assembly elections.
- These reports include detailed data on elector counts, polling stations, voter turnout (including women voters), performance of political parties, and winning candidate analysis at both state and constituency levels.





Ques: What is the primary purpose of the Waste Picker Enumeration App launched by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE)?

- A. To track urban sanitation workers
- B. To profile waste pickers under the NAMASTE Scheme
- C. To monitor dry waste collection centers
- D. To promote recycling initiatives in urban areas
- E. To create a digital waste management system

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- On World Environment Day 2025, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) launched the Waste Picker Enumeration App under the NAMASTE Scheme to profile waste pickers across the country.
- The NAMASTE Scheme, originally focused on sewer and septic tank workers, expanded in June 2024 to include waste pickers, reaffirming its commitment to environmental justice and worker dignity.

Key features of the scheme include:

- Issuing occupational photo ID cards to waste pickers.
- Providing health insurance under Ayushman Bharat (PM-JAY).
- Distributing PPE kits, offering skilling, and granting capital subsidies.
- Strengthening Waste Picker Collectives to manage 750 Dry-Waste Collection Centers (DWCCs).





Ques: Which company recently received a licence to operate satellite broadband services in India?

- A. OneWeb
- B. Jio Satellite
- C. SpaceX
- D. Starlink
- E. Airtel

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Elon Musk's company Starlink has been granted a licence to operate satellite broadband services in India, over two years after its initial application.
- Starlink received a GMPCS (Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite) services licence, marking its formal entry into the Indian telecom space.
- The development comes amid ongoing debates in the telecom sector over spectrum pricing and airwave allocation models.
- With this licence, Starlink can now begin subscription marketing and user registration in India.
- Starlink will compete with already-operational firms like Eutelsat OneWeb (backed by Airtel) and Jio Satellite Communications (led by Mukesh Ambani).
- Earlier in 2024, Airtel and Jio had explored partnering with SpaceX to distribute Starlink products to Indian customers.

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Ques : As per the Civil Registration System (CRS) 2022 data, which Indian state recorded the lowest sex ratio at birth (SRB)?

- A. Telangana
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Bihar
- D. Gujarat
- E. Jammu & Kashmir

Answer: C

Explanation :

- The Civil Registration System (CRS) 2022 report shows Bihar recorded the lowest sex ratio at birth in the country with 891 girls per 1000 boys.
- Bihar's SRB has declined sharply: 964 in 2020, 908 in 2021 and 891 in 2022

Other states with low SRB in 2022:

- Maharashtra: 906
- Telangana: 907
- Gujarat: 908
- Jammu & Kashmir: 909

Highest SRB recorded in:

- Nagaland: 1,068
- Arunachal Pradesh: 1,036
- Ladakh: 1,027





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N Chandrababu Naidu, the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh, proclaimed June 4 to be "Praja Teerpu Dinam" (people's verdict day), commemorating the one-year anniversary of the 2024 election results being announced as well as the fall of the previous YSRCP government.

Elon Musk's X has released XChat as a dedicated messenger to take on the likes of WhatsApp, Telegram and China's WeChat service.

CCI allows Warburg Pincus to acquire up to 9.99% in IDFC First Bank at a cost of 4876 crore.

The Uttar Pradesh government has approved 20% reservation for former Agniveers in direct recruitment for the posts of police constables, Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC), mounted police, and firemen

Union Minister of Labour & Employment and Youth Affairs & Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the Urban Adda 2025 conclave in New Delhi. A three-day conclave aims to unite young voices, experts, and leaders to forge sustainable urban futures.

Union Minister of Coal and Mines Shri G Kishan Reddy launched the C CARES Version 2.0, a web portal of CMPFO (Coal Mines Provident Fund Organization), developed and designed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC).





Ques: Who has been given the additional charge as CEO & MD of LIC for 3 months starting June 8, 2025?

- A. Siddhartha Mohanty
- B. Raj Kumar
- C. M R Kumar
- D. Sat Pal Bhanoo
- E. V K Sharma

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Government of India has appointed Sat Pal Bhanoo, currently Managing Director of LIC, to take on the additional charge of CEO & MD.
- The assignment is effective from June 8, 2025, and will continue for a period of three months.
- This interim decision ensures leadership continuity after the conclusion of the previous tenure at LIC.
- A full-time appointment is expected to be made following this transitional period.

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Ques: Which Indian company became the first to issue ESG bonds under SEBI's new sustainability-linked bond framework?

- A. Reliance Industries
- B. Tata Power
- C. Adani Green Energy
- D. Larsen & Toubro (L&T)
- E. NTPC Limited

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) became the first Indian corporate to issue ESG bonds under the SEBI's newly introduced sustainability-linked bond framework.
- The deal size is Rs.500 crore, and the sole lead arranger for this transaction is HSBC (UK).
- L&T has pledged to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and the intensity of freshwater withdrawal.
- These initiatives are aligned with its targets of achieving water neutrality by 2035 and carbon neutrality by 2040.

About Hongkong and Shanghai Corporation (HSBC) :

- Established : 1865
- HQ : London, United Kingdom
- CEO : Georges Elhedery

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Ques: How much dividend has SBI paid to the government for FY 2024–25?

- A. Rs.6,000 crore
- B. Rs.7,500 crore
- C. Rs.8,076.84 crore
- D. Rs.9,200 crore
- E. Rs.10,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- For FY 2024–25, State Bank of India (SBI) paid a dividend of Rs.8,076.84 crore to the central government.
- The dividend cheque was presented by SBI Chairman C S Setty to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- SBI also declared a dividend of Rs.15.90 per share, up from ₹13.70 per share last year.
- The bank posted a record net profit of Rs.70,901 crore, marking a 16% increase from Rs.61,077 crore in FY 2023–24.

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Ques: Which two Indian states together accounted for 51% of India's total FDI inflows in FY 2024-25?

- A. Gujarat and Delhi
- B. Maharashtra and Karnataka
- C. Tamil Nadu and Telangana
- D. Delhi and Haryana
- E. Maharashtra and Gujarat

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- As per data released by DPIIT, Maharashtra and Karnataka together contributed 51% of India's total FDI inflows in FY 2024-25.
- Maharashtra received the highest FDI at \$19.6 billion (31% of total), followed by Karnataka at \$6.62 billion.
- Other top contributors: Delhi (\$6 billion), Gujarat (\$5.71 billion), Tamil Nadu (\$3.68 billion), Haryana (\$3.14 billion), and Telangana (\$3 billion).
- India's total FDI inflows in FY 2024-25 stood at \$81.04 billion, marking a 14% increase over the previous fiscal year

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Ques: Which country recently submitted its instrument of acceptance for the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies?

- A. Kenya
- B. Brazil
- C. Nicaragua
- D. Indonesia
- E. Vietnam

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO), received Nicaragua's instrument of acceptance of the Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies from Rosalia Bohorquez Palacios, Nicaragua's WTO Ambassador.
- The ceremonial handover took place in Geneva, Switzerland.
- With this milestone, the WTO Fish Fund (Fisheries Funding Mechanism) is expected to be rolled out soon.
- The Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies was adopted at the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference (MC12) in June 2022 and aims to promote ocean sustainability by prohibiting harmful fisheries subsidies.

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Ques: What is the name of the methodology discussed during the multi-stakeholder consultation organized by UNESCO and IndiaAI Mission to assess a country's AI ecosystem readiness?

- A. AI Progress Scale
- B. AI Readiness Framework
- C. AI Maturity Model
- D. AI Readiness Assessment Methodology (RAM)
- E. AI Capability Evaluation Method

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The AI Readiness Assessment Methodology (RAM) was the focus of the final multi-stakeholder consultation organized by the UNESCO Regional Office for South Asia, IndiaAI Mission (MeitY), and Ikigai Law.
- It is a tool developed to evaluate the preparedness of countries in adopting and implementing AI across various dimensions such as Legal and regulatory, Social and cultural, Economic, Scientific and educational and Technological & infrastructural
- This was the fifth and final consultation in the series, following earlier sessions in New Delhi, Bangalore, Hyderabad, and Guwahati.

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Ques: Who is the first Pakistani woman cricketer to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame?

- A. Bismah Maroof
- B. Sana Mir
- C. Nida Dar
- D. Javeria Khan
- E. Muneeba

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Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Sana Mir, former captain of Pakistan women's cricket team, became the first Pakistani woman cricketer to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame.
- Alongside her, Sarah Taylor (England) was also inducted in the women's category.
- In the men's category, the inductees include M.S. Dhoni, Matthew Hayden, Hashim Amla, Graeme Smith, and Daniel Vettori.
- The ICC Hall of Fame honours players who have made a significant impact on cricket's history.

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Ques: When will be the reference date for the Population Census 2027 in most parts of India?

- A. 1st January 2027 at 00:00 hours
- B. 1st March 2027 at 00:00 hours
- C. 1st October 2026 at 00:00 hours
- D. 31st December 2026 at 00:00 hours
- E. 1st April 2027 at 00:00 hours

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) has announced that India's 16th decennial census, i.e. Population Census 2027, will be conducted in two phases: House Listing and Housing Census and Population Enumeration
- The reference date for most parts of India is 00:00 hours on 1st March 2027.
- For the Union Territory of Ladakh, non-synchronous snow-bound areas of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand, the reference date will be 1st October 2026 at 00:00 hours.
- The census will include caste enumeration, a significant step as such data (excluding SC/ST) was last officially collected in 1931.
- The census is governed by the Census Act, 1948 and Census Rules, 1990, and conducted by the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India (RGCCI) under MoHA.

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Ques: According to the report "India's AI Revolution: A Roadmap to Viksit Bharat", how many skilled AI professionals will India need by 2026?

- A. 5 million
- B. 500,000
- C. 2 million
- D. 1 million
- E. 750,000

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The report titled "India's AI Revolution: A Roadmap to Viksit Bharat" was published by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- It projects that India will need 1 million skilled AI professionals by 2026 to support the country's fast-paced digital transformation.
- The report also supports India's ambition to become a \$23–35 trillion economy by 2047.
- A 16% rise in AI and tech-related B.Tech seats over the last four years is noted, especially in areas like AI/ML, Data Science, Cybersecurity, Cloud Computing, and Blockchain.

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Ques: Who are the authors of the book ‘Revolution in Banking: Wheels of India’s Growth Story’?

- A. Raghuram Rajan & Viral Acharya
- B. Nirmal Bansal & Suneel Gupta
- C. Urjit Patel & Shaktikanta Das
- D. Naina Lal Kidwai & Arundhati Bhattacharya
- E. KV Kamath & Aditya Puri

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The book titled ‘Revolution in Banking: Wheels of India’s Growth Story’ is authored by Nirmal Bansal and Suneel Gupta.
- It is published by Adhyayn Books.
- The book provides a comprehensive account of the transformational journey of Indian banking, covering key reforms, digital innovations, and policy shifts.
- It is a valuable resource for aspirants, banking professionals, and policy enthusiasts interested in India’s financial sector evolution.

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Ques: What are "Dark Patterns" as addressed in the advisory issued by the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) to e-commerce platforms?

- A. Malware in online advertisements
- B. User interface tricks that mislead or coerce consumers
- C. Design elements to enhance customer experience
- D. Government-mandated features for digital safety
- E. Patterns used for improving e-commerce algorithms

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has issued an advisory to all e-commerce platforms to identify and eliminate Dark Patterns, which are deceptive or manipulative design techniques that mislead or coerce users into making unintended decisions.
- These patterns are unfair trade practices, and platforms have been given 3 months to self-audit and eliminate them, as per 2023 guidelines by the Government of India.

In total, 13 types of dark patterns have been identified and regulated. They are :

- False Urgency – “Only 1 left in stock!” or “Sale ends in 2 minutes!” Creates fake pressure to rush your decision.
- Basket Sneaking – Extra items (like donation or warranty) added to your cart without clear notice.
- Confirm Shaming – “No thanks, I don’t want to save money.” Makes you feel guilty for not accepting an offer.
- Forced Action – Forcing users to sign up, share data, or download apps just to continue using basic services.
- Subscription Trap – Easy to subscribe, but difficult to find the cancel option or stop auto-renewal.





- Interface Interference – Misleading design like large “Accept” button and tiny or hidden “Reject” button.
- Bait and Switch – You click for one thing, but it takes you somewhere else or performs a different action.
- Drip Pricing – Shows low initial price, then adds hidden charges at checkout (like taxes, delivery).
- Disguised Advertisements – Ads that look like normal articles, videos, or buttons to confuse users.
- Nagging – Repeated pop-ups or prompts that keep coming back even after being closed or ignored.
- Trick Wording – Confusing language like “Uncheck this box if you don’t want emails” to trick you.
- SaaS Billing – Vague or hidden information about billing cycles, renewals, or charges in software services.
- Rogue Malwares – Fake security alerts like “Your device is infected! Click to clean” to trick users into installing harmful software

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Ques: How many gold medals did India win at the Ulaanbaatar Open 2025 Wrestling event?

- A. 4
- B. 5
- C. 7
- D. 8
- E. 6

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Ulaanbaatar Open 2025 was conducted in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia and was organized by the Mongolian Wrestling Federation, which secured a 3-year approval to host this world-ranking event.
- India finished second in the overall medal tally with 6 gold, 7 silver, and 8 bronze medals, making a total of 21 medals.

Top gold medal winners for India included:

- Anil Mor – Men's 55 kg Greco-Roman
- Reetika Hooda – Women's 76 kg Freestyle
- Antim Panghal – Women's 53 kg Freestyle
- Neha Sharma – Women's 57 kg Freestyle
- Muskan Nandal – Women's 59 kg Freestyle
- Harshita – Women's 72 kg Freestyle





Ques: What is the title of the 8th edition of the environment statistics report released by the National Statistical Office in 2025?

- A. India Environment Outlook 2025
- B. EnviStats India 2025
- C. Green India Report 2025
- D. EcoVision 2025
- E. Sustainable India Report 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The National Statistical Office (NSO) released the 8th edition of the publication titled “EnviStats India 2025: Environment Statistics”.
- It was launched during the National Workshop on Using Alternate Data Sources and Frontier Technologies for Policy Making in New Delhi.
- The report presents data under six categories: Environmental Conditions and Quality, Resources and Use, Residuals, Disasters, Human Settlements & Environmental Health, and Environmental Protection.
- For the first time, it includes details on access to electricity, transport, and sanitation in India.
- It also features a dedicated list of Ramsar Sites in the country.

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Ques: On World Environment Day 2025, which state announced the distribution of six lakh stainless steel bottles to schoolchildren to combat plastic pollution?

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Sikkim
- D. Kerala
- E. Punjab

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- On 5th June 2025, World Environment Day, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launched multiple eco-initiatives at a function in Shimla.
- The government announced the distribution of six lakh stainless steel bottles to schoolchildren as a step to curb plastic pollution.
- Additionally, the 'Single-Use Plastic Challan Mobile App' was launched to strengthen enforcement.
- The Chief Minister also reaffirmed the state's commitment to becoming a Green Energy State by 31 March 2026.

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Ques: Who won the Men's Singles title at the French Open 2025?

- A. Novak Djokovic
- B. Rafael Nadal
- C. Jannik Sinner
- D. Carlos Alcaraz
- E. Daniil Medvedev

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Spain's Carlos Alcaraz defeated Italy's Jannik Sinner to win the Men's Singles title at the French Open 2025.
- Final Score: 4-6, 6-7(4), 6-4, 7-6(3), [10-2]
- The match lasted 5 hours 29 minutes, making it the longest French Open final in the Open Era.
- Alcaraz made an incredible comeback after losing the first two sets and saved three championship points.
- This is his 5th Grand Slam title and second French Open title (after 2024).
- He now becomes the third youngest player to win five Grand Slams after Bjorn Borg and Rafael Nadal

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Ques: What was the theme of the event organized to commemorate the 68th anniversary of the Copyright Act, 1957?

- A. Strengthening IPR Infrastructure
- B. Copyright and Innovation
- C. Reform in Copyright Act in the Digital Era
- D. Protecting Creators' Rights
- E. Copyright Awareness in Youth

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, in collaboration with the Copyright Office, organized a special event in New Delhi.
- This was to mark the 68th anniversary of the Copyright Act, 1957.
- The theme of the event was “Reform in Copyright Act in the Digital Era”.
- The Copyright Act, 1957 is a crucial legislation for protecting Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) of creators of: Literary, musical, dramatic, and artistic works, Cinematograph films and Sound recordings
- Since the digitization of the copyright registration system, over 3.5 lakh copyrights have been registered in India.

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Ques: How many total distinguished service decorations were awarded by President Droupadi Murmu to Armed Forces, ICG, and BRO personnel?

- A. 75
- B. 82
- C. 92
- D. 102
- E. 89

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- President Droupadi Murmu awarded a total of 92 distinguished service decorations.
- The awards were given to serving and retired personnel of the Indian Armed Forces, Indian Coast Guard, and Border Roads Organisation (BRO) for their exceptional service.

These included:

- 30 Param Vishisht Seva Medals (PVSM)
- 5 Uttam Yudh Seva Medals (UYSM)
- 57 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals (AVSM)

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Ques: What is the primary objective of the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 2.0" initiative launched by the Ministry of Education?

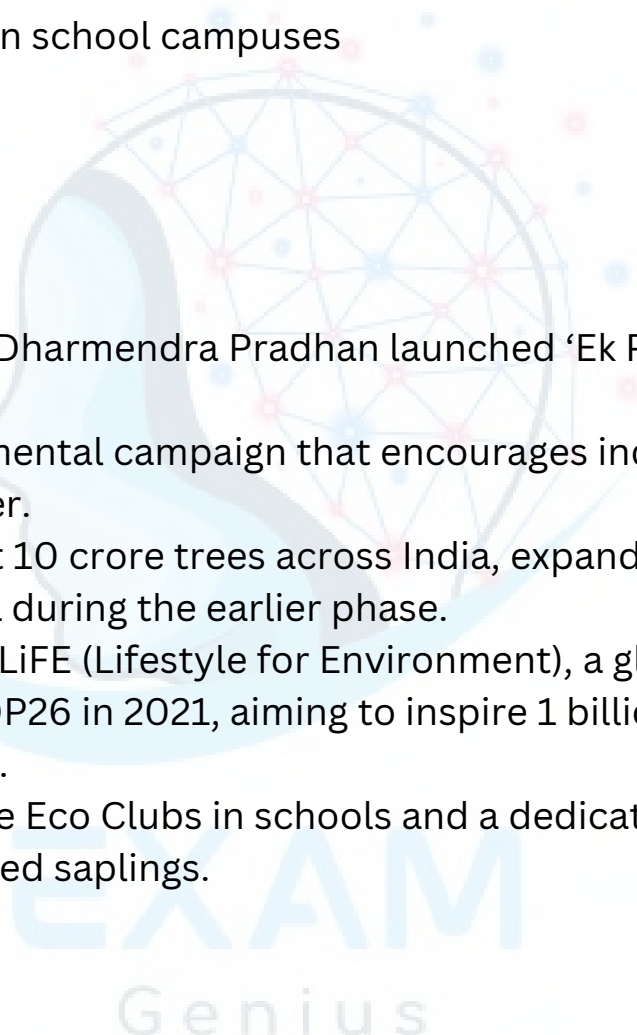
- A. Encouraging tree plantation in honor of one's mother
- B. Promoting herbal medicine plantations
- C. Distributing free saplings to farmers
- D. Launching botanical research centers
- E. Creating forest reserves in school campuses

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 2.0' in New Delhi.
- It is a nationwide environmental campaign that encourages individuals to plant a tree in honor of their mother.
- The initiative aims to plant 10 crore trees across India, expanding upon the 1.8 crore saplings planted in Haryana during the earlier phase.
- It is connected to Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), a global initiative launched by PM Modi at COP26 in 2021, aiming to inspire 1 billion people worldwide to take eco-friendly actions.
- Additional features include Eco Clubs in schools and a dedicated microsite for uploading selfies with planted saplings.

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Ques: What was the theme of World Pest Day 2025 observed on 6th June?

- A. Clean Environment, Healthy Life
- B. Pest-Free Future for All
- C. Guardians of Health: Professional Pest Management for a Safer World
- D. Sustainable Pest Solutions
- E. Fighting Pests, Saving Lives

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- World Pest Day 2025 was observed on 6th June.
- The theme for 2025 was: "Guardians of Health: Professional Pest Management for a Safer World", highlighting the vital role of pest control professionals in public health.
- A global event, PestWorld East, was held in Dubai, UAE, to commemorate the day and advance pest management strategies internationally.

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Bollywood actress Suhana Khan Appointed as Brand ambassador for Adidas Originals.

Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan attended the National Agriculture Renewable Energy Conference 2025 organised by the National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI) in New Delhi.

Italy's Sara Errani and Jasmine Paolini clinched the 2025 French Open Women's Doubles title, defeating the pair of Anna Danilina and Aleksandra Krunic in the final with a score of 6-4, 2-6, 6-1.

The Government of Uttarakhand, in collaboration with SETU Aayog (State Institute for Empowering and Transforming Uttarakhand), signed three strategic agreements with Tata Trusts, NASSCOM and Wadhvani Foundation

Sailesh C. Mehta, the Managing Director of Deepak Fertilizers and Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd. Appointed as Chairman of the Fertiliser Association of India (FAI). He Replaced N. Suresh Krishnan, the MD & CEO of Paradeep Phosphates Ltd.

IIT Madras has signed a MOU with Grid Controller of India Limited (GRID-INDIA) under the Ministry of Power to enhance Tanzania's electrical grid infrastructure. The collaboration is based at IIT Madras Zanzibar, the institute's international campus in Tanzania.



Ques: Why is the RBI discontinuing the daily Variable Rate Repo (VRR) auctions from June 12, 2025?

- A. Due to inflationary pressure
- B. Due to elections and model code of conduct
- C. Because liquidity surplus has improved
- D. Due to rising NPA levels in banks
- E. To promote long-term bond purchases

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- RBI will discontinue daily Variable Rate Repo (VRR) auctions from June 12, 2025, as the liquidity surplus in the banking system has significantly improved.
- The daily VRR auctions were introduced on January 16 to handle short-term liquidity shortages caused by tax outflows and forex volatility.
- Currently, there is a net liquidity surplus of Rs.2.45 trillion, and low demand for funds – banks bid only Rs.3,711 crore against the Rs.25,000 crore notified.
- RBI has also recently cut the CRR by 100 basis points, expected to infuse Rs.2.5 trillion more liquidity by November.
- Since January, RBI has injected Rs.9.5 trillion through VRR, OMO, and forex swaps, reducing the need for further short-term infusions.

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Ques: Which e-commerce company recently received an NBFC license from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A. Amazon India
- B. Reliance JioMart
- C. Meesho
- D. Snapdeal
- E. Flipkart

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Flipkart Private Limited, India's largest e-commerce platform, has secured a Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC) license from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- With this license, Flipkart can now directly offer loans or credit to customers.
- However, it is not authorized to accept deposits like banks.
- Previously, Flipkart offered consumer loans through partnerships with financial institutions like Axis Bank and IDFC First Bank.

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Ques: How much refined gold did SPMCIL deliver to RBI in FY25?

- A. 2.5 tonnes
- B. 3.4 tonnes
- C. 5 tonnes
- D. 4.2 tonnes
- E. 3.0 tonnes

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd (SPMCIL) delivered 3.4 tonnes of refined gold to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) during FY25.
- The gold was purified from confiscated gold handed over by the Customs Department.
- This delivery was exclusive to RBI and was disclosed by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman during the inauguration of SPMCIL's new corporate office.
- SPMCIL also refines metals received from religious institutions such as Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams and the Vaishno Devi Shrine Board.

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Ques: What percentage of economic interest will IFC hold in Birla Estates' SPVs?

- A. 50%
- B. 44%
- C. 60%
- D. 56%
- E. 40%

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- International Finance Corporation (IFC) will invest \$50 million (Rs.420 crore) in two projects of Birla Estates, a subsidiary of Aditya Birla Real Estate.
- These projects, covering over 9 million sq ft of saleable area, are located in Pune and Thane. Rs.148 crore in Pune (3.13 million sq ft) and Rs.272 crore in Thane (6.43 million sq ft)
- The projects will be executed through Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) fully controlled by Birla Estates.
- As per the investment structure Birla Estates will hold 56% economic interest and IFC will hold 44% economic interest
- This partnership highlights a commitment to sustainable development and utilizes IFC's global expertise in real estate.

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Ques : In June 2025, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released data showing that bank deposit growth in India slowed to _ Year-on-Year (YoY)

- A 7.6%
- B 8.6%
- C 9.6%
- D 10.6%
- E 11.6%

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) published data in June 2025 indicating that bank deposit growth in India decreased to 10.6% YoY in FY25, the fiscal year 2024–2025, from 13% in FY24.

Data regarding deposits :

- Term Deposit (TD) : 59.5 % in FY25
- Savings Deposits : 29.1% in FY25
- Current Deposits : 9.8% in FY25
- Households deposit : 60.2% of the total in March 2025
- Within household deposits, female depositors : 20.7%
- Senior citizens' deposits : 20.2% of the total deposits

Regional Variations in Deposit Growth :

- Metropolitan areas : 11.7%
- Rural areas : 10.1%
- Semi-urban areas : 8.9%
- Urban areas : 9.3%





Ques: Why did SEBI impose a fine on Motilal Oswal Financial Services?

- A. Insider trading
- B. Delay in audit report
- C. Unauthorized trading terminal usage
- D. Misuse of investor funds
- E. Non-disclosure of shareholding

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- SEBI imposed a Rs.3 lakh penalty on Motilal Oswal Financial Services for violating stock brokers' regulations.
- An inspection conducted between April 2022 and January 2024 found irregularities.
- SEBI discovered that trading terminals were not located at authorised locations.
- 4 NSE terminals were operated by users who were not approved.
- 4 BSE terminals were accessed by unauthorised users, breaching exchange norms.
- The violations were serious enough to warrant regulatory action under SEBI rules.
- The penalty must be paid within 45 days from the order.

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Ques: For which term has India been elected to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)?

- A. 2024–2026
- B. 2025–2027
- C. 2026–2028
- D. 2023–2025
- E. 2022–2024

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- India has been elected to ECOSOC for a three-year term from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2028.
- The election was held at the UN Headquarters in New York, USA.
- India received 181 out of 187 valid votes.
- Other selected members from the Asia Pacific Group include China, Lebanon, and Turkmenistan.
- This marks India's 18th term on ECOSOC, previously serving from 2008–2020.
- India was represented by Permanent Representative Parvathaneni Harish, who assumed office in September 2024.

About United Nations (UN) Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC):

- Established : 1945
- HQ : New York City, the United States of America
- Members : 54 member nations, with 18 members elected each year by the UNGA for staggered three-year terms
- President : Bob Rae





Ques: Which institute developed the heat-resistant variety of pigeon pea (tur dal)?

- A. ICAR
- B. CIMMYT
- C. ICRISAT
- D. IARI
- E. IIPR

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) developed a new heat-resistant pigeon pea variety named ICPV 25444.
- It tolerates temperatures up to 45°C, doubles yield (2 tonnes/hectare), and shortens the crop cycle to 4 months.
- This innovation can significantly reduce India's import dependence (currently \$800 million/year) and utilize idle rabi fallows across ~12 million hectares.
- The variety is also suitable for machine harvesting, having been successfully tested in Karnataka, Odisha, and Telangana.

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Ques: Where is India's first e-waste recycling park being developed?

- A. Gurugram
- B. Noida
- C. Bengaluru
- D. North Delhi
- E. Hyderabad

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- India's first e-waste recycling park is being developed in Holambi Kalan, North Delhi, as announced by Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa.
- Spread across 11.4 acres, the project will operate under the PPP model (DBFOT) with a 15-year concession period.
- It will process 51,000 tonnes of e-waste annually, covering 106 categories under the E-Waste Management Rules, 2022.
- The park is expected to generate Rs.350 crore in revenue and provide over 1,000 green jobs.
- It will also have dedicated zones for dismantling, refurbishing, plastic recovery, and resale of second-hand electronics, along with skilling centres to upskill informal sector workers.

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Ques: Who became the second Paraguayan President to visit India officially?

- A. Mario Abdo Benítez
- B. Horacio Cartes
- C. Santiago Peña Palacios
- D. Fernando Lugo
- E. Luis Cubas

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- President Santiago Peña Palacios of Paraguay visited India from 2 to 4 June 2025.
- This was his first official visit to India.
- He is the second President of Paraguay to visit India, after President Fernando Lugo's visit in May 2012.
- President Peña visited New Delhi and Mumbai during his trip.
- India and Paraguay established diplomatic relations in 1961.

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Ques: Where was the 4th edition of the India-Central Asia Dialogue held?

- A. Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- B. Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- C. Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic
- D. New Delhi, India
- E. Almaty, Kazakhstan

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The 4th edition of the India-Central Asia Dialogue was held in New Delhi, India.
- It was hosted by India's External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar.
- Foreign Ministers of five Central Asian countries – Uzbekistan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan – participated.
- During the event, the Prime Minister invited leaders of the five countries to attend the 2nd India-Central Asia Summit in 2025.

Previous editions were held in:

- 1st: Samarkand, Uzbekistan (2019)
- 2nd: Virtual format (2020)
- 3rd: New Delhi (2021)

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Ques: Which Indian steel company ranked 10th globally in 2024 for crude steel production?

- A. JSW Steel
- B. SAIL
- C. Tata Steel
- D. Jindal Steel
- E. Vizag Steel

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Tata Steel produced 31.02 million tonnes of crude steel in 2024, maintaining its 10th position globally, same as 2023.
- It remains the highest-ranked Indian steel producer in the global list.
- Meanwhile, JSW Steel ranked 12th, and SAIL came in at 20th position.
- China's Baowu Group topped the list with 130.09 million tonnes, and India's overall steel output hit a record 149.4 million tonnes in 2024.

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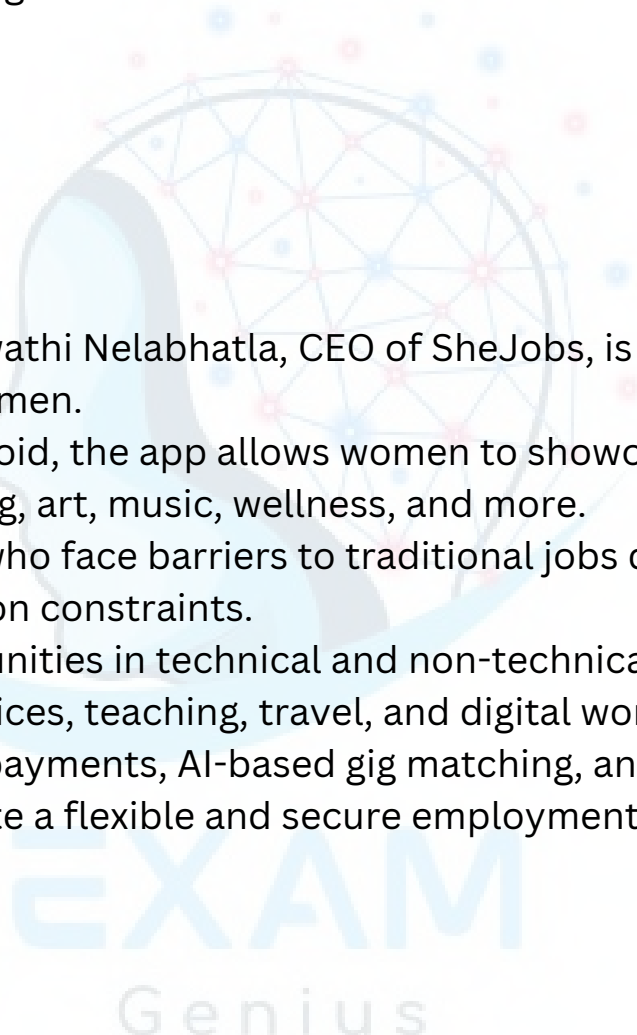
Ques: What is the primary objective of India's first women-exclusive gig app 'Sitha'?

- A. Promote coding among schoolgirls
- B. Provide investment advice to women
- C. Enable flexible job access for skilled women
- D. Connect women entrepreneurs with global funding
- E. Launch AI-driven coaching for UPSC

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Sitha App, launched by Swathi Nelabhatla, CEO of SheJobs, is India's first gig platform exclusively for women.
- Available on iOS and Android, the app allows women to showcase and monetize skills in fields such as coding, art, music, wellness, and more.
- It is designed for women who face barriers to traditional jobs due to career gaps, household duties, or location constraints.
- The app offers gig opportunities in technical and non-technical sectors, including legal consulting, home services, teaching, travel, and digital work.
- With features like secure payments, AI-based gig matching, and skill-building support, Sitha aims to create a flexible and secure employment ecosystem for skilled women across India.





Ques: How much renewable energy capacity is India expected to add in FY26 and FY27 combined?

- A. 49 GW
- B. 60 GW
- C. 75 GW
- D. 88 GW
- E. 100 GW

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- According to Crisil Ratings, India is expected to add 75 GW of renewable energy capacity in FY26 and FY27 combined, marking a 53% increase over the 49 GW added in FY24 and FY25.
- This growth will be driven largely by hybrid and storage-linked projects, which are capital intensive.
- About 37% of the new capacity will come from hybrid and storage-based projects (up from 17% previously).
- Total installed renewable capacity is projected to reach 233 GW by March 2027, though delays in transmission infrastructure could pose challenges.

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Ques: Which Indian cricketer, part of both the 2007 T20 and 2011 ODI World Cup-winning squads, announced retirement from all formats in 2025?

- A. Amit Mishra
- B. Piyush Chawla
- C. Pragyan Ojha
- D. Ravindra Jadeja
- E. Yusuf Pathan

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Indian leg-spinner Piyush Pramod Chawla announced his retirement from all formats of professional cricket in 2025.
- He was a member of India's World Cup-winning squads in both 2007 (T20) and 2011 (ODI).
- Chawla made his Test debut in 2006 against England at the age of 17 years and 75 days.
- He also made his T20I debut in 2010 vs South Africa and took 3 wickets on ODI debut against Bangladesh in 2007.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy) in 2025?

- A. Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi
- B. Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai
- C. Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta
- D. Lt Gen S C Sardana
- E. Lt Gen M. V. Suchindra Kumar

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, a senior officer from the Kumaon Regiment, was appointed as the Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy).
- He continues to hold the position of Director General of Military Operations (DGMO).
- He was notably contacted by Pakistan's DGMO for ceasefire negotiations last month.
- On 4 June 2025, Lt Gen Ghai was awarded the Uttam Yudh Seva Medal (UYSM) during the Defence Investiture Ceremony (Phase-II) for his distinguished military service.

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Ques: What is the name of the container ship that caught fire off the Kerala coast?

- A. MSC Elsa 3
- B. MV One Marvel
- C. MV Wan Hai 503
- D. Maersk Trader
- E. KMTC Seoul

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The MV Wan Hai 503, a Singapore-flagged container vessel, caught fire 88 nautical miles off the Beypore coast in Kerala.
- The ship was traveling from Colombo to Mumbai with 22 crew members, of which 18 were rescued by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and 4 are still missing (including nationals from Taiwan, Indonesia, and Myanmar).
- An explosion was reported, some containers fell into the sea, and firefighting operations are ongoing.
- The incident has raised concerns, especially after a similar maritime disaster involving MSC Elsa 3 near Kochi in May 2025.

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Ques: Who received the United Nations Sasakawa Award 2025 for Disaster Risk Reduction?

- A. Dr. Randeep Guleria
- B. Rajeev Gauba
- C. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra
- D. Kamal Kishore
- E. G. C. Murmu

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General of the India Meteorological Department (IMD), received the United Nations Sasakawa Award 2025 for his outstanding contributions to tropical cyclone forecasting and early warning systems.
- The award was presented at the 8th Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction held in Geneva.
- The Sasakawa Award, established in 1986 with support from The Nippon Foundation, is one of the most prestigious international awards in the field of disaster risk reduction.

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Ques: Who recently became the fourth highest run-scorer in T20Is?

- A. Paul Stirling
- B. Babar Azam
- C. Jos Buttler
- D. Virat Kohli
- E. Joe Root

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- England's Jos Buttler surpassed Ireland's Paul Stirling to become the fourth-highest run-scorer in T20 Internationals, with 3678 runs.
- He achieved this feat during his 47-run innings against West Indies in the second T20I at Bristol.

Top 4 T20I run-scorers as of now :

- 1 Rohit Sharma (India) – 4231 runs
- 2 Babar Azam (Pakistan) – 4223 runs
- 3 Virat Kohli (India) – 4188 runs
- 4 Jos Buttler (England) – 3678 runs

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Ques: On whose 125th Martyr's Day (Balidan Diwas) did PM Modi pay tribute on 9 June 2025?

- A. Tantia Bhil
- B. Sidhu Murmu
- C. Birsa Munda
- D. Alluri Sitarama Raju
- E. Tilka Manjhi

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Birsa Munda, born on 15 November 1875 in Khunti, Jharkhand, was a tribal freedom fighter and social reformer from the Munda tribe.
- He led the Munda Rebellion (Ulgulan) (1899–1900) against British policies like zamindari, forest laws, and land dispossession.
- He envisioned 'Munda Raj', advocated tribal land rights, and influenced the Chotanagpur Tenancy Act, 1908.
- Birsa also founded the Birsait faith, promoting tribal unity and social reform, and is honored as Dharti Aba (Father of the Earth).
- He died on 9 June 1900 in Ranchi Jail under mysterious circumstances, and his martyrdom is commemorated as Balidan Diwas.
- His birth anniversary, 15 November, is celebrated as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas and also marks Jharkhand's foundation day (2000).

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Ques: Who became the first Indian writer to receive the Dostoevsky Star Award for promoting cultural and literary dialogue?

- A. Gulzar
- B. Vikram Seth
- C. Chetan Bhagat
- D. Javed Akhtar
- E. Ruskin Bond

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Javed Akhtar became the first Indian writer to receive the Dostoevsky Star Award conferred by the Russian House for his contribution to promoting cultural and literary dialogue.
- A book of his poems translated into Russian by Ramdas Akella was also released during the ceremony.
- Akhtar has been previously honoured with multiple awards, including five National Film Awards, the Padma Shri (1999), the Padma Bhushan (2007), the Sahitya Akademi Award for his Urdu poetry, and the Richard Dawkins Award (2020) for rationalism.

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Ques: What is the name of the world's largest container ship that recently docked at Vizhinjam Port, Kerala?

- A. MSC Elsa 3
- B. MSC One Marvel
- C. Ever Given
- D. Maersk Alabama
- E. MSC Irina

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- MSC Irina is the world's largest container ship, with a carrying capacity of 24,346 TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units).
- It is nearly 400 meters long and 61.3 meters wide, approximately four times the length of a football field.
- The vessel made its maiden visit to Vizhinjam International Seaport in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, marking a significant development for India's maritime trade infrastructure.
- This docking highlights India's growing role in global shipping and the strategic importance of the Vizhinjam port in international logistics.

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Ques: What is the theme of World Oceans Day 2025 observed on 8 June?

- A. Life Below Water
- B. Clean Oceans, Green Future
- C. Protecting the Blue Planet
- D. Wonder: Sustaining what sustains us
- E. Oceans and Climate

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- World Oceans Day 2025 was observed on 8 June with the theme "Wonder: Sustaining what sustains us."
- The idea of celebrating a World Oceans Day was first proposed in 1992 at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.
- On 5 December 2008, the UN General Assembly officially designated 8 June as World Oceans Day.
- The UN Ocean Conference 2025 is scheduled to be held in Nice, France from 9–13 June 2025.

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Spain's Marcel Granollers and Argentina's Horacio Zeballos won their first Grand Slam men's doubles title at the French Open 2025, defeating the British duo of Joe Salisbury and Neal Skupski with a score of 6-0, 6-7(5), 7-5

Coco Gauff of the United States won the French Open 2025 Women's Singles title by defeating Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus in the final. Gauff became the first American woman since Serena Williams in 2015 to win the French Open.

As per the Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test under ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, and Delhi emerged as top performers in adult literacy certification. The test was developed by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).

Dutch Prime Minister Dick Schoof announced his resignation. Prime Minister Dick Schoof has submitted his resignation to King Willem-Alexander

The DRUM (Dynamic Route Planning for Urban Green Mobility) app, developed by IIT-Kharagpur researchers, is set to begin real-world trials after successful simulations in Delhi.

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Ques: Which municipal corporation became the first in India to list a green bond on BSE?

- A. Mumbai Municipal Corporation
- B. Nagpur Municipal Corporation
- C. Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation
- D. Pune Municipal Corporation
- E. Thane Municipal Corporation

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) became the first civic body in India to list a green municipal bond on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).
- The listing marks a significant step in promoting eco-friendly and sustainable urban infrastructure.
- The ceremonial bell at BSE was rung by Maharashtra Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis, with Ajit Pawar and Eknath Shinde also present.
- The green bond issue reflects a growing climate-conscious financing trend in urban governance.

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Ques: As per the World Bank's latest Global Economic Prospects report, what is India's GDP growth forecast for FY26?

- A. 6.0%
- B. 6.3%
- C. 6.5%
- D. 6.7%
- E. 6.9%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The World Bank has retained India's GDP growth forecast for FY26 at 6.3%, as per its Global Economic Prospects report.
- Although it had previously cut the forecast by 40 basis points in April 2025 due to global uncertainties and investment slowdown, India still remains the fastest-growing major economy.
- The FY27 growth forecast was also revised downward by 20 bps to 6.5%, mainly due to weak exports and rising global trade barriers.
- The report also notes a possible slowdown in investment growth amid policy uncertainty.

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Ques: Where is Nabard's Annual Mango Festival 2025 being held?

- A. Cuttack
- B. Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar
- C. Balasore
- D. Ranchi
- E. Sambalpur

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Nabard's Annual Mango Festival 2025 is being held from 10 to 12 June 2025 at the Nabard Regional Office in Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- The event is part of Nabard's Tribal Development Fund (TDF) to promote orchard-based livelihoods for tribal communities through the Wadi model.
- Odisha is emerging as a mango-growing hub, with unique varieties and rising global demand.
- Under the "Export Pathshala" initiative, Odisha exported 50 quintals of mangoes to Europe in May 2025.
- The festival connects farmers directly with consumers, removing middlemen and ensuring better prices and feedback.
- According to Sanjay Kumar Talukdar, CGM, Nabard, the initiative strengthens rural incomes and builds sustainable market linkages.
- Over 50 participants from 20 FPOs and various TDF projects are participating in the festival.





Ques: Which international organization has partnered with AU Small Finance Bank for a climate risk advisory program?

- A. Asian Development Bank
- B. World Economic Forum
- C. International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- D. United Nations Environment Programme
- E. IMF

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- AU Small Finance Bank has partnered with International Finance Corporation (IFC) — a member of the World Bank Group — to implement a comprehensive climate risk advisory program.
- IFC will serve as the lead ESG and climate risk advisor, helping the bank assess and manage climate-related financial risks.
- For technical execution, IFC will collaborate with StepChange, a Bengaluru-based climate risk solutions provider, to conduct analytical modeling and quantification.

About AU Small Finance Bank :

- Established : 2017
- HQ : Jaipur, Rajasthan
- CEO & MD : Sanjay Agarwal
- Tagline : Badlaav Humse Hai

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Ques: What is the name of the bridge that connects the Katra-Banihal section of the USBRL rail line and spans the deep Anji river valley?

- A. Chenab Arch Bridge
- B. Pir Panjal Bridge
- C. Anji Khad Bridge
- D. Zojila Bridge
- E. Udhampur Valley Bridge

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Anji Khad Bridge, India's 1st cable-stayed rail bridge
- Anji Khad Bridge spans the deep Anji river valley, south of the Chenab River, and connects the Katra-Banihal section of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL).
- Located about 80 km from Jammu, it is supported by 96 high-tensile cables, with 653 km of cable strand used.
- The bridge is 331 meters high from the riverbed and spans 725 meters in length.
- PM Narendra Modi dedicated the 272 km long USBRL project, built at a cost of Rs 43,780 crore, comprising 36 tunnels and 943 bridges.
- He also flagged off two Vande Bharat trains from Katra Railway Station, directly connecting Jammu and Kashmir.

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Ques: Where was the 51st G7 Summit held in 2025?

- A. Rome, Italy
- B. Tokyo, Japan
- C. Kananaskis, Canada
- D. Berlin, Germany
- E. Paris, France

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 51st G7 Summit was held at Kananaskis, Alberta, Canada.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi represented India, invited by Canadian PM Mark Carney.
- This marks PM Modi's sixth appearance at the G7 (previous: 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024).
- Only three Indian PMs have ever attended a G7 Summit: Atal Bihari Vajpayee (2003), Dr Manmohan Singh, and Narendra Modi.
- G7 Group First meeting held at France in 1975. Members are Canada, France, Italy, Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America

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Ques: What is the name of Rapido's newly launched zero-commission food delivery platform?

- A. RFood
- B. Ziplly
- C. Ownly
- D. DineX
- E. FreshCart

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Rapido has launched Ownly, a zero-commission food delivery platform designed to challenge the dominance of Swiggy and Zomato.
- It ensures price parity between dine-in and delivery menus, unlike other platforms.
- Restaurants will not be charged commission, and the model emphasizes transparent pricing, no packaging or platform fees (excluding GST), and earned visibility instead of ads or discounts.
- Delivery fees: ₹25 for orders below ₹400, ₹50 for orders above ₹400, directly paid to delivery partners.
- For orders under ₹100, restaurants pay ₹10, and customers pay ₹20.
- Future model will include flat subscription charges for restaurants.
- Each restaurant must list at least 4 meal options under ₹150 to ensure affordability.

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Ques: Which DRDO laboratory located in Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra recently transferred technologies of nine systems to 10 industries?

- A. RCI Hyderabad
- B. VRDE Ahilyanagar
- C. DEAL Dehradun
- D. DRDL Hyderabad
- E. CAIR Bengaluru

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- By transferring the technology of nine systems to ten industries, the Vehicles Research & Development Establishment (VRDE), a DRDO facility in Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra, has made significant progress.

List of Product/Technology and transfer Industries :

- Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (CBRN) Recce Vehicle (Tracked) Mk-II : Bharat Electronics Limited
- Mounted Gun System : Bharat Forge Limited
- Anti-Terrorist Vehicle - Tracked Version : Metaltech Motor Bodies Private Limited
- Full Trailer of 70t Tank Transporter for Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun Mk-1A : BEML Limited, Tata International Vehicle Applications, SDR Auto Private Limited and John Galt International
- Expandable Mobile Shelter : Bharat Electronics Limited
- Vajra-Riot Control Vehicle : Tata Advanced Systems Limited
- Unit Maintenance Vehicle for MBT Arjun : BEML Limited
- Unit Repair Vehicle for MBT Arjun : BEML Limited
- Multi-Purpose Decontamination System : Dass Hitachi Limited and Goma Engineering Private Limited





Ques: What is the amount of unused welfare cess the Centre plans to utilize for BOCWs' social security scheme?

- A. Rs.50,000 crore
- B. Rs.60,000 crore
- C. Rs.80,000 crore
- D. Rs.75,000 crore
- E. Rs.70,000 crore

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Labour & Employment is preparing a comprehensive pension-linked welfare scheme for 5.73 crore registered construction workers (BOCWs) across India.
- The plan will utilize over Rs.70,000 crore of unutilized welfare cess, collected by state and UT welfare boards from construction costs.
- The EPFO may be tasked with managing the pension fund.
- In case a worker dies before the age of 60, the entire accumulated amount will be given to their family.
- Uttar Pradesh has the highest number of registered workers at 1.64 crore, while Ladakh has none.

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Ques: What is the significance of the recent archaeological discovery near Khadir Bet in the Great Rann of Kutch?

- A. It revealed the oldest Harappan city
- B. Evidence of Buddhist settlements
- C. Evidence of human habitation 5,000 years before the Harappan civilisation
- D. Discovery of Vedic manuscripts
- E. Remains of a medieval trade port

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- IIT Gandhinagar led archaeological research that discovered human presence in the Great Rann of Kutch dating back at least 5,000 years before the Harappan civilisation.
- The findings were made near Khadir Bet, close to the Harappan site Dholavira.
- Ancient hunter-gatherers lived in the region, consuming seafood like oysters and snails.
- Shell middens, stone tools, and pottery were discovered, providing insight into early lifestyles.
- Carbon dating (AMS) of shells confirmed the pre-Harappan timeline.
- The area once had mangroves and higher sea levels, making it a seafood-rich coastal habitat.
- Similar sites exist in Oman and Pakistan, suggesting ancient coastal links.





Ques: What is the revised minimum land requirement for SEZs exclusively for semiconductor or electronics component manufacturing after the 2024 SEZ reforms?

- A. 50 hectares
- B. 30 hectares
- C. 20 hectares
- D. 10 hectares
- E. No land requirement

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The government amended Rule 5 of the SEZ Rules, 2006, to reduce the minimum land requirement to 10 hectares for SEZs dedicated to semiconductor or electronics component manufacturing, down from the earlier 50 hectares.
- Rule 7 was amended to allow SEZ land to be mortgaged or leased to Central or State governments without disqualification.
- Rule 53 now includes free-of-cost goods in Net Foreign Exchange (NFE) calculations.
- Rule 18 enables these SEZ units to supply into the domestic tariff area upon payment of applicable duties.
- Micron will set up an SEZ in Sanand, Gujarat, and Aequs in Dharwad, Karnataka.

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Ques: Who is the author of the book "India: 5000 Years of History on the Subcontinent"?

- A. William Dalrymple
- B. Audrey Truschke
- C. Romila Thapar
- D. Ramachandra Guha
- E. Salman Rushdie

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Historian Audrey Truschke authored the book "India: 5000 Years of History on the Subcontinent", which presents a comprehensive view of Indian history – from the earliest signs of life to developments in the 21st century.
- She is also known for her earlier work, "Aurangzeb: The Man and the Myth".
- The book aims to make South Asian history accessible to both general readers and scholars.

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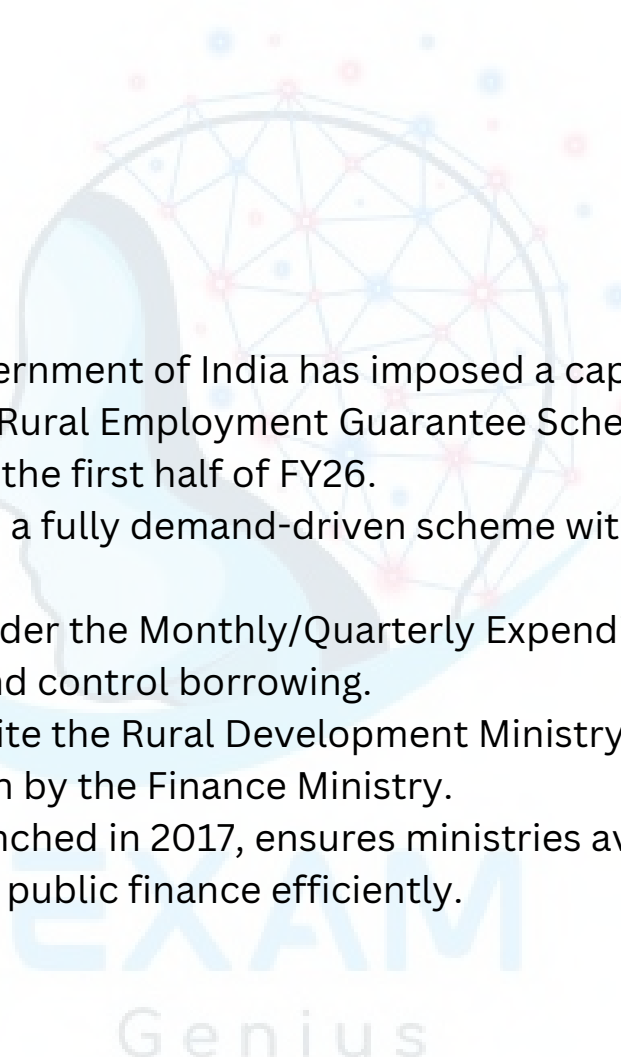
Ques: What is the maximum capped spending under MGNREGS for H1FY26 as per the government's new directive?

- A. 40%
- B. 50%
- C. 60%
- D. 70%
- E. No Cap

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- For the first time, the Government of India has imposed a cap on MGNREGS (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme) spending at 60% of the annual allocation for the first half of FY26.
- Previously, MGNREGS was a fully demand-driven scheme with no upper spending limit.
- It will now be governed under the Monthly/Quarterly Expenditure Plan (MEP/QEP) to streamline fund usage and control borrowing.
- This move was made despite the Rural Development Ministry's request for a higher cap, which was turned down by the Finance Ministry.
- The MEP/QEP system, launched in 2017, ensures ministries avoid excessive cash outflows and helps manage public finance efficiently.





Ques: Where was India's first commercially approved utility-scale Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) inaugurated?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Chennai
- D. Delhi
- E. Bengaluru

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Delhi Power Minister Ashish Sood inaugurated India's first utility-scale 20 MW / 40 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in Delhi.
- It is South Asia's largest grid-connected BESS project and the first in India to receive commercial approval.
- The project was developed by BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (a joint venture between Reliance Infrastructure and Government of NCT Delhi) in partnership with India Grid Trust, India's first power sector Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT).

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Ques: According to UNFPA, what is India's estimated population as of April 2025?

- A. 141.10 crore
- B. 144.50 crore
- C. 146.39 crore
- D. 148.20 crore
- E. 140.80 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- According to the UNFPA's State of the World Population 2025 report, India's population has reached 146.39 crore as of April 2025, making it the most populous country, ahead of China's 141.61 crore.
- The Total Fertility Rate (TFR) has declined to 1.9, which is below the replacement level of 2.1, suggesting population stabilization and eventual decline.
- In contrast, India's own projection in 2019 had estimated the population to be 141.10 crore by 2025.
- The next Census, delayed from 2021, is expected by March 2027.
- India's TFR of 1.9 is lower than Bangladesh (2.1), Pakistan (3.5), and Afghanistan (4.7), and equal to Nepal and Sri Lanka.

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Ques: Which organization published the "Comprehensive Modular Survey: Telecom, 2025 (CMS-T)" report?

- A. TRAI
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Ministry of Electronics and IT
- D. National Statistical Office
- E. Department of Telecommunications

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The CMS-T 2025 report was published by the National Statistical Office (NSO) as part of the 80th round of the National Sample Survey (NSS) conducted during January – March 2025.
- The report highlights the digital divide in India, especially in rural areas:

Key Findings:

- 51.6% of rural women aged 15 years and above do not own a mobile phone.
- 85.5% of Indian households own at least one smartphone.
- 86.3% of households have internet access within their premises.
- Among individuals aged 15–29, 97.1% used a mobile phone in the last three months.
- Among those aged 15–24, 97% reported mobile phone use.
- Across India, 85.7% of people aged 15+ use mobile phones.

Internet Usage :

- Individuals aged 15–24 years : 94.3% used the internet at least once in the last three months
- Among individuals aged 15-29 years : 93.6% used the internet at least once in the last three months
- Among individuals aged 15 years and above : 70% used the internet at least once in the last three months





Ques: Where was the 7th International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI) 2025 held?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Geneva
- C. Nice, France
- D. Tokyo
- E. Paris

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The 7th edition of ICDRI was held on June 6–7, 2025, in Nice, France, marking the first time the conference was hosted in Europe.
- The theme was: “Shaping a Resilient Future for Coastal Regions”.
- The conference focused on protecting small island developing states (SIDS) and coastal communities from climate risks such as sea-level rise and storms.
- ICDRI is organized under the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), launched by India in 2019. CDRI Headquarters in New Delhi
- It aims to mobilize US\$10 trillion investment into resilient infrastructure by 2050.
- CDRI has 46 member countries and 8 partner organizations, including UN agencies, multilateral banks, and private sector entities.

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Ques: Which state signed a five-year MoU with Satish Dhawan Space Centre to strengthen its AWARE platform?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Gujarat
- C. Karnataka
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. Odisha

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Andhra Pradesh government signed a five-year MoU with Satish Dhawan Space Centre to enhance the AWARE (Andhra Pradesh Weather Forecasting and Early Warning Research Centre) platform.
- The MoU aims to integrate satellite imagery and scientific inputs for delivering real-time, citizen-centric governance.
- Satellite inputs will be used across 42 key applications including agriculture, disaster management, weather forecasting, urban planning, and public safety.
- AWARE consolidates data from satellites, drones, IoT devices, sensors, mobile phones, and CCTVs, and shares alerts via SMS, WhatsApp, media, and social platforms

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Ques: What is the purpose of the amendments to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act 2023?

- A. To ban private mining operations
- B. To enhance exploration and extraction of critical minerals
- C. To regulate coal mining
- D. To privatize public sector mines
- E. To increase export duties

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The amendments are aimed at boosting the exploration and extraction of 24 identified critical minerals, supporting the National Critical Minerals Mission (NCMM).
- The mission has a budget of ₹16,300 crore (FY 2024–2031) and additional Rs.18,000 crore from CPSEs.
- National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) funds (Rs.6,000 crore corpus) will be used, including for exploration in Zambia.
- India has secured mineral blocks in Zambia, covering 9,000 square kilometres. The NMET funds will facilitate the exploration of copper and cobalt resources
- Other initiatives include a Rs.1,500 crore recycling scheme and a tailings policy to promote extraction from mining waste.

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Denmark's Anders Antonsen beat Taiwanese Chou Tien-chen to clinch his first Indonesia Open men's singles title. South Korea's An Se-young her second championship (Indonesia Open women's singles title) in Jakarta.

Tamil Nadu government officially notified the creation of the Greater Flamingo Sanctuary at Dhanushkodi in Ramanathapuram district

8th Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction held in Geneva. The theme of 8th session of GPDRR (2025) is "Every Day Counts: Act for Resilience Today,"

Air India Limited signed a codeshare agreement with Reykjavík (Iceland) based Icelandair to enhance air connectivity between India and Europe via Iceland. This newly signed codeshare agreement will enable passengers to travel more easily across 15 routes in India and Europe.

Sri Lanka is celebrating the sacred Poson Poya festival, marking the historic arrival of Buddhism over 2,000 years ago. Observed on the June full moon.

'Day of the Jackal' author Frederick Forsyth dies at 86. Forsyth published more than 25 books, also including The Odessa File and The Dogs of War





Ques: Which foreign credit rating agency became the first to set up base at GIFT City, Gujarat?

- A. Fitch Ratings
- B. Moody's Investors Service
- C. CareEdge Global
- D. S&P Global Singapore
- E. DBRS Morningstar

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- S&P Global Ratings Singapore Ltd became the first foreign credit rating agency to receive approval from the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) to operate in GIFT City, Gujarat.
- The agency will begin operations with a small team of 5 employees.
- It follows the path of CareEdge Global IFSC Ltd, which was the first Indian CRA to start operations in GIFT City in October 2024.
- S&P Global will assist in rating IPOs, debt listings, and trade finance instruments such as Letters of Credit (LoCs) and Certificates of Deposit (CoDs).
- The approval follows SEBI's July 2024 circular, allowing CRAs to function under IFSCA guidelines at GIFT IFSC.
- S&P has already issued sovereign ratings for 39 countries, including India, which is rated BBB+.

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Ques : Who has been recommended by FSIB for the post of CEO and MD of LIC in 2025?

- A. Dinesh Pant
- B. Sat Pal Bhanoo
- C. R Doraiswamy
- D. Ratnakar Patnaik
- E. None of these

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) interviewed four LIC candidates on June 11, 2025 for the top position.
- Based on performance, experience, and other criteria, R Doraiswamy was recommended as the next CEO and MD of LIC.
- He has been serving as Managing Director at LIC since September 2023.
- Although Sat Pal Bhanoo was given interim powers from June 8, 2025, FSIB selected Doraiswamy for the permanent role.

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Ques: What is the revised qualifying asset threshold for NBFC-MFIs as per the RBI's new guidelines?

- A. 75%
- B. 70%
- C. 65%
- D. 60%
- E. 50%

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reduced the qualifying asset threshold for Non-Banking Financial Companies – Microfinance Institutions (NBFC-MFIs) from 75% to 60% to provide a boost to the sector.
- This means qualifying assets must constitute at least 60% of the total net assets (excluding intangible assets), maintained on an ongoing basis.
- If the threshold is not maintained for four consecutive quarters, the NBFC-MFI must submit a remediation plan to the RBI.
- The RBI also aligned the definition of 'qualifying assets' with that of 'microfinance loans', which are collateral-free loans provided to households with an annual income of up to Rs.3,00,000.

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Ques: From which date will the validated UPI handle “@valid” for investor-facing intermediaries be enforced by SEBI?

- A. April 1, 2025
- B. December 11, 2026
- C. October 1, 2025
- D. July 1, 2025
- E. January 1, 2026

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) is introducing a validated UPI handle “@valid” for investor-facing intermediaries such as brokers, research analysts, and investment advisors.
- This initiative will be enforced from October 1, 2025, and is aimed at preventing payment frauds and enhancing trust in digital transactions.
- A verified transaction will display a thumbs-up sign inside a green triangle, especially aiding non-English speaking users.
- The measure will impact around 8,000 to 9,000 intermediaries and will not affect existing SIPs. However, older UPI IDs will be discontinued from December 11, 2026.

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Ques : In which country is the 22nd edition of the multinational military exercise 'Khaan Quest' being held in 2025?

- A. India
- B. Russia
- C. Mongolia
- D. China
- E. USA

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The 22nd edition of the multinational exercise 'Khaan Quest' is being held in Mongolia from June 14 to 28, 2025.
- It was first initiated in 2003 by the USA and Mongolia, and has been a multinational event since 2006.
- The aim is to enhance global peacekeeping capabilities through joint training and collaboration.
- The Indian Army contingent includes 40 personnel, primarily from the Kumaon Regiment, and includes 1 woman officer and 2 women soldiers.

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Ques: What is the name of the Indian Navy's first Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) to be commissioned in June 2025?

- A. INS Vikrant
- B. INS Kavaratti
- C. INS Arnala
- D. INS Kalvari
- E. INS Shivalik

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- INS Arnala is the first Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) of the Indian Navy.
- It will be commissioned on 18 June 2025 at the Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam, presided over by General Anil Chauhan, Chief of Defence Staff.
- The ship was designed by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) in collaboration with L&T Shipbuilders.
- It features advanced systems from BEL, L&T, Mahindra Defence, and others.
- 80% of the components are indigenous, and the ship is named after Arnala Fort, near Vasai, Maharashtra.

About ASW-SWC Project :

- Signed in : April 2019
- Aim to manufacture 16 Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Watercraft (ASW-SWC)
- Shipyards involved : Kolkata-based Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited and Kochi-based Cochin Shipyard Limited
- Classes of vessels : Arnala Class: Built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited and Mahe Class: Built by Cochin Shipyard Limited





Ques : Name the Indian stealth frigate that participated in the India-U.K. joint naval exercise in June 2025?

- A. INS Tabar
- B. INS Talwar
- C. INS Vikrant
- D. INS Kolkata
- E. INS Trikand

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The India-U.K. joint naval exercise took place in the North Arabian Sea on June 9–10, 2025.
- The Indian Navy was represented by INS Tabar (a stealth frigate), a submarine, and a P-8I maritime patrol aircraft.
- The Royal Navy participated with HMS Prince of Wales (aircraft carrier) and HMS Richmond (frigate).
- The exercise focused on anti-submarine warfare, tactical manoeuvres, and helicopter coordination, aiming to strengthen bilateral naval cooperation.

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Ques: Who will inaugurate the PM-KUSUM Component-C project in Karnataka on June 11, 2025?

- A. Basavaraj Bommai
- B. Piyush Goyal
- C. Narendra Modi
- D. Siddaramaiah
- E. H.D. Kumaraswamy

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will inaugurate the PM-KUSUM Component C scheme on June 11, 2025, at Gauribidanur, Chikballapur district.
- The scheme aims to solarize existing grid-connected agricultural pumps to provide farmers with reliable daytime electricity.
- PM-KUSUM, launched in 2019, has a target of adding 34,800 MW of solar capacity by March 2026 with Rs.34,422 crore central financial support.

The scheme has three components:

- Component A: Decentralized solar power plants
- Component B: Standalone solar pumps
- Component C: Solarization of grid-connected pumps and feeders





Ques: What is the total value of the railway projects approved by the CCEA across three states?

- A. Rs.6,405 crore
- B. Rs.5,905 crore
- C. Rs.4,600 crore
- D. Rs.7,200 crore
- E. Rs.6,750 crore

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved two major railway doubling projects worth Rs.6,405 crore.
- Project 1: Koderma–Barkakana (133 km) in Jharkhand, enhancing coal region connectivity between Patna and Ranchi.
- Project 2: Ballari–Chikjajur (185 km), spanning Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, improving access to Mangaluru Port.
- These projects cover 318 km, will benefit 1,400 villages and 29 lakh people, and boost freight traffic by 39 million tonnes annually.
- They are expected to reduce CO₂ emissions by 264 crore kg and will be completed in three years.

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Ques: When was the Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) launched?

- A. January 2022
- B. June 2016
- C. March 2017
- D. May 2015
- E. August 2018

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) was launched in June 2016 by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
- It provides free and quality antenatal care (ANC) to pregnant women, especially on the 9th of every month, aiming for early detection and management of high-risk pregnancies (HRP).
- The e-PMSMA, launched in January 2022, further extended the program to include additional follow-ups and digital tracking through SMS alerts.
- As of May 2025, more than 6.19 crore pregnant women in India had gotten antenatal check-ups under the PMSMA.
- India's Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) has decreased by 50 points, from 130 per 100,000 live births in 2014-2016 to 80 per 100,000 in 2021-2023, suggesting considerable success in maternal healthcare outcomes.

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Ques: Which Union Territory recently became the 19th legislature in India to adopt the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)?

- A. Jammu & Kashmir
- B. Delhi
- C. Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- D. Puducherry
- E. Ladakh

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Dr. L. Murugan, Union Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs, inaugurated the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) for the Puducherry Legislative Assembly.
- Puducherry thus became the 19th legislature in India to implement the NeVA platform, aimed at paperless and efficient legislative functioning.
- The project is implemented under the Digital India programme with 100% Central Assistance from the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.
- It aligns with the 'One Nation, One Application' vision for integrated and transparent governance.

About One Nation, One Ration Card (ONORC) Scheme :

- Launched on : August 9, 2019 as a pilot project in four states of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.
- Implemented in : whole country June 2022
- Implemented by : Department of Food & Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- Implemented under : National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013
- Last state to join : Assam (36th)



Eligibility :

- i. The applicant must be a bonafide citizen of any of the present federal states of India.
- ii. The minimum age to apply for the ONORC ration card is 18 years.
- iii. Applicant must belong to the underprivileged section of the society i.e. Economically weaker section, Migrant laborers, Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe , Disabled person, etc

About One Nation, One Election :

- Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi's Union Cabinet passed two significant constitutional reform legislation pertaining to One Nation, One Election (ONOE) in December 2024.
- The Constitution (129th Amendment) Bill, 2024, the first bill, will allow the Lok Sabha and state assemblies to have synchronized terms.
- The second bill, The Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024, seeks to synchronize Lok Sabha elections with elections in the Union Territories (UTs) of Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), and Puducherry.
- The High-Level Committee on Simultaneous Elections was established by the Government of India (GoI) in September 2023, and it is chaired by former Indian President Ram Nath Kovind.
- It has recommended holding simultaneous elections in two stages, such as: Holding simultaneous Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in the first phase Within 100 days of the general elections, hold elections for local bodies (municipalities and panchayats) in the second phase.

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Ques: What is the purpose of the UMEED portal launched by the Ministry of Minority Affairs?

- A. Tracking minority scholarships
- B. Managing Waqf properties
- C. Promoting Urdu language
- D. Monitoring Hajj pilgrimage
- E. Issuing caste certificates

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The UMEED (Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development) portal was launched by Union Minister Kiren Rijiju under the Ministry of Minority Affairs.
- It aims to simplify the management of Waqf properties by enabling real-time data updates and providing public access to verified property information.

Key features include:

- Digital inventory and geo-tagging of all Waqf properties with a 17-digit unique ID.
- An online grievance redressal system for quick and efficient complaint handling.

A three-tier verification system involving:

- Maker: Mutawalli (property manager)
- Checker: District-level officer
- Approver: State/UT Waqf Board CEO.





Ques: Who is leading the Indian delegation to the 3rd United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3) in Nice, France?

- A. Nitin Gadkari
- B. Kiren Rijiju
- C. Dr. Jitendra Singh
- D. S. Jaishankar
- E. Hardeep Singh Puri

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of Earth Sciences (Independent Charge), is leading the Indian delegation to the 3rd United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3) in Nice, France.
- He held a bilateral meeting with UNESCO emissary Vidar Helgesen, focusing on ocean conservation.
- The conference is co-hosted by France and Costa Rica, and aims to accelerate global efforts toward Sustainable Development Goal 14 (SDG-14), which focuses on the conservation and sustainable use of oceans, seas, and marine resources.

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Ques : Which two organizations signed an MoU to enable multilingual AI solutions in Indian Railways platforms?

- A. Indian Railways and NIC
- B. Digital India Bhashini Division and CRIS
- C. Ministry of Railways and C-DAC
- D. BHASHINI and IRCTC
- E. CRIS and ISRO

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- To promote linguistic inclusion and AI-driven digital transformation in the Indian Railways, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Digital India Bhashini Division (DIBD) and the Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS).
- This collaboration will integrate advanced AI technologies such as ASR, TTS, Translation, and OCR into platforms like NTES and RailMadad, enabling access in 22 Indian languages.

About BHASHINI :

- Launched in : July 2022
- Launched under : Digital India program
- Implemented by : Digital India Bhashini Division (DIBD)
- Objective : To democratize access to digital content and services across the linguistic spectrum of India





Ques: As per the ILO's ILOSTAT database, what is India's rank in providing social security coverage globally?

- A. First
- B. Third
- C. Fifth
- D. Second
- E. Fourth

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- As per the ILOSTAT database of the International Labour Organization (ILO), India ranks second globally in providing social security coverage.
- In 2015, only 19% of India's population had coverage; this surged to 64.3% (94 crore people) by 2025 – a 45 percentage point rise, the fastest growth globally.
- This growth is attributed to India's Antyodaya mission, focused on reaching the last mile in welfare schemes.
- India is also the first country to update its social protection data on the ILOSTAT dashboard in real-time.
- The data from Phase-1, covering 8 states and central schemes, is expected to expand to over 100 crore citizens in Phase-2, boosting India's readiness for global social security agreements for Indians working abroad.

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Ques: Which state government has mandated a 13-digit geotagged unique ID for all infrastructure development projects?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Karnataka
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Gujarat
- E. Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Government of Maharashtra has mandated the assignment of a 13-digit alphanumeric geotagged unique ID to all infrastructure development projects in the state.
- This ID will act as the primary reference once administrative approval is granted.
- The government aims to register all projects sanctioned since 2020 by March 2026.
- From October 1, 2025, the scheme will be expanded across all departments and districts.

The 13-digit alphanumeric ID includes:

- 1 letter state code (e.g., M for Maharashtra)
- 2-digit year code (e.g., 25 for 2025)
- 4-letter scheme/program code
- 3-letter district code
- 2-letter asset type abbreviation
- 3-digit serial number
- Example: M25RURWRDRODW001





Ques: What is the primary objective of the Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag (BBA) initiative inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah?

- A. Promote Sanskrit as the national language
- B. Enhance foreign language learning
- C. Reduce English dominance and promote mother tongues in governance
- D. Digitize central government documents
- E. Translate international laws into Indian languages

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag (BBA), also known as the Indian Languages Section, in New Delhi.
- The initiative focuses on reducing the dominance of foreign languages, especially English, in India's administrative framework.
- It promotes decision-making and official communication in mother tongues, thereby empowering regional languages.
- A budget of Rs.56 crore was allocated in Union Budget 2024-25 for the development of this platform.

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Ques : As per Indian Railways, from which date will Aadhaar-based OTP authentication become mandatory for online Tatkal bookings?

- A. July 1
- B. July 5
- C. July 10
- D. July 15
- E. August 1

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- To promote fair and secure access to Tatkal tickets, Indian Railways has mandated Aadhaar-based authentication.
- From July 1, 2025, Aadhaar will be required for booking Tatkal tickets on IRCTC's website or mobile app.
- Starting July 15, 2025, OTP-based Aadhaar authentication will become compulsory for all online Tatkal bookings.
- This rule will also apply to offline bookings at PRS counters.
- To curb misuse, agents will be barred from booking Tatkal tickets during the first 30 minutes of the booking window.

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Ques: Who visited India as the UK's Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs in 2025?

- A. James Cleverly
- B. Keir Starmer
- C. David Lammy
- D. Rishi Sunak
- E. Boris Johnson

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- David Lammy, the United Kingdom's Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, visited India in 2025.
- He met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, and Union Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal.
- During the visit, India and the UK signed a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) on 6 May 2025, aiming to double bilateral trade from \$60 billion to \$120 billion by 2030.
- Prime Minister Modi extended an invitation to UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer to visit India soon.
- This marked David Lammy's second official visit to India.

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Ques: Which Indian city ranks 6th globally in data centre capacity under construction, as per the 2025 Global Data Center Market Comparison report?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai
- E. Chennai

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The 2025 Global Data Center Market Comparison report, published by Cushman & Wakefield Inc., ranks Mumbai (Maharashtra) 6th globally with 335 Megawatts (MW) of data centre capacity under construction as of end-2024.
- Virginia (USA) leads globally with 1,834 MW under construction.
- Mumbai is the only Indian city in the top 10 global rankings and leads the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region.
- The city also ranks 7th most established data centre market in APAC.
- India's total operational data centre capacity as of 2024 is 950 MW, projected to reach 1.8 GW by 2026.
- Pune (Maharashtra) and Bengaluru (Karnataka) are ranked 4th and 5th among APAC's emerging data centre markets.

Ranking of Top 5 largest data centre capacity under construction as of end 2024:

- 1 Virginia, United States of America (USA) : 1,834 Megawatt (MW)
- 2 Atlanta (USA) : 1078 MW
- 3 Columbus (USA) : 546 MW
- 4 Dallas (USA) : 500 MW
- 5 Phoenix (USA) : 478 MW
- 6 Mumbai, Maharashtra (India) : 335 MW



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Premier League's first Black referee Uriah Rennie dies aged 65. He made history in 1997 when he refereed a Premier League match between Derby County and Wimbledon.

International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited and Bhartiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Limited formalized a Tripartite Service Agreement to establish the 'Beej Anusandhan Kendra, a state-of-the-art seed research center in Kalol, Gujarat.

Maharashtra forest department partnered with Microsoft and the Centre for Youth Development and Activities (CYDA), Pune, for eco-restoration of Tamhini Wildlife Sanctuary

IRCTC, in partnership with the Maharashtra government and Indian Railways, created a "Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj circuit train tour" to highlight the history and legacy of Maratha monarch Chhatrapati Shivaji.

Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan chaired the Global Young Scientists Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Global Young Academy at IIT Hyderabad.

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Ques: Which foreign corporate entity became the first to list Green Bonds on NSE International Exchange (NSE IX) at GIFT IFSC, Gujarat?

- A. Sampath Bank
- B. HSBC Holdings
- C. Standard Chartered Bank
- D. Hatton National Bank
- E. DFCC Bank PLC

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- DFCC Bank PLC, based in Colombo, Sri Lanka, became the first foreign corporate entity to list Green Bonds worth LKR 2.5 billion on the National Stock Exchange – International Exchange (NSE IX) at GIFT IFSC, Gujarat.
- The raised funds will be used to finance solar energy projects in Sri Lanka, including ground and rooftop installations.
- DFCC Bank PLC was established in 1955 and is headquartered in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- The current Chairman of DFCC Bank is Jegatheesan Durairatnam.

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Ques: According to NSO, retail inflation in May 2025 fell to what percentage – the lowest in 75 months?

- A. 2.82%
- B. 2.99%
- C. 3.16%
- D. 1.78%
- E. 0.99%

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- According to the National Statistical Office (NSO), retail inflation (CPI) in May 2025 dropped to 2.82%, the lowest level in 75 months. In April, the rate was 3.16%.
- The primary reason for this dip was the sharp fall in food prices, especially vegetables and pulses.
- The Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) also declined to 0.99% in May, compared to 1.78% in April, making it the lowest since October 2021.
- HDFC Bank has cautioned that due to heavy rains, some vegetable prices may rise again in select regions.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank observed that downward trends in pulses and cereals are continuing.
- Inflation could remain below the RBI's FY26 forecast of 3.7%.
- The RBI is not expected to cut the repo rate before September 2025, though rate cuts may follow if inflation remains controlled.

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Ques: What is the minimum outstanding amount required for a State Government Security (SGS) to be eligible for STRIPS as per RBI?

- A. Rs.500 crore
- B. Rs.1,000 crore
- C. Rs.2,000 crore
- D. Rs.750 crore
- E. Rs.1,500 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed STRIPS (Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities) for State Government Securities (SGS).
- This facility was previously only applicable to Government of India (GoI) bonds.
- Now extended to bonds issued by states and union territories.
- To be eligible for STRIPS, an SGS must have Minimum outstanding amount of Rs.1,000 crore, and Residual maturity of up to 14 years.
- STRIPS separate the interest (coupon) and principal components of a bond into individual zero-coupon securities, which are Traded at a discount, and Redeemed at face value.
- Its objective is to Enhance liquidity in the primary and secondary markets and promote overall bond market development.





Ques: How much stake did PhonePe sell in CE Info Systems (MapmyIndia's parent) in June 2025?

- A. 3%
- B. 5%
- C. 6.5%
- D. 8%
- E. 4.25%

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- In June 2025, PhonePe sold a 5% stake in CE Info Systems, the parent company of MapmyIndia, via an open market transaction.
- The deal involved the sale of 27.21 lakh shares at an average price of Rs.1,786.22 per share, amounting to a total value of Rs.486 crore.
- Following this transaction, PhonePe's total stake in CE Info Systems dropped from 18.74% to 13.74%.
- After the stake sale, CE Info Systems' stock price fell 9.39%, closing at Rs.1,768.75.
- PhonePe is a subsidiary of Flipkart, which is owned by Walmart.

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Ques: Where is the new cancer care block being constructed by Tata Memorial Centre and ICICI Bank?

- A. Navi Mumbai
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Chandigarh
- D. Visakhapatnam
- E. Bhubaneswar

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Tata Memorial Centre (TMC) and ICICI Bank have initiated construction of an advanced cancer care block at Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre (HBCHRC) in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- The Rs.550 crore facility is part of ICICI Bank's larger Rs.1,800 crore CSR initiative.
- It will provide care for 3,000 paediatric and blood cancer patients and include 215 beds, bone marrow transplant, and immunotherapy services.
- The total campus capacity after this expansion will be 555 beds across 10.7 lakh sq. ft. with 19 LINACs for radiotherapy.

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Ques: What is the extended deadline for low-risk customers to update their KYC as per RBI?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the deadline for low-risk individual customers to update their KYC (Know Your Customer) details.
- The new deadline is 30 June 2026 or within one year from the due date, whichever is later.
- This move comes in response to a large backlog, especially in accounts opened under DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer), Scholarship schemes and Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)
- RBI has also authorized Business Correspondents (BCs) – including NGOs, SHGs, MFIs, and local kirana shopkeepers – to collect self-declarations from customers if there are no changes or only address changes in KYC.
- Banks are mandated to send three advance notices, including one by letter, and conduct awareness camps to ensure smoother KYC completion.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of Axis Max Life Insurance in 2025?

- A. Prashant Tripathy
- B. Sumit Madan
- C. Amitabh Chaudhry
- D. Rajesh Sud
- E. Sandeep Bakhshi

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Sumit Madan has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Axis Max Life Insurance in 2025.
- He replaces Prashant Tripathy, who took early retirement.
- Axis Max Life Insurance is a joint venture between Max Financial Services and Axis Bank, providing life insurance and related financial products in India.

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Ques: As per Bank of Baroda, how much cumulative FDI did India receive via direct equity flows till March 2025?

- A. \$500 billion
- B. \$890 billion
- C. \$729 billion
- D. \$643 billion
- E. \$111 billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- According to Bank of Baroda Economic Research, India received \$729 billion in cumulative Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) through equity flows from 2000 to March 2025.
- Over 85% of this FDI came from just 12 countries, including Mauritius, Singapore, the US, the UK, and the Netherlands.
- Singapore's share increased significantly from 13% in 2024 to 24% by March 2025, while Mauritius' share declined from 35.2% to 24.7%.
- FDI in the IT software & hardware sector rose dramatically from \$15 billion (2015) to \$111 billion (2025).
- The services sector also grew from \$43 billion to \$118 billion during the same period.
- However, sectors like pharmaceuticals (5.3% → 3.2%) and construction (9.7% → 3.7%) saw declines due to price competition and inventory/land issues, respectively.
- FDI in non-conventional energy (renewables) increased from 1.5% to 3%, and trading sector FDI nearly doubled from 3.2% to 6.5%, thanks to liberalized FDI policies.





Ques: What was the Gross Merchandise Value (GMV) achieved by GeM in the first 10 months of FY 2024-25?

- A. Rs.4 lakh crore
- B. Rs.5 lakh crore
- C. Rs.6 lakh crore
- D. Rs.7 lakh crore
- E. Rs.8 lakh crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Government e-Marketplace (GeM) crossed Rs.6 lakh crore GMV by January 23, 2025, in FY 2024-25, reflecting a 50% increase over the previous year's figure of Rs.4 lakh crore.
- Out of this 62% (Rs.2.54 lakh crore) came from the services segment and 38% (Rs.1.55 lakh crore) from product sales
- GeM has become a key e-procurement platform with 1.6 lakh government buyers and 22.5 lakh sellers/service providers.
- Since launch in 2016, it has processed 2.59 crore+ orders with cumulative GMV of over Rs.11.64 lakh crore.

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Ques : What is the new basic customs duty on crude edible oils as per recent announcement by the Centre?

- A. 20%
- B. 15%
- C. 10%
- D. 5%
- E. 12.5%

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Central Government has reduced the basic customs duty on crude edible oils like sunflower, soybean, and palm oil from 20% to 10%.

This move:

- Increases the duty gap between crude and refined oils to 19.25% (from 8.75%)
- Aims to reduce retail prices of edible oils
- Helps in curbing inflation
- Encourages domestic refining
- Provides relief to consumers and fair returns to farmers

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Ques: Which organization recently unveiled the official logo of the Shooting League of India (SLI)?

- A. Indian Olympic Association
- B. Sports Authority of India
- C. National Rifle Association of India
- D. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- E. Indian Shooting Federation

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) officially unveiled the logo of the Shooting League of India (SLI) at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range, New Delhi.
- The logo was designed by Chennai-based Sportwalk, a renowned sports media and marketing agency.
- The design symbolizes precision, intensity, and tradition in Indian shooting sports.
- SLI will host mixed team events in Pistol (10m, 25m), Rifle (10m, 50m 3 Positions), and Shotgun (Trap & Skeet)
- Colors used in the logo:
 - Deep Navy Blue: Focus, determination, legacy
 - Vibrant Orange: Energy, passion
 - Fiery Red Pink: Explosive precision and excitement

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Ques: What is the objective of the 'Mukhya Mantrir Jiban Anuprerana' scheme launched by the Assam Government?

- A. Promoting tourism in Assam
- B. Supporting entrepreneurs
- C. Providing financial aid to research scholars
- D. Offering skill training to youth
- E. Granting subsidies for agriculture

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The 'Mukhya Mantrir Jiban Anuprerana' scheme was launched by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.
- The scheme aims to provide one-time financial assistance to research scholars, especially Divyang (specially-abled) scholars, to promote research and development in Assam.
- Benefits given are Rs.25,000 for full-time research scholars and Rs.40,000 for Divyang research scholars
- Eligibility: Permanent residents of Assam studying in state or central public institutions.
- Additionally, the CM also launched the Swagata Satirtha Portal, aimed at simplifying and making the transfer process for government employees more transparent and time-bound.





Ques: What is the name of the agentic AI assistant launched by Ola's Krutrim?

- A. Akruti
- B. Kruti
- C. Krish
- D. Krutika
- E. KrutAI

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Ola's AI company Krutrim launched Kruti, claimed to be India's first agentic AI assistant, which goes beyond traditional chatbot functions.
- Kruti can proactively perform tasks like cab booking, food ordering, bill payment, image generation, and deep research.
- It is built on the Krutrim V2 LLM and open-source models, offering advanced reasoning and personalized assistance.
- Unlike passive chatbots, Kruti understands voice and text input, remembers past interactions, and adapts to user behavior over time.
- It supports communication in 13 Indian languages and can adjust responses based on tone, length, and context.
- Ola Founder Bhavish Aggarwal described Kruti as a "task-getting AI assistant" that simplifies everyday life, not just a conversational bot.
- Kruti's advanced AI features, such as image creation and research, are available free of cost.



Ques: What is India's rank in the Global Gender Gap Index 2025 out of 148 countries?

- A. 125
- B. 128
- C. 131
- D. 135
- E. 127

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Global Gender Gap Report Edition 19th Published by World Economic Forum (WEF)
- India ranks 131st out of 148 countries in the Global Gender Gap Index 2025, slipping in position compared to previous years.
- It lags behind neighbouring countries like Bangladesh (24th), Bhutan (119th), Nepal (125th), and Sri Lanka (130th).
- The World Economic Forum (WEF), headquartered in Cologny, Switzerland, publishes this index annually.
- India's overall gender parity score is 64.4%, a slight improvement of +0.3 points over 2024.
- The Economic Participation and Opportunity subindex improved to 40.7%, but Political Empowerment declined, with women's representation in Parliament at only 13.8%.

Rank of top 5 Countries with scores on Global Gender Gap Index 2025 :

- 1 Iceland (16th Time) : 0.926
- 2 Finland : 0.879
- 3 Norway : 0.863
- 4 United Kingdom (UK) : 0.838
- 5 New Zealand : 0.827
- 131 India : 0.644
- 148 Pakistan : 0.567





Ques: In June 2025, Reliance Industries sold 3.6% stake in which company for Rs.7,703 crore?

- A. Berger Paints
- B. CE Info Systems
- C. Asian Paints
- D. Aditya Birla Paints
- E. JSW Paints

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- In June 2025, Reliance Industries (RIL) sold its 3.6% stake (3.5 crore shares) in Asian Paints through block deals, executed by its subsidiary Siddhant Commercials.
- The stake was sold at a price of Rs.2,201 per share, amounting to a total of Rs.7,703 crore.
- SBI Mutual Fund acquired the entire stake sold by RIL.
- RIL originally invested ₹500 crore in Asian Paints in January 2008, making this exit a 15x return deal.
- Even after this transaction, RIL continues to hold 87 lakh shares in Asian Paints.
- Asian Paints' market share declined from around 60% to 50% in FY25.

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Ques: Which Indian city was recently declared the country's 'Leopard Capital' after a 2024–2025 camera-trap survey?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Nagpur
- D. Dehradun
- E. Bhopal

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Bengaluru (Karnataka) was declared India's 'Leopard Capital' after a year-long camera-trap survey (2024–2025) conducted by the Holématti Nature Foundation (HNF).
- The survey estimated 80–85 leopards in the forests and scrublands around Bengaluru, surpassing Mumbai's 54 leopards documented inside Sanjay Gandhi National Park.
- It was conducted over an area of 282 sq km, using more than 250 camera traps.
- Key habitats surveyed included Turahalli, B.M. Kaval, U.M. Kaval, Roerich Estate, and Bannerghatta National Park (BNP).
- Among these, 54 leopards were found inside BNP, and 30+ in other forested areas on Bengaluru's outskirts.

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Ques: What is the primary purpose of the Indian Air Force's upcoming I-STAR aircraft project worth Rs.10,000 crore?

- A. Transporting troops during emergency operations
- B. Conducting aerial refueling missions
- C. Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance
- D. Training pilots for international competitions
- E. Launching satellite payloads

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to acquire I-STAR aircraft under a Rs.10,000 crore project, which is expected to be cleared soon by the government.
- I-STAR stands for Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition, and Reconnaissance.
- These aircraft will be capable of detecting, tracking, and targeting enemy infrastructure like radar stations, mobile air defense units, and command hubs — all without entering hostile airspace.
- India plans to procure three aircraft from global aviation companies such as Boeing and Bombardier, which will then be fitted with indigenous sensor and electronic systems developed by DRDO's Centre for Airborne Systems (CABS).

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Ques: Which Indian quantum deeptech company won the iDEX ADITI 2.0 Defence Challenge to develop a Quantum Positioning System for the Indian Navy?

- A. Bellatrix Aerospace
- B. QuBeats
- C. Dhruva Space
- D. IdeaForge
- E. Pixel

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- QuBeats, an Indian quantum deeptech startup, won the Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) – Acing Development of Innovative Technologies (ADITI) 2.0 Defence Challenge.
- The project focuses on developing an indigenous Quantum Positioning System (QPS) specifically for the Indian Navy.
- QuBeats received a grant of Rs.25 crore to develop next-generation high-precision quantum sensors.
- These quantum sensors detect Earth's unique magnetic anomaly signatures, enabling GPS-independent navigation, effective day or night, and in all conditions — a significant advancement for strategic defense operations.

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Ques : What is the name of the solar-powered car developed by IIT Madras students for the World Solar Challenge 2025?

- A. Suryavaan
- B. Agnirath
- C. Jalashwa
- D. Surya Rath
- E. Aagneya

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- The solar car 'Aagneya' was created by Team Agnirath from IIT Madras, under the Centre for Innovation (CFI). This student-led vehicle will represent India in the prestigious Bridgestone World Solar Challenge 2025, covering a distance of 3,000 km across Australia.
- Aagneya has a carbon fiber body for reduced weight
- Developed with 15,000+ hours of dedicated work
- A multi-disciplinary effort by 38 students, starting with just 6 in 2021

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Ques: Who won the Men's Singles title at the 43rd edition of the Indonesia Open (Kapal Api Indonesia Open 2025)?

- A. Anders Antonsen
- B. Viktor Axelsen
- C. Kento Momota
- D. Anthony Ginting
- E. Lakshya Sen

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The 43rd edition of the Indonesia Open, officially titled the Kapal Api Indonesia Open 2025, was a premier badminton tournament held at Istora Gelora Bung Karno, Jakarta, Indonesia

Winners of Indonesia Open 2025 :

- Men's Singles : Anders Antonsen (Denmark)
- Women's Singles : An Se-young (South Korea)
- Men's Doubles : Seo Seung-jae & Kim Won-ho (South Korea)
- Women's Doubles : Liu Shengshu & Tan Ning (China)
- Mixed Doubles : Thom Gicquel & Delphine Delrue (France)





Ques: The Boeing 787-8 aircraft involved in the Ahmedabad crash was delivered in which year?

- A. 2011
- B. 2012
- C. 2013
- D. 2014
- E. 2015

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner that crashed in Ahmedabad was delivered in 2014, three years after the model's entry into service in 2011.
- It was heading to Gatwick Airport with 242 passengers onboard when it collided with a medical college hostel.
- The 787-8 is considered among the most advanced commercial jets, with a range of 13,530 km and passenger capacity of 248.
- Over 2,500 units of the 787 have been sold globally, including 47 to Air India.
- The crashed aircraft was powered by twin GE Aerospace engines.
- The 787 series is built using composite materials, providing 20% more fuel efficiency and enabling airlines to open new routes without relying on larger aircraft like the Boeing 747.
- Boeing had outsourced a significant portion of the aircraft's structure globally, which later led to supply chain issues, prompting the company to admit it had overextended outsourcing.





Ques: Which two countries jointly launched the "Blue NDC Challenge" to promote ocean-focused climate action at the UN Ocean Conference 2025?

- A. USA and Canada
- B. India and Germany
- C. France and Brazil
- D. UK and Japan
- E. China and Australia

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- At the third UN Ocean Conference (UNOC3) held in Nice, France, a significant climate initiative called the Blue Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) Challenge was jointly launched by France and Brazil.
- The initiative aims to place oceans at the center of global climate strategies, especially in the lead-up to COP30, which will be hosted by Brazil in Belém in November 2025.
- The Blue NDC Challenge encourages countries to include ocean-based solutions in their revised Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement, targeting the 1.5°C global warming limit and enhancing climate resilience.
- Australia, Fiji, Kenya, Mexico, Palau, and Seychelles have joined France and Brazil in endorsing the initiative.
- These revised NDCs represent the highest form of political commitment under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).





Ques: IG Drones has partnered with which Belgian firm to integrate 3D perception systems into UAVs?

- A. Skysense
- B. VoxelSensors
- C. DronePort
- D. FlyBelgium
- E. AirNetics

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- IG Drones, an Indian drone technology firm, has signed a strategic partnership with Belgium-based VoxelSensors, a deep tech company.
- The collaboration focuses on integrating next-generation 3D perception systems into Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs).
- VoxelSensors is known for its SPAES (Streaming Perception for AI Enhanced Systems) technology, which provides ultra-low latency and high-precision sensing.
- This innovation enables UAVs to navigate GPS-denied environments, including dense forests, tunnels, and complex urban settings.
- These drones will feature enhanced environmental awareness, obstacle avoidance, and high-fidelity 3D mapping.
- The system is expected to improve efficiency in emergency response, infrastructure inspection, smart cities, and environmental monitoring.
- The Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) has highlighted this as a milestone in India's global collaboration in drone technology.





Ques: Which country won the UEFA Nations League 2024–25, becoming the first to win the title twice since its inception?

- A. Spain
- B. France
- C. Germany
- D. Portugal
- E. Netherlands

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Portugal won their second UEFA Nations League title by defeating Spain 5–3 in a penalty shootout, after a 2–2 draw in the final held at the Allianz Arena, Munich, Germany.
- This was the 4th edition of the UEFA Nations League, conducted from September 2024 to June 2025.
- Portugal became the first nation to win the tournament twice since its launch in 2018–19.
- Their first title came in 2019, when they beat the Netherlands 1–0 in the final.
- Cristiano Ronaldo, at 40 years and 123 days, became the oldest male player in the world to score in an international football match, and also in a Nations League final, surpassing Luka Modrić (37 years).
- He was also the highest goal scorer of the tournament with 8 goals.

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Ques: Marc Garneau, who recently passed away, was the first Canadian to achieve what historic milestone?

- A. First Canadian Prime Minister of Indian origin
- B. First Canadian Nobel Peace Prize winner
- C. First Canadian astronaut in space
- D. First Canadian to serve in NATO command
- E. First Canadian to walk on the Moon

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Marc Garneau, who recently passed away, was the first Canadian astronaut in space.
- In 1984, he flew aboard the NASA Space Shuttle Challenger during the STS-41-G mission.
- He completed a total of three spaceflights STS-41-G in 1984, STS-77 in 1996 and STS-97 in 2000
- After his space career, he served in Canadian politics, holding prominent positions Minister of Transport (2015–2021) and Minister of Foreign Affairs (2021) under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

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Ques: What was the theme of World Day Against Child Labour 2025, observed on 12th June?

- A. Children First: End Child Labour Now
- B. Act Now: End Child Labour
- C. Progress is clear, but there's more to do: let's speed up efforts!
- D. Protect Children from Work, Not from Childhood
- E. Building a Better Future Together

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- World Day Against Child Labour is observed every year on 12th June to raise awareness about the global issue of child labour.
- The 2025 theme was: "Progress is clear, but there's more to do: let's speed up efforts!"
- Child labour refers to work that is inappropriate for a child's age or harmful to their physical or mental development.
- In India, the Constitution prohibits children under 14 years from working in mines, factories, or hazardous occupations.
- As per the International Labour Organisation (ILO), individuals under 18 years should not be engaged in hazardous work.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Muhammad Waseem (UAE) and Chloe Tryon (South Africa) are the Winners of the ICC Men's and ICC Women's player of the month Respectively.

Tata Asset Management Private Limited (TAMPL), part of the Tata group, received approval from the IFSCA to operate as a Regional Fund Management Entity (FME) (Retail) at GIFT IFSC. TAMPL Established in 1994 and HQ in Mumbai.

To commemorate Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 11 years in office, the Narendra Modi App or NaMo App has launched the 'Jan Man Survey.'

In the village of Udampatti in the Melur taluk, an 800-year-old Shiva temple from the later Pandya period has been discovered. Shilpa Sastram and inscriptions attest to the temple's dedication to Lord Shiva under the name Thennavanisvaram.

Nicholas Pooran, West Indies' record holder in T20s, retires from international cricket.

NASA's 2001 Mars Odyssey orbiter recently delivered a stunning new picture from Mars, capturing the colossal Arsia Mons volcano. It is one of the largest volcanoes in the solar system, with a height of over 18 kilometers (11 miles).

Tata Electronics Private Limited (TEPL) and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) signed an agreement to produce key components such as Microcontrollers (MCUs), Systems-on-Chip (SoCs), and Monolithic Microwave Integrated Circuits (MMICs) to meet current and future requirements of BEL



Ques: As per RBI's announcement, how much worth of Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrBs) maturing in 2054 will be re-issued in the G-Secs auction on June 13, 2025?

- A. Rs.10,000 crore
- B. Rs.7,000 crore
- C. Rs.5,000 crore
- D. Rs.15,000 crore
- E. Rs.3,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) plans to re-issue sovereign green bonds (SGrBs) during the upcoming government securities (G-Secs) auction on June 13, 2025.
- The entire notified amount for sale is Rs.30,000 crore, including Rs.5,000 crore of 6.98% SGrB maturing in 2054.
- Sovereign green bonds are government-issued bonds designed to fund environmentally beneficial projects.
- In addition to sovereign green bonds, two dated securities will be re-issued: Rs.11,000 crore of 6.79% government securities maturing in 2031 and Rs.14,000 crore of 7.09% securities maturing in 2074.
- The auction will be held via RBI's e-Kuber platform.

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Ques: What is excluded from SEBI's new ESG debt securities framework, which came into effect on June 5, 2025?

- A. Social Bonds
- B. Sustainability Bonds
- C. Sustainability-Linked Bonds (SLBs)
- D. Green Bonds
- E. All of the above are included

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- SEBI introduced a comprehensive framework for the issuance and listing of ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) debt securities, effective June 5, 2025.
- The framework covers social bonds, sustainability bonds, and Sustainability-Linked Bonds (SLBs), but explicitly excludes green bonds, which are governed under a separate regulation.
- The framework aligns with SEBI's Sustainable Finance Roadmap (2025–2028) and mandates adherence to global ESG standards such as ICMA, CBS, ASEAN, or Indian regulatory guidelines.
- ESG-labelled bonds must finance projects that meet specific environmental or social criteria.

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Ques: Which two institutions recently signed an MoU to enhance cybersecurity in India's digital payment ecosystem?

- A. RBI and SEBI
- B. NPCI and IDRBT
- C. NPCI and NITI Aayog
- D. RBI and UIDAI
- E. NABARD and NPCI

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT) signed an MoU to boost cybersecurity and resilience in India's digital payment ecosystem.
- The partnership focuses on enhancing security, trust, and response capabilities in digital transactions.
- IDRBT is India's premier institute for banking technology R&D, and NPCI manages key systems like UPI, RuPay, IMPS, and NACH.
- The collaboration will explore AI-ML based cybersecurity frameworks, cyber threat intelligence, and risk mitigation strategies.

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Ques: How much amount was raised by Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) through its Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP)?

- A. Rs.2,005.90 crore
- B. Rs.2,000 crore
- C. Rs.1,500 crore
- D. Rs.1,800 crore
- E. Rs.1,650 crore

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) raised Rs.2,005.90 crore via Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP).
- A total of 12.15 crore equity shares were issued at an issue price of Rs.165.14 per share.
- The QIP was oversubscribed 1.34 times, receiving bids worth Rs.2,005.90 crore against the base issue size of Rs.1,500 crore.

About IREDA :

- Established : 1987
- HQ : New Delhi
- CMD : Pradip Kumar Das

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Ques: ADB has approved a \$109.97 million loan to support which Indian state's skill development initiative?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$109.97 million (Rs.927 crore) results-based loan to Gujarat.
- The loan supports the Gujarat Skills Development Programme, run by the state's Labour, Skill Development and Employment Department, in collaboration with Kaushalya: The Skill University.
- The aim is to enhance employability by providing industry-aligned, advanced skills training to the workforce.

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Ques: Who was appointed as the Honorary Consul of Finland in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, as part of the newly inaugurated Honorary Consulate?

- A. Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- B. Gautam Adani
- C. Sanjiv Mehta
- D. Pankaj Patel
- E. Kulin Lalbhai

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- The Ambassador of Finland to India, Kimmo Lähdevirta, inaugurated the Honorary Consulate of Finland in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Kulin Lalbhai, Vice Chairman of Arvind Limited (Ahmedabad-based), has been appointed as the Honorary Consul of Finland.
- The consulate will enhance diplomatic and commercial ties between Finland and Gujarat, and support Finnish companies investing in India.

About Finland:

- Capital – Helsinki
- Currency – Euro
- Prime Minister – Petteri Orpo

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Ques: What was the objective of the global cybercrime initiative called ‘Operation Secure’ conducted from January to April 2025?

- A. To stop digital currency fraud
- B. To dismantle infrastructure of cybercriminals using infostealer malware
- C. To monitor social media threats
- D. To develop a cybersecurity training network
- E. To promote ethical hacking

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Operation Secure was a global cybercrime crackdown led by Interpol from January to April 2025.
- It targeted over 20,000 malicious IPs and domains tied to infostealer malware.
- 26 countries participated, along with private cybersecurity firms like Group-IB, Kaspersky, and Trend Micro.
- The operation successfully eliminated 79% of the identified malicious infrastructure.
- Infostealer malware was used by criminals to steal browser credentials, passwords, and credit card details.

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Ques : Who is the author of the recently released book “Life’s Magic Moments”?

- A. Chetan Bhagat
- B. Amitav Ghosh
- C. Arundhati Roy
- D. Ruskin Bond
- E. Jhumpa Lahiri

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- “Life’s Magic Moments” is a new book by Ruskin Bond, one of India’s most beloved and prolific authors.
- The book celebrates life’s simple joys, childhood memories, nature, and human bonds, capturing the essence of peace and nostalgia.
- Published by Penguin Books, it blends illustrations, short reflections, and Bond’s signature style of storytelling.

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Ques: Which Indian squash player won two awards at the PSA Awards 2024–25, including Women’s Challenger Player of the Season?

- A. Joshna Chinappa
- B. Tanvi Khanna
- C. Anahat Singh
- D. Dipika Pallikal
- E. Sunayna Kuruvilla

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Anahat Singh, India’s top-ranked women’s squash player, won two awards at the PSA Awards 2024–25 : Women’s Challenger Player of the Season, and Women’s Young Player of the Season (shared with Amina Orfi of Egypt).
- She also won the U-17 title at the British Junior Open in January 2025.
- She played a key role in helping India secure bronze at the Asian Junior Team Championships in Hong Kong.
- Anahat is currently ranked world No. 56 in women’s squash.

List of other 2025 PSA Award Winners :

- PSA Challenger Male Player of the Season : Sam Todd (England)
- PSA Female Player of the Season : Nour El Sherbini (Egypt)
- PSA Male Player of the Season : Ali Farag (Egypt)
- Hall of Fame Inductees : • Jonah Barrington (UK) (6-time British Open winner) • Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Australia) (5-time World Champion)





Ques: Which Goan liquor recently received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag from the Geographical Indication Registry in Chennai?

- A. Cashew Feni
- B. Toddy
- C. Ozzo Feni
- D. Coconut Feni
- E. Urak / उरक

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Ozzo Feni, produced by Cazcar Distillery in Nanora village, near Panaji, Goa, has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag from the Geographical Indication Registry, Chennai, which functions under DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- Traditionally, the 'Bhatikars' prepared feni using earthen pots (bhatis) under fire.
- In modern times, copper pots and the coil distillation method are used for production.

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Ques : Which state has declared 2025–2035 as the ‘Decade of Hydropower’?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Sikkim
- D. Arunachal Pradesh
- E. Assam

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu declared 2025–2035 as the ‘Decade of Hydropower’, aiming to utilize the state's potential of generating 58,000 MW of electricity.
- The plan includes implementing mega, large, and small hydro projects, securing 13% free power (12% + 1%), and developing Geku and Yingkiong as future-ready towns.
- Arunachal expects an annual revenue of Rs.4,525 crore from 2035 onwards, with a dedicated escrow account for managing free power income.

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Ques: Where will the 8th edition of the India–France joint military exercise ‘Shakti-2025’ be held?

- A. Umroi, Meghalaya
- B. Paris, France
- C. Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- D. La Cavalerie, France
- E. Marseille, France

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The 8th edition of Exercise Shakti 2025, a biennial bilateral military exercise between India and France, will be held at La Cavalerie, France, from June 18 to July 1, 2025.
- This exercise alternates between India and France and was first held in 2011.
- The 7th edition took place in Umroi, Meghalaya in 2024.

Other India–France defence exercises include:

- Varuna (Naval exercise)
- Garuda and Desert Knight (Air exercises)
- Shakti (Army exercise)





Ques: What is the range of the Kusha M3 air defence system being developed by DRDO?

- A. 50 km
- B. 100–200 km
- C. 200–300 km
- D. More than 400 km
- E. 300–350 km

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- DRDO is developing three variants of the Kusha air defence system – M1, M2, and M3.
- Among them, Kusha M3 will have the longest range, capable of intercepting threats at more than 400 km.
- This indigenous system is positioned as India's answer to Russia's S-500, aimed at multi-layered air defence.
- The project supports India's vision of self-reliance (Aatmanirbharta) in defence technology.

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Ques: What is the title of the book authored by former IRS officer R. Mohan, which explores Kerala's political and socio-cultural history?

- A. Kerala: A Political Journey
- B. The Rise of Kerala
- C. Schisms and Isms
- D. The Soul of Kerala
- E. Monarchs and Democracy

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The book 'Story of Schisms and Isms – Kerala from the Twilight of Monarchy to the Present' was written by R. Mohan, a former IRS (Indian Revenue Service) officer.
- It explores the political and socio-cultural history of the Indian state of Kerala since its formation.
- The title reflects the various ideological and historical divisions ("schisms and isms") that have shaped Kerala's modern development.

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Ques: Where is India's first underwater museum and artificial coral reef being developed?

- A. Goa
- B. Lakshadweep
- C. Kochi
- D. Vengurla, Maharashtra
- E. Diu

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- India's first underwater museum and artificial coral reef is being developed around the decommissioned warship INS Guldar, near Nivati Rocks at Vengurla in Sindhudurg district, Maharashtra.
- This is part of a central government-supported initiative aimed at promoting marine biodiversity conservation and eco-tourism.
- Activities like scuba diving and submarine tours are planned to attract tourists and researchers.
- INS Guldar, the central exhibit of this underwater project, was decommissioned in January 2024.

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Ques: What is the name of the star tracker device that Dhruva Space will launch in collaboration with France's Sodern in 2026?

- A. Auriga
- B. HORUS
- C. Polaris
- D. Sirius
- E. Vega

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Dhruva Space, a private Indian space company, is partnering with Sodern (a subsidiary of ArianeGroup, France) to launch a star tracker named HORUS in 2026.
- HORUS will be part of Dhruva's LEAP program, designed to support small-scale space experiments.
- The device will be mounted on Dhruva's P30 small satellite, which was successfully space-tested in January 2024 during an ISRO launch.
- HORUS helps satellites accurately determine their position in space, while Auriga, another tracker from Sodern, will be used in future missions for direction and stability control.

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Ques: What marks the beginning of Rath Yatra festivities in Puri, Odisha?

- A. Anavasara
- B. Nabakalebara
- C. Deva Snana Purnima
- D. Chandan Yatra
- E. Netrotsava

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Deva Snana Purnima ritual, also called Snana Yatra, marks the beginning of Rath Yatra festivities in Puri.
- It is a divine bathing ceremony where the idols of Lord Jagannath (35 pots), Lord Balabhadra (33 pots), Devi Subhadra (22 pots), and Lord Sudarshan (18 pots) are bathed with 108 pots of sacred water.
- The deities are brought from the Ratna Sinhasana (main sanctum) to the Snana Mandap (bathing altar).
- The ritual is believed to have been first instituted by King Indradyumna, the legendary founder of the Puri temple.
- After the ceremonial bath, the deities are believed to fall ill and go into a 15-day quarantine period called Anasara, which lasts from Jyestha Purnima to Ashadha Amavasya, during which they are kept away from public view.





Ques: On which date is the 648th birth anniversary of Sant Kabir Das being celebrated in 2025?

- A. June 14
- B. May 27
- C. July 3
- D. June 11
- E. May 31

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Sant Kabir Das, a 15th-century mystic poet and saint, was born in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh to a Hindu family but raised by a Muslim weaver couple.
- His birth anniversary, known as Kabir Jayanti, is celebrated annually on Jyeshtha Purnima, according to the Hindu lunar calendar.
- In 2025, Kabir Jayanti falls on June 11, marking his 648th birth anniversary.
- Kabir was a key figure in the Bhakti movement, which emphasized devotion and love for the divine.
- He drew spiritual inspiration from Ramananda (a Hindu saint) and Sheikh Taqi (a Muslim spiritual figure), creating a syncretic philosophy.
- Kabir's writings in Brajhasha and Awadhi influenced Indian literature and the evolution of the Hindi language.
- His followers are called Kabir Panthis, and he is revered by both Hindus and Muslims.

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Ques: What is the theme of International Albinism Awareness Day 2025 observed on June 13?

- A. Inclusion is Strength
- B. Shine Your Light
- C. Strength Beyond Skin
- D. Demanding our rights: Protect our skin, Preserve our lives
- E. Standing Strong in Solidarity

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- International Albinism Awareness Day is observed every year on 13 June, as officially recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in 2014.
- The theme for 2025 is "Demanding our rights: Protect our skin, Preserve our lives".
- Albinism is a genetically inherited condition that causes a lack of melanin in the skin, hair, and eyes, making individuals vulnerable to sunlight and bright light.
- It is rare, non-contagious, and currently has no cure.

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Ques: Where was the new corporate office of the Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL) inaugurated?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Kolkata
- D. Noida
- E. World Trade Centre, New Delhi

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the new corporate office of SPMCIL at the World Trade Centre, New Delhi.
- SPMCIL (Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited) was established on 13 January 2006 in New Delhi.
- It is responsible for printing currency and banknotes for the Reserve Bank of India, producing security papers, passports, stamps, coins, medallions, security inks, and refining bullion.

SPMCIL has 9 production units:

- 2 Security Presses : Nashik (Maharashtra), Hyderabad (Telangana)
- 2 Currency Note Presses : Dewas (Madhya Pradesh), Nashik (Maharashtra)
- 4 Mints : Mumbai (Maharashtra), Kolkata (West Bengal), Hyderabad (Telangana), Noida (Uttar Pradesh)
- 1 Security Paper Mill : Narmadapuram (Madhya Pradesh)





Ques: Who has been re-appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of Yes Bank for a six-month extension?

- A. Shaktikanta Das
- B. Prashant Kumar
- C. Uday Kotak
- D. Aditya Puri
- E. Chanda Kochhar

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Prashant Kumar has been given a six-month extension as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Yes Bank.
- He originally took charge of Yes Bank in 2020, during a period of severe financial crisis for the bank.
- His term was extended for three years in 2022 and was initially set to end in October 2025.
- As per Section 35B of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, appointments of MD, CEO, or Chairman in Indian private banks require approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The extension will ensure continuity in leadership as the bank continues to stabilize and strengthen its operations.

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Ques: What is the new motto adopted by the Lokpal of India in 2025?

- A. Integrity and Justice
- B. Ma Gridhah Kasyasvid Dhanam
- C. Empower Citizens, Expose Corruption
- D. Serve Honestly, Punish Corruption
- E. Truth Alone Triumphs

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Lokpal of India has adopted a new motto in 2025: “Empower Citizens, Expose Corruption”, replacing its old Sanskrit motto “Ma Gridhah Kasyasvid Dhanam” (Do not be greedy for anyone’s wealth).
- The Lokpal is a statutory anti-corruption body established under the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013.
- It investigates corruption complaints against the Prime Minister, ministers, MPs, central government employees, and NGOs receiving over Rs.1 crore/year in foreign funds.
- The Lokpal was formally established on 16 January 2014, which is now observed as Lokpal Day.
- Current Chairperson: Justice A. M. Khanwilkar (2nd Lokpal Chief)
- The Lokpal has powers like summoning witnesses, sanctioning prosecution, and supervising the CBI.

Genius





Ques: Who has been appointed as the new MD and Head of Meta India with effect from July 1, 2025?

- A. Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- B. Raghavan Srinivasan
- C. Sandhya Devanathan
- D. Arun Srinivas
- E. Prashant Singh

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Arun Srinivas has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Head of Meta India operations, effective July 1, 2025.
- He currently serves as the Director and Head of Ads Business for Meta in India.
- In his new role, he will focus on business growth, innovation, and revenue strategy, while upholding Meta's long-term commitment to India.
- His appointment follows Sandhya Devanathan's transition to an expanded role covering India and Southeast Asia.
- With nearly 30 years of experience in sales and marketing leadership, Srinivas is expected to play a pivotal role in driving Meta's expansion in India.

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Ques: Which regulation designates English, Hindi, Urdu, Bhoti, and Purgi as the official languages of the Union Territory of Ladakh?

- A. Ladakh Reservation (Amendment) Regulation, 2025
- B. Ladakh Official Languages Regulation, 2025
- C. Ladakh Cultural Promotion Act, 2025
- D. Ladakh Autonomous Hill Councils Act, 2025
- E. UT Language Policy Notification, 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Law and Justice announced that the President of India, Droupadi Murmu, has promulgated 'The Ladakh Official Languages Regulation, 2025'.
- It designates English, Hindi, Urdu, Bhoti, and Purgi as official languages of Ladakh.
- The Regulation states that English will continue to be used for all official purposes as before.
- It also mandates the establishment of an Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages and institutional mechanisms to promote indigenous Ladakhi languages such as Shina (Dardic), Brokskat (Dardic), Balti, and Ladakhi.

The 2025 Regulation on Ladakh Reservation (Amendment) :

- Offers Ladakh inhabitants an 85% quota in public jobs; this amount does not include the 10% reservation currently held by Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), making the overall reservation 95%.
- Women will have a one-third (1/3) reserve of seats on the Kargil Autonomous Hill Development Council and the Leh Autonomous Hill Development Council. These seats will be rotated according to serial numbers given by official gazette announcement.





Ques: What is the primary objective of the Ministry of Ayush's 'Y-Break' initiative?

- A. Promote yoga in schools
- B. Offer 30-minute yoga classes
- C. Encourage 5-minute workplace wellness breaks
- D. Train yoga instructors for rural areas
- E. Provide yoga therapy for chronic diseases

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Y-Break is a 5-minute guided yoga module created by the Ministry of Ayush to promote well-being and productivity in workplace environments.
- It is specifically designed for working professionals to help them de-stress, refresh, and refocus during office hours.
- The module includes basic asana and pranayama practices such as Nadi Shodhana, Tadasana, Skandha Chakra, Utkatasana, and Bhramari Pranayama.
- The initiative fosters mental clarity, posture correction, and spinal mobility within a short break period, making it practical for everyday work settings.

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Ques: What is the main purpose of a black box in aircraft?

- A. To reduce engine noise
- B. To guide air traffic
- C. To record flight data and cockpit conversations
- D. To store passenger information
- E. To assist in fueling

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The black box in aircraft refers to two critical devices: the Flight Data Recorder (FDR) and the Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR).
- The FDR stores important technical data such as airspeed, altitude, and engine performance, while the CVR records audio from the cockpit, including conversations and alarms.
- Despite being called "black boxes," these devices are actually painted bright orange to make them easier to locate after a crash.
- They are constructed from durable materials like titanium to survive high-impact crashes, fires, and deep-sea pressure.
- Over time, black boxes have evolved from metal foils to magnetic tapes and now to solid-state memory chips for better durability and data retention.
- In India, the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) under the Ministry of Civil Aviation is responsible for retrieving and analyzing black boxes after aviation accidents.





Ques : Who is the author of the book “Will India Get Rich Before it Turns 100?”

- A. Gurcharan Das
- B. Ruchir Sharma
- C. Prosenjit Datta
- D. Kaushik Basu
- E. Arvind Subramanian

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- “Will India Get Rich Before it Turns 100?” is authored by Prosenjit Datta and published by Aleph Book Company.
- The book analytically explores India’s current economic landscape, policy challenges, and growth potential ahead of its centenary in 2047.
- Prosenjit Datta, a seasoned business journalist, delves into key factors that could determine whether India becomes a wealthy nation by its 100th birthday.

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Ques: What is the name of the first-ever joint military exercise between the Special Forces of the Indian and US Air Forces held in 2025?

- A. Vajra Prahar
- B. Sangam
- C. Tiger Claw
- D. Garuda Strike
- E. Air Dagger

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Tiger Claw is the first-ever joint exercise between the Special Forces of the Indian Air Force (Garud) and the United States Air Force Special Forces.
- It was conducted from 26 May to 10 June 2025 across North India, concluding at the Garud Regimental Training Centre.
- The Indian Army and Navy have separate joint drills with the US:
 - Vajra Prahar with the Indian Army Special Forces
 - Sangam with the Indian Navy MARCOs and US Navy SEALs

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Ques: Which team won the Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) Season 6 title in 2025?

- A. Chennai Lions
- B. Bengaluru Smashers
- C. Jaipur Patriots
- D. U Mumba
- E. Dabang Delhi TTC

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- U Mumba defeated Jaipur Patriots 8-4 in Ahmedabad to win the Ultimate Table Tennis Season 6 title.
- Despite an early lead by Jaipur's Kanak Jha, U Mumba bounced back with Lilian Bardet and captain Bernadette Szocs playing pivotal roles.
- Szocs not only defeated the unbeaten Sreeja Akula in singles but also partnered with Akash Pal to win the mixed doubles in straight games.
- This all-round performance helped U Mumba seal the championship in style.

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Ques: Prime Minister Narendra Modi was recently awarded the Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III by which country?

- A. Greece
- B. Portugal
- C. Cyprus
- D. France
- E. Germany

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III is the highest civilian honour bestowed by the Republic of Cyprus.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi received this award in recognition of his contributions to strengthening India–Cyprus relations, especially in economic and investment sectors.
- During the visit, Cyprus and India signed multiple agreements, including:
 - An MoU between Cyprus Stock Exchange and NSE International Exchange (GIFT City) for cooperation in financial services.
 - An agreement between NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) and Eurobank Cyprus to enable UPI-based cross-border digital payments, benefitting tourists and traders.
- PM Modi also welcomed the formation of the India–Greece–Cyprus (IGC) Business and Investment Council, aimed at boosting trilateral cooperation in logistics, renewable energy, aviation, digital services, and more.





Ques: What is the objective of the recently launched CROPIC initiative by the Ministry of Agriculture?

- A. Promote organic farming
- B. Monitor crop health and assess crop loss using AI
- C. Distribute free seeds to farmers
- D. Increase irrigation facilities
- E. Implement drone-based spraying

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has launched CROPIC – Collection of Real Time Observations & Photo of Crops.
- It is a mobile app-based initiative that uses AI-powered image recognition to analyse photographs of standing crops.
- The goal is to monitor crop health and automate crop loss assessment, helping improve the effectiveness of government schemes like crop insurance.
- The pilot project will be implemented during Kharif 2025 and Rabi 2025–26 in 50 selected districts.

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Ques: Which team won the ICC World Test Championship Final 2025, defeating Australia at Lord's?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- South Africa clinched the ICC World Test Championship 2025 title by defeating defending champions Australia in the final held at Lord's, London.
- They chased down a target of 282 runs with five wickets in hand, marking their first major ICC title in 27 years.
- Aiden Markram's century (136 runs) and a 147-run partnership with Pat Cummins played a pivotal role in the win.
- Kagiso Rabada was instrumental, taking 10 wickets in the match.
- South Africa was awarded \$3.6 million, while Australia received \$2.16 million as runners-up.

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Ques: What is the name of the Israeli air operation launched on 13th June 2025 targeting Iran's nuclear and military facilities?

- A. Operation Desert Storm
- B. Operation Iron Sword
- C. Operation Rising Lion
- D. Operation Thunder Shield
- E. Operation Sky Hammer

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Israel launched an air operation named 'Operation Rising Lion' on 13th June 2025, targeting Iran's nuclear and military infrastructure.
- The operation was authorized by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu amid rising tensions with Iran.
- Following the strike, Israel declared a state of emergency anticipating possible Iranian retaliation.
- Meanwhile, the United States confirmed a sixth round of negotiations between American and Iranian delegates regarding Iran's nuclear enrichment program, scheduled for 15 June 2025 in Oman.

About Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) :

- Signed : 1968, Came into force 5 March 1970
- Usage : Under the NPT, only five countries - China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States of America can keep nuclear weapons. Other signatories of the NPT can use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, but cannot use it for military purposes
- India, Pakistan and Israel are not members of the NPT





Ques: Who was recently conferred the Srimanta Sankardeva Award by the Government of Assam?

- A. Mallika Sarabhai
- B. Padma Subrahmanyam
- C. Dr. Sonal Mansingh
- D. Alarmel Valli
- E. Rukmini Devi Arundale

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Government of Assam presented the Srimanta Sankardeva Award to Dr. Sonal Mansingh, a renowned Indian classical dancer and cultural icon.
- The award is named after Srimanta Sankardev (1449–1568)—a 15th-century saint, scholar, reformer, and poet who had a profound influence on Assamese religion, culture, literature, and performing arts.
- He is revered with the title “Gurujona”, meaning “Venerable Guru” in Assamese.
- Srimanta Sankardev was the founder of the Ekasarana Dharma, a monotheistic Bhakti movement in Assam.
- He introduced several artistic traditions, including Borgeet (devotional songs), Ankia Naats (one-act plays) and Sattriya (a classical dance form recognized among India’s classical dance styles)
- Awards Started in 1986 and A gold medallion, a citation and a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh given to winner.





Ques: Where was the earliest known reference to the term “Telangana” recently found?

- A. Warangal
- B. Nizamabad
- C. Tellapur
- D. Karimnagar
- E. Adilabad

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- A stone inscription dated 1418 CE found in Tellapur, near Hyderabad, contains what is believed to be the earliest known reference to the term “Telangana.”
- The inscription was discovered near a temple and a graveyard associated with Habeeb Hasan Habshi, hinting at the historical presence of people of African origin in the Deccan.
- The inscription records the digging of a well for village water supply, a common practice at the time.
- Sibghat Khan of the Deccan Archive suggests it may be the first epigraphical use of “Telangana.”
- The stone also mentions Nagoju, a goldsmith who served the Bahmani Sultanate, and was inscribed by Rudroju Sirigiroju.

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Ques: Who is the author of the book "The Man Who Became Cinema: Dilip Kumar"?

- A. Nasreen Munni Kabir
- B. Ashok Chopra
- C. Bhawana Somaaya
- D. Yasir Usman
- E. Anupama Chopra

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- "The Man Who Became Cinema: Dilip Kumar" is authored by Ashok Chopra and published by Ebury Press.
- The book presents an insightful chronicle of Dilip Kumar's legendary cinematic journey.
- It offers an in-depth analysis of his craft, his artistic influence, and his transformative impact on Indian cinema.
- This work is an essential read for film lovers, cinema scholars, and students who want to understand the evolution of Indian cinema through Dilip Kumar's legacy.

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Ques: What is the name of the world's first unified global checklist of bird species launched in 2025?

- A. BirdMap
- B. AviList
- C. GlobalBirds
- D. OrniCheck
- E. UniBird

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- AviList is the world's first unified global checklist of bird species, officially launched to standardize bird taxonomy globally.
- It recognizes 11,131 bird species in 252 families.
- It was developed by the Working Group on Avian Checklists under the International Ornithologists' Union.
- Major partners include: Cornell Lab of Ornithology, BirdLife International, American Ornithological Society, and Avibase.
- It replaces previously inconsistent systems to enhance global conservation and biodiversity research.

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Ques: Nepal began exporting 40 MW electricity to Bangladesh through which country's power grid?

- A. Bhutan
- B. India
- C. China
- D. Myanmar
- E. Sri Lanka

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- On June 15, 2025, Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) began exporting 40 MW of electricity to Bangladesh using India's power grid.
- This is the first trilateral power cooperation among Nepal, India, and Bangladesh, marking a new milestone in South Asian energy collaboration.
- The electricity is transmitted via India's 400-kV Muzaffarpur–Baharampur–Bheramara transmission line.
- As per the October 3, 2024 agreement, Nepal will continue the export from June 15 to November 15 each year.
- Nepal's Energy Minister Dipak Khadka emphasized that this step marks Nepal's entry into the international energy market, while also exporting 80 MW to Bihar, India.
- Nepal aims to access a 5,000 MW regional market through such partnerships, demonstrating its energy surplus and commitment to regional energy security.





Ques: What is the name of the newly developed mango variety named after Union Minister Rajnath Singh by Padma Shri awardee Haji Kalimullah Khan?

- A. Rajnath Kesari
- B. Malihabadi Singh
- C. Raksha Aam
- D. Kalim Raj Mango
- E. Rajnath Aam

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Haji Kalimullah Khan, a renowned Indian horticulturist and Padma Shri awardee, popularly known as the 'Mango Man of India', has named a newly developed mango variety 'Rajnath Aam' after Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- This mango was created using his signature grafting technique at his orchard in Malihabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- Khan has earlier named mango varieties after several famous Indian personalities such as Sachin Tendulkar, Aishwarya Rai, Akhilesh Yadav, Sonia Gandhi, Narendra Modi and Amit Shah
- He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2008 for his contribution in developing over 300 mango varieties.

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Ques: Who is the subject of the book Portrait of a Genius, which highlights the contributions of an Indian scientist?

- A. Meghnad Saha
- B. C.V. Raman
- C. Hiranaya Chandra Bhuyan
- D. Homi Bhabha
- E. Vikram Sarabhai

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Portrait of a Genius is a biography written and compiled by Jayanta Bhuyan, chronicling the life and scientific contributions of Hiranaya Chandra Bhuyan (1905–1973), a physicist from Assam.
- He worked under Sir Nevill Francis Mott, who later won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1977, along with Philip Anderson and John van Vleck, for their work on the electronic structure of magnetic and disordered systems.
- Bhuyan passed away in 1973, four years before the Nobel recognition was awarded to his mentor.
- The book revives interest in Bhuyan's legacy as a pioneering Indian scientist from the northeastern region.

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Ques: What is the theme of World Blood Donor Day 2025 observed on 14 June?

- A. Share Life, Give Blood
- B. Give Blood and Keep the World Beating
- C. Give blood, give hope: together we save lives
- D. Safe Blood Saves Lives
- E. Be There for Someone Else

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- World Blood Donor Day (WBDD) is observed every year on 14 June to raise awareness about the importance of voluntary blood donation.
- The theme for 2025 is: "Give blood, give hope: together we save lives."
- WBDD was first celebrated in 2004 and was formally recognized as an annual global event by the World Health Assembly in 2005.
- The date marks the birth anniversary of Karl Landsteiner (1868–1943), the Austrian scientist who discovered the ABO blood group system in 1901.

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Bill Atkinson, Apple Pioneer Behind Graphical Interfaces, Dies at 74. was the Apple Computer designer who programmed QuickDraw and also created MacPaint.

Veteran Urdu Newsreader Salim Akhtar Passes Away at 76. Salim Akhtar was associated with the Urdu unit of the News Services Division of Akashvani for about 25 years.

Former Gujarat chief minister Vijay Rupani, who was among the 242 passengers on board the crashed Air India flight, died in the plane crash. He served as the 16th chief minister of Gujarat from August 2016 to September 2021

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) led the 137th meeting of the Offshore Security Coordination Committee (OSCC) in New Delhi. The OSCC was constituted in 1978 to ensure the effective functioning of offshore security arrangements.

Actress Neena Gupta Appointed as Brand Ambassador for 'Cipladine - Aapka Fast Aid Expert' campaign of Cipla Health

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Ques: Vedanta Aluminium signed an MoU with which bank to provide collateral-free financing to MSMEs and OEMs through BALCO in Korba, Chhattisgarh?

- A. State Bank of India
- B. Bank of Baroda
- C. Punjab National Bank
- D. Central Bank of India
- E. Union Bank of India

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Vedanta Aluminium signed an MoU with the Central Bank of India to provide collateral-free financing to MSMEs and OEMs through Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) in Korba, Chhattisgarh.
- This initiative is aimed at improving working capital access for downstream customers, especially those that constitute over 60% of Vedanta's customer base.
- Loans ranging from Rs.10 lakh to Rs.10 crore will be provided based on parameters like business turnover, customer history, and recommendation from BALCO, at some of the lowest interest rates in the aluminium sector.

About Central Bank of India :

- Established : 1911
- HQ : Mumbai
- MD & CEO : M.V. Rao
- Tagline : Central to You Since 1911

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Ques: Recently, the RBI approved the extension of the term of Sandeep Batra as Executive Director of which bank?

- A. HDFC Bank
- B. ICICI Bank
- C. Axis Bank
- D. SBI
- E. Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the extension of Sandeep Batra's term as Executive Director (ED) of ICICI Bank.
- His renewed term will be effective from December 23, 2025 to December 22, 2027.
- Final shareholder approval will be obtained in due course.
- Sandeep Batra has been serving as ED since July 2018, managing vital departments like corporate communications, finance, HR, legal, customer service, and compliance.
- He also oversees risk management, internal audit, and regulatory compliance functions.

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Ques: Which company launched the fully digital 'Business Loan 24/7' product for MSMEs in India?

- A. Bajaj Finserv
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. Tata Capital
- D. Muthoot Finance
- E. Poonawalla Fincorp

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Poonawalla Fincorp Limited, promoted by the Cyrus Poonawalla Group, has launched 'Business Loan 24/7', a first-of-its-kind fully digital loan product for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- The product enables MSMEs to apply, get approval, and receive disbursal without visiting any branch or submitting physical documents.
- It uses a digital risk assessment model integrated with India's public digital infrastructure such as GST system, Credit Bureaus, and Account Aggregators.
- This initiative is aimed at enhancing financial accessibility and supporting the growth of MSMEs across India.

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Ques: Recently, the Reserve Bank of India issued draft regulations for which type of derivatives?

- A. Commodity Derivatives
- B. Currency Derivatives
- C. Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives
- D. Credit Default Swaps
- E. Equity Derivatives

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued draft guidelines for Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives (IRD) to keep the regulatory framework in line with evolving market dynamics.
- The previous IRD guidelines were issued in June 2019.
- Due to the introduction of new derivative products and increased participation of non-resident entities, an updated regulatory approach was deemed necessary.
- An Interest Rate Derivative is a financial contract whose value is based on rupee interest rates, related instruments, or indices.
- The revised norms aim to promote transparency, safety, and broader market access.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of CSB Bank for a 3-year term?

- A. Shyam Srinivasan
- B. Pralay Mondal
- C. Rajkiran Rai G
- D. Sandeep Bakhshi
- E. Atanu Chakraborty

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Pralay Mondal has been appointed as the MD & CEO of CSB Bank Limited for a term of 3 years.
- His appointment is in accordance with Section 35B of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- He had been serving as the interim MD & CEO of CSB Bank since April 2022.
- His confirmation marks a continuation of leadership at the private sector bank, strengthening its strategic and operational direction.

About CSB Bank Limited :

- Established : 1920
- HQ : Thrissur, Kerala
- Tagline : "Banking on Transformation"

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Ques: Which stock exchange received SEBI approval to launch monthly electricity futures contracts?

- A. Bombay Stock Exchange
- B. National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange
- C. National Stock Exchange
- D. Indian Energy Exchange
- E. Multi Commodity Exchange

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) has received SEBI's approval to launch monthly electricity futures contracts.
- This is aimed at strengthening India's power markets and aligns with long-term structural reforms under the Electricity Act, 2003.
- NSE Clearing Limited will handle the clearing and settlement of these contracts.
- NSE, in collaboration with NCDEX, had earlier set up Power Exchange India Limited in 2008, India's first dedicated power exchange.
- According to NITI Aayog, achieving net-zero emissions by 2047 will require annual investments of over USD 250 billion.

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Ques: IFC has committed \$60 million investment in which company's investment arm?

- A. HDFC Group
- B. Motilal Oswal Group
- C. ICICI Group
- D. Axis Group
- E. Kotak Group

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, has committed a \$60 million (approximately Rs.510 crore) investment in Motilal Oswal Alternates, the private investment arm of Motilal Oswal Financial Services.
- This funding aims to support mid-market companies in India by enabling business expansion and job creation.
- The target sectors for this investment include Consumer goods, Financial services, Life sciences and Manufacturing
- The partnership aligns with IFC's broader mission to foster sustainable economic development through private sector growth.

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Ques: What is the name of the 5th Fast Patrol Vessel launched by Goa Shipyard Ltd. (GSL) for the Indian Coast Guard on June 16, 2025?

- A. Arjun
- B. Abhay
- C. Ajeya
- D. Anant
- E. Achal

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- 'Achal' is the 5th Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) in a series of 8 being constructed by Goa Shipyard Ltd. (GSL) for the Indian Coast Guard.
- It was launched on June 16, 2025, in Goa by Smt. Kavita Harbola, in the presence of ADG Anil Kumar Harbola, Commander (Western Seaboard).
- The vessel is 52 meters long, 8 meters wide, and weighs 320 tons, capable of reaching a top speed of 27 knots using a CPP-based propulsion system.
- It features 60% indigenous content and dual certification from the American Bureau of Shipping and the Indian Register of Shipping.
- Built at a cost of ₹473 crore, it supports MSME employment and Aatmanirbhar Bharat goals, while enhancing maritime patrol and surveillance capabilities.

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Ques: Why has India directed IREL (India) Limited to suspend its rare earth supply agreement with Japan?

- A. Due to environmental concerns
- B. To comply with WTO guidelines
- C. To promote private sector participation
- D. To prioritize domestic needs and reduce dependence on Chinese chains
- E. To encourage exports to Europe

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India has instructed IREL (India) Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking under the Department of Atomic Energy, to suspend its 13-year-old rare earth supply agreement with Japan.
- The decision aims to prioritize domestic industrial needs and reduce India's dependence on Chinese rare earth processing chains.
- IREL plays a crucial role in mining, processing, and refining strategic minerals like neodymium, essential for sectors such as energy, electronics, defence, and EVs.
- This move aligns with India's strategic goal of building a self-reliant rare earth value chain to support indigenous manufacturing.

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Ques: Recently, TRAI capped the charges for Wi-Fi hotspot operators related to which scheme?

- A. BharatNet
- B. PM-WANI
- C. Digital India
- D. Startup India
- E. Make in India

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has issued an order to cap the charges that can be levied on public Wi-Fi hotspot operators.
- The move is part of the PM-WANI (Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface) scheme, which seeks to expand affordable internet access via public Wi-Fi.
- TRAI observed that some Internet Service Providers (ISPs) were charging 40–80 times higher than residential broadband rates for commercial hotspot setups.
- The new rule mandates that hotspot operators be charged no more than residential users, making Wi-Fi access more feasible for small entrepreneurs and public use.
- While Broadband India Forum and Tata Communications opposed the cap citing commercial impacts, TRAI stood firm to ensure internet affordability and digital inclusion.

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Ques: Who became the first female physique sports athlete from Arunachal Pradesh to win a gold medal at an international event?

- A. Sangay Dema
- B. Hillang Yajik
- C. Tashi Lhamu
- D. Anshu Jamsenpa
- E. Pema Dolma

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Hillang Yajik from Arunachal Pradesh won 1 gold and 1 silver medal at the 15th South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships 2025 in Thimphu, Bhutan.
- She secured 1st position in the Women's Model Physique up to 155 cm category.
- She became the first female physique sports athlete from Arunachal Pradesh to win a gold medal at an international competition.
- The event was organized by the South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Federation

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Ques: What is the name of the indigenous VTOL drone recently tested by the Indian Army for precision strikes?

- A. Garudstrike
- B. Rudrastra
- C. Agnivega
- D. Trinetra
- E. Nirbhay

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Rudrastra is an indigenously developed VTOL (Vertical Take-Off and Landing) drone tested by the Indian Army for precision strikes.
- Developed by Solar Aerospace and Defence Limited (SDAL), Rudrastra was tested at the Pokhran firing range.
- It has a range of 170 km including loitering, with an endurance of about 1.5 hours.
- It uses airburst munitions from high altitudes to neutralize targets over a wide radius.
- The drone demonstrated effective target destruction up to a range of 50 km.

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Ques: Which of the following platforms was NOT among those launched by Amit Shah for disaster management in June 2025?

- A. NDEM Lite 2.0
- B. Flood Hazard Zonation Atlas of Assam
- C. National Cyber Emergency Alert System
- D. Integrated Control Room for Emergency Response
- E. All were launched

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- In June 2025, Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched three key platforms to strengthen disaster management in India:
 - Integrated Control Room for Emergency Response (ICR-ER)
 - National Database for Emergency Management Lite 2.0 (NDEM Lite 2.0)
 - Flood Hazard Zonation Atlas of Assam
- These platforms were launched during the Annual Conference of Relief Commissioners and Disaster Management Authorities.
- The National Cyber Emergency Alert System was not part of this announcement.
- The launched platforms aim to boost real-time coordination, data access, and flood mitigation through satellite streaming, national disaster databases, and regional hazard mapping.

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Ques: Which gin became the first alcohol label from Northeast India to be exported?

- A. Kaziranga Craft Gin
- B. Shillong Dry Gin
- C. Cherrapunji Eastern Craft Gin
- D. Brahmaputra Botanical Gin
- E. Meghalaya Highland Gin

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Cherrapunji Eastern Craft Gin has become the first alcohol label from the northeastern region of India to be exported.
- Announced on World Gin Day (June 14), it is produced in small batches using traditional copper stills.
- The gin uses rainwater harvested from Sohra and Mawsynram—the wettest places on Earth.
- Its unique botanical profile includes regional ingredients like kaji nemu, Khasi mandarin, Sohmarit pepper, smoked black cardamom, and pine-smoked tea.
- The gin has received 13 international awards, including a ‘Master’ medal at the Global Spirits Masters 2023 and a silver at the World Gin Awards.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the 18th Chief of the UK's Secret Intelligence Service (MI6), becoming the first woman to lead the agency?

- A. Fiona Hill
- B. Anne Keast-Butler
- C. Blaise Metreweli
- D. Stella Rimington
- E. Cressida Dick

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Blaise Metreweli has been appointed as the 18th Chief of the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6), marking a historic moment as the first woman to head the UK's foreign intelligence agency.
- She succeeds Sir Richard Moore.
- Metreweli currently serves as the Director General for Technology and Innovation at MI6, bringing extensive experience to the top role.

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Ques: Who among the following has recently resigned from the position of India's G20 Sherpa?

- A. Ajit Doval
- B. Amitabh Kant
- C. S. Jaishankar
- D. Rajiv Kumar
- E. Arvind Panagariya

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Amitabh Kant, a retired 1980-batch IAS officer from the Kerala cadre and former CEO of NITI Aayog, has resigned from the post of India's G20 Sherpa.
- He was appointed to this crucial diplomatic role in July 2022, just before India assumed the G20 Presidency.
- Amitabh Kant has had a distinguished career of over 45 years, serving in various significant roles across the Indian government.
- His contribution was instrumental during India's G20 Presidency year in steering policy negotiations and shaping global economic agendas.

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Ques: Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) signed a contract with which organization for building two Coastal Research Vessels (CRVs)?

- A. Geological Survey of India
- B. DRDO
- C. Indian Navy
- D. Indian Coast Guard
- E. National Institute of Ocean Technology

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- GRSE (Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited) signed a contract with the Geological Survey of India (GSI) for the construction of two Coastal Research Vessels (CRVs).
- GSI functions under the Ministry of Mines (MoM) and is headquartered in Kolkata.
- The CRVs will be 64 meters long, 12 meters wide, with a deadweight of 450 tons, and can sustain 15 days of operation with accommodation for 35 personnel.
- GRSE was established in 1851 and is headquartered in Kolkata, with Cmde PR Hari as its CMD.

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Ques: Which country recently joined BRICS as its 10th partner country?

- A. Malaysia
- B. Kazakhstan
- C. Nigeria
- D. Vietnam
- E. Uzbekistan

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Vietnam has officially joined BRICS as a partner country, becoming the 10th partner.
- The partner country category was introduced at the 2024 BRICS Summit held in Kazan, Russia.
- Other partner countries include Belarus, Bolivia, Kazakhstan, Cuba, Malaysia, Nigeria, Thailand, Uganda, and Uzbekistan.
- BRICS originally included Brazil, Russia, India, and China, with South Africa joining later to form BRICS.
- The bloc also established the New Development Bank (NDB), headquartered in Shanghai, to support infrastructure and sustainable development in emerging economies.

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Ques: What is the purpose of the newly sanctioned Forest Rights Act (FRA) Cells under the Dharti Aba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyaan?

- A. Conduct forest conservation surveys
- B. Implement rural employment schemes
- C. Accelerate the implementation of FRA, 2006
- D. Promote eco-tourism in tribal areas
- E. Monitor wildlife movement in forest regions

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- For the first time since the enactment of the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006, the Government of India has approved 324 FRA Cells to support the implementation of the Act under the Dharti Aba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyaan (DAJGUA).
- These cells will be located at the district and state levels within Tribal Sub-Plan areas and aim to strengthen the administrative framework for recognizing and securing forest rights of tribal and forest-dwelling communities.
- The initiative is funded by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and is guided by DAJGUA operational guidelines.
- Major states with the highest sanctioned cells include Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Maharashtra, and Assam.

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Ques: Which state launched the 'Udyog Kranti' initiative to boost industrial growth and streamline business approvals?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat
- C. Karnataka
- D. Punjab
- E. Haryana

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Punjab government launched the Punjab Udyog Kranti initiative to simplify, reduce, and expedite statutory processes for setting up industries in the state.
- It unveiled 12 new industrial initiatives, including a deemed approval system that mandates all applications be processed within 45 working days.
- A new Fast-track Punjab portal enables auto-generated approvals the next day, legally valid like regular clearances.
- Punjab also became the first state in India to launch colour-coded stamp papers to assist entrepreneurs in setting up their business units.

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Ques: Where was the 6th Governing Council meeting of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) held?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Hyderabad
- D. New Delhi
- E. Kolkata

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The 6th Governing Council meeting of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) was held in New Delhi.
- It was chaired by Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who heads both the Ministry of Finance (MoF) and the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA).
- NIIF was established in 2015 and is headquartered in Mumbai.
- The current MD & CEO of NIIF is Sanjiv Aggarwal.

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Ques: When is World Wind Day celebrated annually to highlight the role of wind energy?

- A. 5 June
- B. 15 June
- C. 21 April
- D. 10 August
- E. 30 May

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- World Wind Day is celebrated every year on 15 June to raise awareness about the power of wind and its role in transforming global energy systems.
- The event was first organized in 2007 by the European Wind Energy Association (EWEA).
- It gained global recognition in 2009 with the support of the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC).
- The day promotes the importance of wind as a clean and sustainable energy source.

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MyGov, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, successfully hosted a one-day session titled "Think Social @ MyGov" in New Delhi. The training aimed to improve digital communication across Ministries and Departments and increase citizen involvement through platforms including YouTube, Meta, and LinkedIn.

To improve the quality and monitoring of National Highway projects, NHAI has limited consulting firms to a maximum of 10 projects per 'Engineer' for construction and maintenance.

A team of researchers has identified a new species of jumping spiders of the Spartaeinae subfamily in southern India. New species named Spartaeus karigiri known for their intelligent hunting skills and webinvasion tactics.

Union Minister of State for Rural Development Shri Kamlesh Paswan inaugurated Garuda Aerospace's new Agri-Drone Indigenization Facility in Chennai

Russia has trademarked technology for launching autonomous spacecraft from orbital stations. This will be the world's first drone platform with self-maintenance robotic systems.





Ques: RuPay has partnered with which international company to offer 25% cashback for in-store transactions abroad?

- A. Visa
- B. MasterCard
- C. JCB International
- D. American Express
- E. UnionPay

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- RuPay, supported by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has partnered with Japan-based JCB International to launch a limited-time 25% cashback offer.
- This scheme applies to in-store Point-of-Sale (POS) purchases in eight Asian countries and is valid until August 31, 2025.
- Both debit and credit cardholders of RuPay-JCB co-branded cards are eligible.
- The initiative aims to boost international usage of RuPay cards and enhance overseas benefits for Indian users.

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Ques : According to the new NPCI directives effective from June 16, 2025, what is the new time limit for UPI transactions to be processed?

- A. 5–10 seconds
- B. 10–15 seconds
- C. 15–20 seconds
- D. 20–25 seconds
- E. 30 seconds

Answer: B

Explanation :

- As per NPCI's new norms effective June 16, 2025, UPI payments, balance checks, and reversals must now be processed in 10 to 15 seconds, improving from the earlier limit of 30 seconds.
- It used to take up to 30 seconds to send or receive money using UPI. This is reduced to 15 seconds under the new regulations.
- Additionally, the time required to verify a payee's address has been reduced from 15 to 10 seconds.
- This significantly improves user experience, making UPI transactions quicker and more reliable.
- A new limit of 50 balance checks per day via UPI apps has also been introduced.

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Ques: Where has RBI relocated its Andhra Pradesh Regional Office recently?

- A. Guntur
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Vijayawada
- D. Tirupati
- E. Hyderabad

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- On June 16, 2025, RBI Deputy Governor T. Rabi Sankar inaugurated the new Regional Office of the Reserve Bank of India in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.
- The office accommodates key departments such as Integrated Banking, Financial Inclusion & Development, Foreign Exchange, Supervision, Human Resources, IT Cell, and more.
- Despite the relocation, currency management for Andhra Pradesh will continue to be handled from the RBI Hyderabad Office.
- The new office is headed by Shri Attah Omar Basheer, serving as the Regional Director.

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Ques : In May 2025, India's wholesale inflation eased to what percentage, marking a 14-month low?

- A. 0.85%
- B. 0.49%
- C. 0.39%
- D. 0.26%
- E. 0.75%

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- As per the latest government data, India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation fell to 0.39% in May 2025, down from 0.85% in April 2025.
- This is the lowest inflation rate since March 2024, when it was recorded at 0.26%.
- The decline indicates cooling price pressures at the wholesale level.

Recent WPI-based Retail inflation in India :

- January 2025 : 2.31%
- February 2025 : 2.38%
- March 2025 : 2.05%
- April 2025 : 0.85%

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Ques: TRAI has launched a pilot project with RBI to digitise user consent in which sector?

- A. Health Sector
- B. Telecom Sector
- C. E-commerce Sector
- D. Banking Sector
- E. Education Sector

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), in collaboration with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and banks, launched a pilot project to digitise legacy user consents.
- These consents were earlier given on paper by users to receive calls and messages.
- The banking sector has been prioritised in Phase 1 due to the sensitive nature of financial transactions.
- This initiative aims to curb financial fraud arising from spam communications.
- It is a step towards developing a secure digital consent system to protect user interests.

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Ques: Which company won the \$2 million Food Planet Prize 2025 for its breakthrough in green fertilizer technology?

- A. AgriTech Global
- B. BioFert Solutions
- C. NitroCapt
- D. EcoGrow Labs
- E. GreenAgro Tech

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Sweden-based NitroCapt won the \$2 million Food Planet Prize 2025, the world's largest environmental award, held in Stockholm, Sweden.
- NitroCapt developed a novel, energy-efficient process using plasma-produced nitrate to manufacture green fertilizer.
- This innovation has the potential to revolutionize the global nitrogen fertilizer industry by offering sustainable and accessible alternatives.
- The Food Planet Prize, established in 2019 by the Curt Bergfors Foundation, focuses on innovations that tackle the environmental impacts of current food systems.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the head of the high-level multi-disciplinary committee to investigate the Air India flight AI 171 crash in Ahmedabad?

- A. Govind Mohan
- B. Rajiv Bansal
- C. Vumlunmang Vualnam
- D. Arun Kumar
- E. Sanjeev Kumar

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The Government of India has established a high-level multi-disciplinary committee headed by Union Secretary Govind Mohan to probe the crash of Air India flight AI 171 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- The flight crashed just minutes after taking off from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, bound for Gatwick Airport, London.
- This incident marks the first-ever crash of a Boeing Dreamliner 747 worldwide.
- The committee functions independently of the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- The Indian Air Force's Director General of Inspection and Safety, the Director Generals of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, the Special Director of the Intelligence Bureau, the Director of the Directorate of Forensic Science Services, the Gujarat Home Department and Gujarat Disaster Response Authority, the Civil Aviation Secretary, the Additional Secretary in the Union Home Secretary, and the Police Commissioner Ahmedabad are also included.
- The committee has three months to turn in its report.





Ques: Where has Maruti Suzuki launched India's largest in-plant railway siding?

- A. Gurugram
- B. Sanand
- C. Manesar
- D. Palwal
- E. Faridabad

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Maruti Suzuki inaugurated India's largest in-plant railway siding at its Manesar facility, located in Haryana, with an investment of Rs.452 crore.
- The siding is part of the Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor (HORC) under the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan.
- It spans 46 acres and includes 8.2 km of rail track, designed to enhance vehicle dispatch efficiency and support green logistics.
- The company aims to increase its rail dispatch share to 35% by FY31 and expects the project to reduce 1.75 lakh tonnes of CO₂ emissions annually.
- Since FY15, over 25 lakh vehicles have already been dispatched via Indian Railways by Maruti Suzuki.

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Ques: As per the 2025 "Women in Politics" report by IPU and UN Women, what is India's rank in terms of women in political leadership roles?

- A. 98th
- B. 135th
- C. 150th
- D. 174th
- E. 181st

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The “Women in Politics: 2025” report was jointly released by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and UN Women.
- It highlights that India ranks 174th out of 181 countries in women’s political leadership, placing it among the lowest globally.
- India’s Union Cabinet has only 9.7% women, which is the second-lowest share since 2011.
- Globally, women make up 22.9% of Cabinet Ministers, which has declined from 23.3% in 2024.
- Only 9 countries have 50% or more women Cabinet Ministers, and only 6 countries have 50%+ representation of women in parliaments (single/lower houses).
- Central and Southern Asia, including India, shows the lowest regional average, with just 9.5% women in cabinet roles.

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Ques: Who was unanimously elected as the President of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. S.P. Yadav
- C. Bhupender Yadav
- D. Rajnath Singh
- E. Amit Shah

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The First Assembly of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) was hosted by India in New Delhi, under the conservation vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav chaired the session and was unanimously elected as the President of IBCA.
- Ministerial-level delegates from 9 countries participated in the event, and S.P. Yadav was appointed as the Director General of IBCA.
- IBCA is a coalition of 95 range countries focused on the conservation of 7 big cats – Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, and Puma.

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Ques : Which city has been selected as the national host for the 11th International Day of Yoga (IDY) to be held on June 21, 2025?

- A. Rishikesh
- B. Srinagar
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Visakhapatnam
- E. Ahmedabad

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh will host the 11th edition of the International Day of Yoga (IDY) on June 21, 2025.
- It marks the 10th anniversary of IDY, which was first celebrated on 21 June 2015.
- The event is organized by the Ministry of Ayush and carries the national theme “Yoga for One Earth, One Health.”
- In 2024, the main event was held at Dal Lake, Srinagar.
- Andhra Pradesh also launched the “Yogandhra” initiative to promote yoga among its citizens.
- In 2015, the Reserve Bank of India issued a 10-rupee commemorative coin to mark the International Day of Yoga.
- In April 2017, UN Postal Administration (UNPA) issued 10 stamps on Asanas on a single sheet to mark International Day of Yoga

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Ques: Patanjali Group signed an agreement with which Malaysian firm to source oil palm seeds?

- A. Sime Darby
- B. Felda Global Ventures
- C. Sawit Kinabalu
- D. IOI Corporation
- E. Genting Plantatins

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- In 2022, Patanjali Group signed a 5-year agreement with Malaysia-based Sawit Kinabalu to source oil palm seeds under the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) scheme.
- Sawit Kinabalu is one of Malaysia's largest integrated oil palm players with 36 estates, 7 oil mills, and 6 nurseries.
- So far, the company has supplied 1.5 million seeds out of a total 4 million seed contract.
- Patanjali is also establishing nurseries and mills in North-East India and collaborating with Godrej Agrovet in Nagaland to support oil palm cultivation.
- Oil palm is a high-income perennial crop with a 25–30 year cropping cycle, suitable for intercropping and requires minimal pesticide use.





Ques: Where was the 53rd edition of NATO's Baltic Operations Exercise (BALTOPS 25) launched in 2025?

- A. Germany
- B. Portugal
- C. Latvia
- D. Sweden
- E. Norway

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The 53rd edition of NATO's premier multinational maritime-focused exercise, BALTOPS 25, was launched in Latvia.
- The exercise is conducted in the Baltic Sea region, hosted by Latvia, and organized by STRIKFORNATO, which is based in Oeiras, Portugal.
- NATO is a political and military alliance of 32 countries from Europe and North America, founded on April 4, 1949, with headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.
- Mark Rutte is the newly appointed Secretary General of NATO

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Ques: Which Indian state has become the first to bring all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) under a single platform through the 'E-Nagarpalika 2.0' scheme?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- The Urban Development and Housing Department of the Government of Madhya Pradesh has launched 'E-Nagarpalika 2.0', a web-based single platform for all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the state.
- With this, Madhya Pradesh has become the first state in India to bring all ULBs under one digital system.
- The original E-Nagarpalika project was launched in June 2015 by the Urban Administration & Development Department (UADD).
- By April 2017, the project was fully rolled out across all 407 ULBs in Madhya Pradesh.
- The upgraded E-Nagarpalika 2.0 aims to improve service delivery, transparency, and administrative efficiency through a unified digital interface.

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Ques: Which organization has partnered with the Directorate General of Training to launch a Green Skills and Electric Vehicles training program?

- A. Tata Motors
- B. Shell India
- C. NTPC Limited
- D. Indian Oil Corporation
- E. Mahindra Electric

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Directorate General of Training, in collaboration with Shell India, launched a training program focused on Green Skills and Electric Vehicles (EVs).
- This program is aimed at students and faculty to prepare them with future-ready skills in green energy and e-mobility.
- Edunet Foundation, Shell's training partner, will implement the initiative across select ITIs and NSTIs in Delhi-NCR, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka.
- The initiative supports India's net-zero ambitions and complements government schemes like FAME, as well as state-level EV policies.

About Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric scheme :

- Phase I started in : 2015
- Phase I completed in : 31st March, 2019
- Phase II started in : April, 2019
- Budget : Rs 10,000 crore (Later it was increased to Rs 11,500 crore)
- Objective : Under the FAME-II, GoI offers the incentives for e-buses, 3-wheelers and 4-wheelers to be used for public transportation or any other commercial purposes
- India has established an objective to elevate the proportion of Electric Vehicle (EV) sales to 30% in private cars, 70% in commercial vehicles, 40% in buses, and 80% in two-wheelers and three-wheelers by 2030. This ambitious objective will be 80 million EVs on Indian roads by 2030.





Ques: What is the official reference date for the 2027 Census across most parts of India?

- A. 1 January 2027
- B. 1 April 2026
- C. 1 March 2027
- D. 1 October 2026
- E. 15 August 2027

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Ministry of Home Affairs has officially notified that the next Census of India will be conducted in 2027.
- The reference date for most of India is 00:00 hrs on 1st March 2027.
- However, due to snow-bound conditions, the reference date for Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand is 1st October 2026.
- This census will be conducted in two phases: House Listing Operations and Population Enumeration.
- It will include digital features like mobile apps and self-enumeration options.
- Boundary changes to districts, police stations, and tehsils will not be allowed after this notification.
- Census is a Union subject under Entry 69 of the Union List (Schedule VII) governed by Article 246 of the Constitution.

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Ques: Reliance Defence Limited signed a Rs.10,000 crore agreement with which foreign company to produce the Vulcano 155 mm Precision-Guided Munition system in India?

- A. Diehl Defence GmbH & Co. KG
- B. Leonardo S.p.A
- C. Rheinmetall AG
- D. BAE Systems
- E. Thales Group

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Reliance Defence Limited has entered into a strategic cooperation agreement with Diehl Defence GmbH & Co. KG valued at Rs.10,000 crore.
- The collaboration is aimed at producing the Vulcano 155 mm Precision-Guided Munition system in India.
- Manufacturing will take place at a greenfield facility in Watad Industrial Area, Ratnagiri, Maharashtra, which is part of the Dhirubhai Ambani Defence City.
- The Vulcano munition can reach targets up to 70 km away when launched from a 52-caliber artillery barrel, far exceeding the range of conventional shells.

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Ques: Leena Nair, the Global CEO of Chanel, was awarded the Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) for her leadership in which sector?

- A. Technology Sector
- B. Healthcare Sector
- C. Education Sector
- D. Retail and Consumer Sector
- E. Fashion Design Sector

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Leena Nair, an Indian-origin British national and Global Chief Executive Officer of French luxury brand Chanel, has been conferred with the Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) honour.
- The recognition is for her exceptional leadership in the retail and consumer sector.
- She received the award from Prince William, the Prince of Wales.
- The 2025 honours list featured over 1,200 recipients, including 30 Indian-origin individuals in sectors such as education, technology, and healthcare.
- Other notable Indian-origin CBE awardees include Satwant Kaur Deol (Education), Mayank Prakash (President of the British Computing Society) and Professor Sneha Khemka (Healthcare)

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Ques : Who has been appointed as the Global Ambassador for the Esports World Cup 2025?

- A. Lionel Messi
- B. Neymar Jr.
- C. Virat Kohli
- D. Kylian Mbappé
- E. Cristiano Ronaldo

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Cristiano Ronaldo, a football legend and five-time Ballon d'Or winner, has been appointed as the Global Ambassador for the Esports World Cup 2025 by the Esports World Cup Foundation (EWCF).
- The tournament will be hosted in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, featuring 25 titles, global teams, and record-breaking prize money.
- Ronaldo will also appear as a playable character in FATAL FURY: City of the Wolves, one of the featured games in the competition.
- This marks a major collaboration between traditional sports and esports.

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Ques: What is the name of the mobile application showcased by DGTS MZU for international travelers to pre-file customs declarations?

- A. SUVIDHA
- B. YATRI
- C. ATITHI
- D. NRI Connect
- E. TRAVEL SAFE

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Directorate General of Taxpayer Services, Mumbai Zonal Unit (DGTS MZU) showcased “ATITHI”, a mobile application developed for international travellers to pre-file customs declarations.
- This was part of their participation in the Inter Terminal Passenger Show 2025, held in collaboration with Indian Customs, Mumbai Airport.

Other digital tools featured included :

- e-Examination and e-Manifest Automated System (X-MAS) an automated solution for examination and manifest processing.
- Digital Receipt and Invoice Tracking Initiative (DRISTI) system for streamlined invoice management.
- EKAL ANUBANDH electronic system for E-bond and E-Bank Guarantee
- Electronic Bank Realisation Certificate (e-BRC) digital platform for trade documentation.





Ques: What is the 'Trump Card' recently in news offering to wealthy foreigners?

- A. U.S. Citizenship Test Waiver
- B. Green Card with Job Offer
- C. U.S. Residency for \$5 million
- D. Citizenship through Investment
- E. Fast-track student visa

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 'Trump Card' is a proposed visa scheme launched by former U.S. President Donald Trump, offering permanent residency in the United States to wealthy foreigners in exchange for a \$5 million fee.
- The gold-colored card features Trump's image and provides residency, work rights, and a path to citizenship.
- It is seen as an alternative to the EB-5 investor visa and has already attracted 70,000 signups.
- Trump claims the scheme could generate \$1 trillion if 200,000 cards are issued.
- However, legal experts argue that it lacks approval from the U.S. Congress and resembles a donation rather than a formal investment program.

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Ques: Where is the headquarters of the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (IALA) located?

- A. Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France
- B. Singapore
- C. Geneva, Switzerland
- D. New York, USA
- E. Tokyo, Japan

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (IALA) is an intergovernmental body responsible for enhancing the safety and efficiency of navigation.
- Its headquarters is located in Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France.
- India is currently serving as the Vice President of IALA, following its election in February 2025 during a session held in Singapore, where Brazil was elected President.
- India actively participated in the 2nd IALA Council Session held in Nice, France, led by T.K. Ramachandran, Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways.
- India will also host the 3rd IALA General Assembly in December 2025 and the 21st IALA Conference in 2027, both scheduled to be held in Mumbai.

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Iran launched Operation True Promise 3, escalating military strikes on Israel for the third consecutive day. Launched by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) under the directive of Iran's supreme military leadership

Aliawati Longkumer, currently Charge d'affaires in Paraguay Appointed as Ambassador to North Korea from India. Atul Malhari Gotsurve was the last ambassador before the 2021 closure.

The Ministry of Defense's Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) and Google-backed space technology startup Pixxel have inked a second deal to create cutting-edge hyperspectral and midwave infrared payloads for the Indian Air Force.

Senior Advocate Dr. Adish C. Aggarwala, current Chairman of the All India Bar Association has authored a book titled 'Modi's Niti Shastra: The World's His Oyster

Gombojav Zandanshatar Appointed as 34th Prime Minister (PM) of Mongolia

Sangeet Natak Akademi Award-winning Kathak exponent Mangala Bhatt passed away in Hyderabad , She was 62.

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Ques: CreditAccess Grameen recently secured a USD 100 million loan through External Commercial Borrowing (ECB). Which bank provided this loan?

- A. HSBC
- B. Standard Chartered Bank
- C. Bank of America
- D. Barclays Bank
- E. Citi Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- CreditAccess Grameen (CA Grameen), India's largest NBFC-MFI, secured a USD 100 million loan via External Commercial Borrowing (ECB).
- The loan was provided by Standard Chartered Bank (SCB).
- It is structured in dual currencies – Japanese Yen (JPY) and United States Dollar (USD) – to offer flexible funding.
- The funding will support CA Grameen's efforts in expanding microfinance services across India.

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Ques: From which date will the revised agency commission rates for banks handling government transactions become applicable?

- A. January 1, 2025
- B. March 31, 2025
- C. July 1, 2025
- D. June 1, 2025
- E. April 1, 2025

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revised the agency commission structure for banks managing government-related transactions such as revenue receipts, pension disbursements, and other payments.
- The changes include:
 - Rs.12 commission per transaction for electronic revenue receipts/payments (up from Rs.9).
 - Rs.80 per transaction for pension payments (up from Rs.75).
 - 7 paise per Rs.100 for other government payments (up from 6.5 paise).
- These new rates will be effective from April 1, 2025, aligning with the start of the new financial year.

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Ques: Who has recently been appointed as a Member of the SEBI Board, replacing Ajay Seth?

- A. Deepti Gaur Mukerjee
- B. Meena Agarwal
- C. Anuradha Thakur
- D. Nirmala Deshpande
- E. Neelam Singh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Anuradha Thakur has been appointed as a Member of the Board of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), replacing Ajay Seth, the outgoing Economic Affairs Secretary.
- She is the first woman to hold the position of Economic Affairs Secretary.
- The SEBI Board includes the Chairman, four full-time members, and three part-time (ex-officio) members – the RBI Deputy Governor, Economic Affairs Secretary, and Corporate Affairs Secretary.
- A separate notification is expected soon for her induction into the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- Deepti Gaur Mukerjee, the Corporate Affairs Secretary, is another current member representing the government on the SEBI Board.





Ques: As per SEBI's new directive, what is the revised expiry day for NSE's weekly index derivatives from July 1, 2024?

- A. Monday
- B. Tuesday
- C. Wednesday
- D. Thursday
- E. Friday

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has directed that NSE's weekly index derivatives contracts will now expire on Tuesday instead of the earlier Thursday.
- This decision is effective from July 1, 2024, and aims to reduce clustering of expiry dates in the derivatives segment and ensure smoother market functioning.
- BSE's weekly index derivatives, on the other hand, will now expire on Thursday.
- The expiry change applies to new contracts only, while existing contracts will follow the old schedule.

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Ques: NTPC Limited recently secured a USD 750 million loan through External Commercial Borrowing (ECB). Which two banks acted as the Mandated Lead Arrangers and Underwriters for this deal?

- A. SBI and ICICI Bank
- B. Bank of Baroda and Axis Bank
- C. ICICI Bank and Yes Bank
- D. Punjab National Bank and HDFC Bank
- E. Bank of Baroda and HDFC Bank

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- NTPC Limited secured a USD 750 million loan via External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) for financing capital expenditure and renewable energy projects.
- Bank of Baroda acted as the Mandated Lead Arranger and Underwriter for the USD 500 million portion.
- HDFC Bank Limited was the Mandated Lead Arranger and Underwriter for the greenshoe portion of USD 250 million.
- The loan has a door-to-door tenor of 10 years with an average maturity of 7 years.

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Ques: What is the name of the new AI-based agriculture policy approved by the Maharashtra Cabinet for 2025–29?

- A. MahaFarm-AI
- B. MahaKrishi-AI
- C. MahaAgri-AI
- D. SmartAgri-MH
- E. AgriFuture-Maharashtra

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Maharashtra Cabinet has approved MahaAgri-AI 2025–29, a dedicated policy aimed at transforming the agriculture sector using artificial intelligence technologies.
- The policy includes the use of generative AI, computer vision, drones, robotics, and predictive analytics to enhance productivity and sustainability.
- It integrates with major digital initiatives like AgriStack, Maha-Agritech, Mahavedh, CropSAPP, Agmarknet, and Digital Farming Schools.
- The Mahavedh project will be extended under the WINDS initiative, setting up automated weather stations at the gram panchayat level for hyper-local weather forecasting.
- The Cabinet also approved enhanced pension benefits under the Gaurav Yojana for those imprisoned during the Emergency, and allocated 29+ hectares in Nashik to build a Tribal Industrial Cluster.

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Ques: According to the PGI 2.0 report for 2023–24, which Union Territory ranked highest in school education performance?

- A. Delhi
- B. Chandigarh
- C. Puducherry
- D. Jammu & Kashmir
- E. Ladakh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- According to the Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2.0 report released by the Union Ministry of Education, Chandigarh secured the highest score of 719 in the academic year 2023–24, placing it in the Prachesta-1 grade category (701–760 range).
- It is the only state/UT in this top category.
- On the contrary, Meghalaya ranked the lowest with 417 points, falling into the Akanshi-3 category.
- The PGI assesses states and UTs on 1000-point scale across key indicators such as learning outcomes, access, equity, infrastructure, governance, and teacher training.

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Ques: What is the name of the campaign launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to promote tribal empowerment and grassroots participation?

- A. Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana
- B. Adi Adarsh Abhiyan
- C. Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan
- D. Tribal Samagra Vikas Mission
- E. Janjatiya Gaurav Yatra

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Dharti Aaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan was launched by Union Tribal Affairs Minister Shri Jual Oram to promote tribal empowerment and public participation.
- It is a part of Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh, which commemorates 150 years of Bhagwan Birsa Munda.
- The campaign runs from June 15 to 30, 2025, and covers 549 tribal districts and 207 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) districts across India.
- It is also linked to the PM-JANMAN initiative for tribal welfare.

About PM-JANMAN scheme :

- Full Form : Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan
- Launched : 2023
- Total outlay : Rs.24,104 crore (Central Share:Rs.15,336 crore and State Share: Rs.8,768 crore)
- Focus area : 11 important areas/critical interventions across 9 line Ministries
- Beneficiary : 75 communities located in 18 states and the Union Territory (UT) of Andaman and Nicobar Islands





Ques: What is the name of the Indian operation launched to evacuate Indian nationals from Iran amid the Israel-Iran conflict?

- A. Operation Ganga
- B. Operation Samudra Setu
- C. Operation Vijay
- D. Operation Shakti
- E. Operation Sindhu

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Operation Sindhu was launched by the Government of India in June 2025 to evacuate Indian nationals stranded in Iran due to escalating tensions with Israel.
- In the first phase, 110 students, mostly from Jammu & Kashmir, were brought to Yerevan, Armenia by road and then flown to New Delhi on a special IndiGo flight.
- The evacuation was coordinated by the Indian Embassy in Tehran with assistance from Iranian authorities.
- Some students had been injured or displaced after Israeli airstrikes hit their dormitories.
- Additional pilgrims, particularly from Uttar Pradesh, were still awaiting evacuation at the time of the report.

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Ques : What is the name of the water conservation initiative launched by the Madhya Pradesh government from March 30 to June 30?

- A. Jal Jeevan Mission
- B. Nadi Shodh Abhiyan
- C. Jal Ganga Sanvardhan Abhiyan
- D. Namami Gange Mission
- E. River Revival Yatra

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Jal Ganga Sanvardhan Abhiyan is a significant water conservation initiative by the Madhya Pradesh government.
- Started under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's direction, the campaign is being carried out from March 30 to June 30 with the aim of preserving and revitalizing rivers, water sources, and wetlands.
- In Khandwa district, the Ghoda Pachhad River, a tributary of the Narmada, has been restored with the help of the local populace and the government.

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Ques : What is the title of the recently released book documenting Girish Karnad's cinematic journey?

- A. Karnad Chronicles
- B. Kaleidoscope of Cinema
- C. Karnad Kaleidoscope
- D. Karnad Reflections
- E. Glimpses of Karnad

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The book "Karnad Kaleidoscope" is written by Muralidhara Khajane, edited by M.K. Shankar, and published by the Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy.
- It offers insights into the creative journey of Girish Karnad, an iconic Indian actor, playwright, and filmmaker.
- This is the author's second book, following Random Reflections, co-authored with Subrahmanyam Vishwanath.

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Ques: As of June 2025, what percentage of India's national income is projected to come from the digital economy for the year 2024–25?

- A. 11.74%
- B. 12.50%
- C. 13.42%
- D. 14.80%
- E. 15.25%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- As part of the 11-year celebration of Digital India, the Government of India highlighted key digital milestones.
- The digital economy, which contributed 11.74% to national income in 2022–23, is projected to contribute 13.42% in 2024–25, due to rapid progress in AI, cloud computing, and digital infrastructure.
- Additionally, telephone connections rose from 93.3 crore (2014) to 120+ crore (2025), and internet connections grew by over 285% between 2014 and 2024.

About Digital India:

- Launched : July 1, 2015
- Coordinated by : Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
- Aim : to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy





Ques: From which date will the FASTag-based annual pass for private vehicles become effective?

- A. July 1, 2025
- B. August 15, 2025
- C. October 2, 2025
- D. January 26, 2026
- E. June 30, 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) will launch a FASTag-based annual pass for private, non-commercial vehicles (cars, jeeps, vans) starting August 15, 2025.
- This pass, priced at Rs.3,000, will be valid for 1 year or up to 200 toll trips, whichever is earlier.
- Its objective is to promote faster, smoother, and more cost-effective tolling. The average toll per trip under this scheme will be Rs.15, and it can be activated via the Rajmarg Yatra app and official NHAI/MoRTH websites.

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Ques: Indian tennis player Ankita Raina recently clinched her 32nd career doubles title at which ITF tournament?

- A. ITF Valencia
- B. ITF Madrid
- C. ITF Porto
- D. ITF Lisbon
- E. ITF Guimaraes

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Ankita Raina, partnering with France's Alice Robbe, won the doubles title at the ITF \$40,000 tournament in Guimaraes, Portugal.
- They defeated the third-seeded Japanese pair Hiromi Abe and Kanako Morisaki in the final with a scoreline of 1-6, 6-4, [10-8].
- This was Ankita's third doubles title of the 2025 season and the 32nd doubles title of her career.
- She has also claimed 11 singles titles on the professional circuit, marking a successful tennis career for the 32-year-old Indian player.

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Ques: According to SIPRI's 2025 Yearbook, how many nuclear warheads does India possess as of January 2025?

- A. 150
- B. 170
- C. 180
- D. 200
- E. 165

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), in its 2025 Yearbook on Armaments, Disarmament and International Security, reported that India possesses an estimated 180 nuclear warheads as of January 2025, an increase from 172 in 2024.
- In comparison, Pakistan has approximately 170 nuclear warheads, while China is adding around 100 warheads annually since 2023.
- Globally, the nine nuclear-armed states collectively hold around 12,241 nuclear weapons, with 9,614 in military stockpiles.
- The SIPRI report also highlighted a 2.8% rise in arms revenues among the top 100 arms-producing companies, with USA-based firms accounting for \$317 billion.

About SIPRI :

- Established : 1966
- HQ : Solna, Sweden
- Director : Dan Smith

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Ques: How many houses have been approved under the latest PMAY-U 2.0 announcement by the Central Government?

- A. 2.35 lakh
- B. 2.00 lakh
- C. 1.85 lakh
- D. 3.00 lakh
- E. 7.09 lakh

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- In the third meeting of the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) chaired by Srinivas Katikithala, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, the Central Government approved 2,34,864 houses under PMAY-Urban 2.0.
- These houses will be constructed in 9 states — Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh.
- With this latest approval, the total number of sanctioned houses under PMAY-U 2.0 now stands at 7,09,979.
- The initiative supports affordable housing for urban poor and aligns with the government's mission to provide "Housing for All."

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Ques: What year has the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared as the International Year of the Woman Farmer (IYWF)?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- In June 2025, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer (IYWF).
- This declaration was based on insights from a six-month-long symposia held in India, jointly organised by the Royal Norwegian Embassy, UN World Food Programme (UN-WFP), and the Government of India.
- The UNGA, established in 1945, is headquartered in New York, USA, and its current president is Philémon Yang.

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Ques : Which Indian institute has recently been designated as a Category A Rinderpest Holding Facility (RHF) by WOA and FAO?

- A. ICAR-IVRI, Bareilly
- B. ICAR-NDRI, Karnal
- C. ICAR-NIHSAD, Bhopal
- D. ICAR-CARI, Izatnagar
- E. ICAR-CIRG, Mathura

Answer: C

Explanation:

- India's ICAR-National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD), Bhopal, was recognized as a Category A Rinderpest Holding Facility by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and FAO during the 92nd WOAH General Session in Paris.
- Rinderpest, or Cattle Plague, was a deadly viral disease affecting ruminants, now eradicated, but sensitive material is still securely stored in designated facilities.
- It belongs to the Morbillivirus genus, related to measles and canine distemper viruses. The disease had 100% morbidity and up to 90% mortality, making it a major livestock killer historically.
- Spread via direct contact, contaminated water, and aerosols from infected animals. No insect vector and transmission is strictly animal-to-animal.

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Ques: On which river is the Shongtong Karcham Hydroelectric Project being constructed in Himachal Pradesh?

- A. Beas
- B. Chenab
- C. Yamuna
- D. Satluj
- E. Ravi

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Shongtong-Karcham Hydroelectric Project is being constructed on the Satluj River in the Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh.
- It is a run-of-the-river type hydropower project, which utilizes the natural flow of the river without large reservoir storage.
- The project features 3×150 MW Francis turbines, with a total installed capacity of 450 MW, and will generate approximately 1,594 million units (GWh) annually.
- The gross head and net head are 128.57 m and 126.58 m respectively, and there will be three penstocks with a length of 5.1 meters each to channel water to the turbines.
- The Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister has set a November 2026 deadline for the project's completion.

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Ques: What is India's rank in the Energy Transition Index 2025 released by the World Economic Forum?

- A. 63rd
- B. 51st
- C. 88th
- D. 71st
- E. 101st

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- In the Global Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2025 published by the World Economic Forum (WEF), India ranked 71st out of 118 countries, slipping from the 63rd position in 2024.
- While India has improved in areas like energy efficiency, methane (CH₄) emissions reduction, and energy regulations, it still lags behind in sustainability and equity aspects of energy systems.
- Sweden topped the index, followed by Finland, Denmark, Norway, and Switzerland. India's performance reflects progress but also the persistent challenges in its energy transition journey

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Ques : The UN General Assembly has declared which date as the International Day Against Unilateral Coercive Measures?

- A. October 24
- B. November 14
- C. December 4
- D. September 10
- E. January 26

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The UN General Assembly passed a resolution declaring December 4 as the International Day Against Unilateral Coercive Measures.
- The resolution was adopted with 116 votes in favour, 51 against, and 6 abstentions.
- It emphasizes the need for all countries to refrain from using unilateral economic, financial, or trade measures that go against international law or the UN Charter.

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Ques : What is the theme of Sustainable Gastronomy Week 2025 observed from June 16 to 22?

- A. Eat Green, Live Clean
- B. Heritage on the Plate
- C. Local Seeds, Local Eats
- D. Smart Farming, Smart Eating
- E. Culture on the Table

Answer: C

Explanation :

- Sustainable Gastronomy Day is celebrated annually on 18 June, as designated by the UN General Assembly in 2016.
- The 2025 edition of Sustainable Gastronomy Week is observed from 16–22 June.
- The UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) promotes cooperation among cities in fields like gastronomy, literature, music, and more.
- 56 cities are designated as Creative Cities of Gastronomy as of 2025.
- Lucknow has submitted its nomination to be recognized as a UNESCO City of Gastronomy

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Ques: When is World Sickle Cell Awareness Day observed every year?

- A. 15 June
- B. 16 June
- C. 17 June
- D. 18 June
- E. 19 June

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- World Sickle Cell Awareness Day is observed every year on 19th June to raise awareness about Sickle Cell Disease (SCD).
- The theme for 2025 is "Global Action, Local Impact: Empowering Communities for Effective Self-Advocacy."
- SCD is a genetic blood disorder caused by abnormal hemoglobin S, which causes red blood cells to become sickle-shaped and obstruct blood flow.
- It can lead to serious health issues, but bone marrow transplants, symptom-relief therapies, and gene therapy (recently approved in the UK) offer hope for treatment and cure.

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The Kerala State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KeSCPCR) will launch Radio Nellikka, an exclusive internet radio station for children.

In Nagaland, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launched a five-year Vision Document titled “Income Generation from Banana Cultivation in Wokha District” under the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative

Armand Duplantis broke the men's pole vault world record for a 12th time with a clearance of 6.28m at the Diamond League meeting in Stockholm.

University of Aberdeen has become the first Scottish university to receive the approval for setting up a branch campus in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.

To bolster the country's cyber resilience, especially in the defence domain, a comprehensive Cyber Security Exercise code-named ‘Cyber Suraksha’ was launched. The Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff under the Union Ministry of Defence organised the Cyber Suraksha Exercise.

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Ques: Where has India's first Cyber-Security Operation Centre "Sahakar Suraksha" been launched by the Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank?

- A. Pune
- B. Aurangabad
- C. Nashik
- D. Vashi, Navi Mumbai
- E. Nagpur

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India's first Cyber-Security Operation Centre (C-SOC) named "Sahakar Suraksha" has been launched by the Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank (MSC Bank) in Vashi, Navi Mumbai.
- The initiative was executed in collaboration with Sequaretek IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd, a cybersecurity firm.
- This state-of-the-art facility is built at a cost of Rs.50 crore and is operated 24/7 by 35 trained cybersecurity professionals.
- It is powered by an AI-driven platform capable of real-time threat detection and early fraud prevention.
- The system sends instant alerts to member banks, enabling a rapid response to potential cyber threats.
- The C-SOC will serve 31 District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) across Maharashtra.

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Ques: As per Swiss National Bank (SNB) data, how much Indian money was parked in Swiss banks in 2024?

- A. 1.04 billion Swiss francs
- B. 2.5 billion Swiss francs
- C. 3.5 billion Swiss francs
- D. 4.2 billion Swiss francs
- E. 346 million Swiss francs

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- According to official data released by the Swiss National Bank (SNB), Indian money in Swiss banks rose to CHF 3.5 billion (approximately Rs.37,600 crore) in 2024, more than three times the amount recorded in 2023.
- This amount includes funds held via local branches of Indian banks, other financial institutions, fiduciaries, and trusts—not just customer deposits.
- Customer deposits alone stood at CHF 346 million, showing only an 11% increase.
- The major rise in 2024 came from CHF 3.02 billion parked via other banks and entities, not individual clients.
- Notably, in 2023, Indian funds in Swiss banks had dropped by 70% to CHF 1.04 billion.
- These figures do not represent unreported or black money, as clarified by SNB.

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Ques: Which organization partnered with the SBI Foundation to expand the experiential Kriya programme in Raichur district?

- A. NCERT
- B. Azim Premji Foundation
- C. Prayoga Institute of Education Research
- D. NITI Aayog
- E. Vidya Bharati

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Prayoga Institute of Education Research has partnered with SBI Foundation and SBI Funds Management Pvt. Ltd. to expand its Kriya programme in 12 government schools in Raichur district, Karnataka.
- The programme is part of SBI Foundation's Integrated Learning Mission (ILM) under the initiative "Reimagining Science Education."
- It aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, focusing on curiosity, critical thinking, and scientific skills for students from Classes 6 to 10.
- Initially, it will be implemented in 77 schools, impacting 11,000+ students across Karnataka.

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Ques: What is the name of the centralized payment system promoted by SEBI for secure fee payments to investment advisers and research analysts?

- A. FinTrack
- B. CeFCoM
- C. PaySecure
- D. SEBI PayNet
- E. TrustPay

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has introduced a secure platform called CeFCoM (Centralized Fee Collection Mechanism).
- To ensure that investors make payments only to SEBI-registered investment advisers and research analysts, reducing the risk of financial fraud and unauthorized collections.
- Operational Since October 1, 2024
- The system is operated by BSE Ltd in partnership with MF Utilities India Pvt. Ltd.
- CeFCoM is designed to bring transparency and trust into the advisory fee payment process.

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Ques: Which digital financial platform recently joined the ONDC network as a buyer-side participant?

- A. Paytm
- B. PhonePe
- C. Bajaj Markets
- D. Google Pay
- E. MobiKwik

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Bajaj Markets, a subsidiary of Bajaj Finserv, has joined the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) as a buyer-side participant.
- With this integration, customers of Bajaj Markets will now be able to access ONDC services via its mobile app and website.
- Bajaj Markets offers a wide range of financial products and services and its participation in ONDC will help enhance digital commerce reach and adoption.
- This development is in line with ONDC's mission to democratize e-commerce in India by connecting buyers and sellers through an open and interoperable network.

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Ques : Myntra's M-Now delivery service, recently launched in Delhi-NCR and Mumbai, delivers products in how much time?

- A. 2 hours
- B. 1 hour
- C. 45 minutes
- D. 30 minutes
- E. Same day

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Myntra has rolled out its M-Now service in Delhi-NCR and Mumbai, offering ultra-fast delivery of fashion and beauty products within 30 minutes.
- This is made possible through a network of over 40 dark stores, each capable of storing 25,000 items.
- The service caters to the rising demand for speed-led fashion commerce, which is expected to grow significantly in the coming years.

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Ques: What is the objective of the nationwide survey launched jointly by ICMR and WHO in India?

- A. To monitor vaccine distribution
- B. To develop India-specific Child Growth Standards
- C. To update the maternal mortality index
- D. To study regional malnutrition levels
- E. To assess pediatric vaccination impact

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) has initiated a nationwide survey.
- Its aim is to develop India-specific Child Growth Standards by replacing the outdated 2006 WHO benchmarks.
- The survey spans six climatically diverse zones : Shillong (North East), Delhi (North), Pune (West), Bengaluru (South), Purulia (East), and one more location to account for regional growth differences.
- Focus Group are Children up to 2 years of age; their height, weight, and BMI will be recorded to create a standardized national growth index.

About ICMR:

- Established: 1911
- HQ: New Delhi
- CEO: Rajiv Bahl

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Ques: Which Indian animated film won the Jury Award for Best Commissioned Film at the Annecy International Animation Festival 2025?

- A. Bombay Rose
- B. Gully Boy Animation
- C. The Mango Tree
- D. India Ink
- E. Desi Oon

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- "Desi Oon", created by renowned Indian animation filmmaker Shri Suresh Eriyat, won the Jury Award for Best Commissioned Film at the Annecy International Animation Festival 2025 held in France.
- It was part of the Create in India Challenge under WAVES 2025, an initiative by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting to spotlight Indian creative talent globally.
- The film also won Best Film at the WAVES Awards of Excellence 2025 and has been shortlisted at Cannes Lions 2025 in the Film Craft Lions category.
- The WAVES Awards of Excellence, in collaboration with ASIFA India, celebrates the best in Animation, VFX, Design, and Emerging Media.

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Ques: Which European country did the Indian Prime Minister visit in 2025, marking the first-ever visit by an Indian PM to that nation?

- A. Hungary
- B. Serbia
- C. Croatia
- D. Slovenia
- E. Montenegro

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- In 2025, the Prime Minister of India visited Croatia, becoming the first Indian PM to officially visit the country.
- The visit occurred after attending the G7 Summit in Canada as part of a 3-nation tour.
- Former President Ram Nath Kovind had earlier visited Croatia in March 2019 and was conferred the country's highest civilian honor, "Grand Order of the King of Tomislav."
- Croatia lies along the Adriatic Sea in Southeast Europe and shares borders with Slovenia, Hungary, Serbia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Italy.
- Diplomatic relations between India and Croatia were established in 1992, and ties have expanded to include trade in pharmaceuticals, engineering goods, and cooperation in IT, shipbuilding, and renewable energy.





Ques: Which Indian publication was named ‘The Champion of Digital Media Awards South Asia 2025’ at the WAN-IFRA Digital Media Awards?

- A. Times of India
- B. The Indian Express
- C. Hindustan Times
- D. The Hindu
- E. Deccan Chronicle

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Hindu was honored as ‘The Champion of Digital Media Awards South Asia 2025’ at the WAN-IFRA Digital Media Awards South Asia, conducted by the World Association of News Publishers.
- It won 10 awards across various categories, including 4 Gold, 3 Silver, and 3 Bronze.

Gold Awards:

- Best Use of Video and Best Native Advertising Campaign (both for the ‘Made of Chennai’ initiative)
- Best Use of AI in Revenue Strategy
- Best Podcast (Topic: In Focus – Why does the Election Commission need seven phases to conduct the General Election?)

Silver Awards:

- Best Data Visualisation (How India voted: A retrospective from 1952 - 2024)
- Best Use of AI in Revenue Strategy
- Best Digital Subscription

Bronze Awards:

- Best in Audience Engagement
- Best Data Visualisation (on Kallakurichi hooch tragedy)
- Best Digital Subscription





Ques: Where was the “Yoga Connect 2025” global summit organized ahead of the 11th International Day of Yoga?

- A. Visakhapatnam
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Rishikesh
- D. Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- E. Ahmedabad

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN) hosted a hybrid global summit called “Yoga Connect 2025” at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- This event was held ahead of the 11th International Day of Yoga (IDY), celebrated annually on 21 June.
- The summit was themed “Yoga for One Earth, One Health”, emphasizing the global and holistic benefits of yoga.
- While the summit took place in New Delhi, the main celebration of IDY 2025 will be held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

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Ques: Where did Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman lay the foundation stone for a Mini Planetarium and Astro Globe in June 2025?

- A. Leh
- B. Kargil
- C. Hanle
- D. Srinagar
- E. Tawang

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman laid the foundation stone for a Mini Planetarium and Astro Globe at the Hanle Dark Sky Reserve in Hanle, Ladakh.
- The project, costing approximately ₹276.65 lakh, was sanctioned under the Special Development Package (SDP).
- Its goals include promoting scientific education, astro-tourism, stargazing, and creating local employment opportunities.
- Hanle Dark Sky Reserve is one of the first such reserves in India recognized for minimal light pollution, making it ideal for astronomical observations.
- Dark Sky Reserves are designated by the International Dark Sky Association (IDA) to ensure the preservation of night skies with minimal artificial light.

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Ques: Who is the author of the debut novel "The Stars Light the Way" released in 2025?

- A. Jacinda Ardern
- B. Sucheta Raj Khanna
- C. Parvati Tirkey
- D. Advait Kottary
- E. Sushil Shukla

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- "The Stars Light the Way" is the debut novel of Sucheta Raj Khanna, a Singapore-based life coach.
- The book was published by Penguin Random House India.
- The novel delves into themes of faith, identity, family legacy, and inner guidance, making it a compelling story about self-discovery and destiny.

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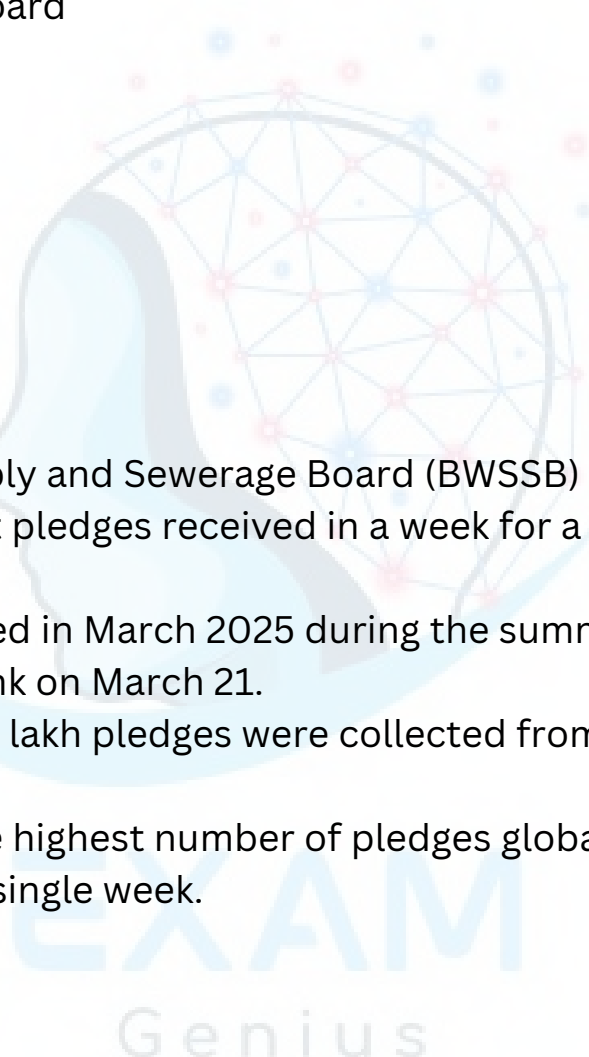
Ques: Which organization entered the Guinness Book of World Records for receiving the most water conservation pledges in a week?

- A. Delhi Jal Board
- B. Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB)
- C. Chennai Metro Water
- D. Central Ground Water Board
- E. National Water Mission

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) entered the Guinness World Records for the most pledges received in a week for a water conservation campaign.
- The campaign was launched in March 2025 during the summer, starting with a Cauvery Aarti at Sankey Tank on March 21.
- In just one week, over 5.33 lakh pledges were collected from citizens across Bengaluru.
- This was recognized as the highest number of pledges globally for a water conservation initiative in a single week.





Ques: Which airline was named the World's Best Airline for 2025 by Skytrax at the World Airline Awards?

- A. Singapore Airlines
- B. Cathay Pacific
- C. Emirates
- D. Qatar Airways
- E. IndiGo

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Skytrax's World Airline Awards 2025, often regarded as the "Oscars of the Aviation Industry," were held at the Paris Air Show.
- Qatar Airways was named the World's Best Airline for 2025, marking its 9th win of the prestigious title.
- Singapore Airlines secured the 2nd position, while Cathay Pacific Airways (Hong Kong SAR, China) ranked 3rd.
- Air India improved its ranking from 90th in 2024 to 84th in 2025 in the Top 100 list.

Ranking of World's Top 5 Airlines in 2025 :

- 1 Qatar Airways (9th Time) - Doha, Qatar
- 2 Singapore Airlines - Singapore City, Singapore
- 3 Cathay Pacific Airways - Hong Kong, Special Administrative Region (SAR) of China
- 4 Emirates - Dubai, the United Arab Emirates
- 5 ANA All Nippon Airways - Tokyo, Japan
- 39 Indigo Airline - Gurugram, India

Ranking of Top 5 Best Airlines in India/South Asia 2025 :

- 1 IndiGo - Gurugram, Haryana (India)
- 2 Air India - Gurugram, Haryana (India)
- 3 SriLankan Airlines - Katunayake (Sri Lanka)





4 Akasa Air - Mumbai, Maharashtra (India)

5 SpiceJet - Gurugram, Haryana (India)

List top airlines in other categories :

- The World's Best Cabin Crew 2025 : Singapore Airlines
- The World's Best Low-Cost Airlines 2025 : AirAsia
- The World's Best Regional Airlines 2025 : Bangkok Airways
- The World's Most Family Friendly Airlines 2025 : Lufthansa (Germany)
- The World's Cleanest Airlines 2025 : EVA Air (Taiwan)
- The World's Best Leisure Airlines 2025 : Air Transat (Canada)
- The World's Best Airport Services 2025 : ANA All Nippon Airways (Japan)



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Ques: Who won the 2025 Canadian Grand Prix held at Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, Montreal?

- A. Max Verstappen
- B. Lewis Hamilton
- C. Oscar Piastri
- D. George Russell
- E. Lando Norris

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- George Russell, representing Germany-based Mercedes, clinched his first Formula One (F1) Grand Prix victory of the 2025 season by winning the 63rd edition of the Canadian Grand Prix.
- The event took place at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal, Canada.
- This win marks Russell's 4th career F1 win and his 20th podium finish.

Recent Grand Prix Winner :

- 2025 Australian Grand Prix : Lando Norris
- 2025 Chinese Grand Prix : Oscar Piastri
- 2025 Japanese Grand Prix : Max Verstappen Red Bull
- 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





Ques: Who won the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2025 for English and Hindi respectively?

- A. Arundhati Roy and Kumar Vishwas
- B. Advait Kottary and Parvati Tirkey
- C. Jhumpa Lahiri and Uday Prakash
- D. Salman Rushdie and Dinesh Kushwaha
- E. None of the above

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Sahitya Akademi announced the Yuva Puraskar 2025 for 23 young writers across various Indian languages.
- Advait Kottary was awarded for his English novel “Siddhartha: The Boy Who Became the Buddha”.
- Parvati Tirkey received the Hindi Yuva Puraskar for her poetry collection “Phir Uzna”.
- The Yuva Puraskar honors Indian authors under the age of 35.
- No Yuva Puraskar was awarded in the Dogri language this year.
- The award includes a copper-plaque and a cash prize of ₹50,000, presented at a special ceremony.
- Sahitya Akademi, established in 1954, operates under the Ministry of Culture and is India’s second-highest literary honor after the Jnanpith Award.





Ques: What is the name of the scheme launched by Delhi University to support tribal students from remote areas with CUET preparation?

- A. JAGRITI
- B. JAIHIND
- C. VANBANDHU
- D. SHRESHTA
- E. EKLAVYA

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The scheme is named Janajati Immersive Holistic Intervention for Novel Development (JAIHIND).
- It was launched by Delhi University to provide tribal students of classes 9 to 12 from remote areas with practical skills and CUET orientation.
- The first batch includes 25 meritorious students (13 boys, 12 girls) from the Tangkhul Naga tribe in Ukhrul district, Manipur.
- The inaugural programme runs from June 17 to June 29, 2025.
- The launch event was attended by Vineet Joshi, Secretary, Ministry of Education, as the chief guest.

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Ques: Which Indian state has become the first to introduce an Android-based mobile e-voting system?

- A. Bihar
- B. Kerala
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Gujarat
- E. Telangana

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Bihar State Election Commission has announced the launch of an Android-based mobile e-voting system, making Bihar the first state in India to adopt such a technology-driven approach to voting.
- The system will use two mobile apps – “e-Voting SECBHR” developed by C-DAC and another by the State Election Commission of Bihar.
- The initiative targets migrant labourers, divyang voters, pregnant women, senior citizens, and the seriously ill, aiming to increase voter turnout and ensure inclusivity.
- The system is equipped with advanced security features such as blockchain technology, liveness detection, face recognition, and live face scans, ensuring tamper-proof voting.
- An audit trail feature similar to VVPAT has also been integrated.
- So far, only Estonia in Europe has implemented a full-fledged e-voting system like this.





Ques: Which institution recently demonstrated free-space quantum secure communication using entanglement, marking India's entry into a new quantum era?

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO-IIT Delhi
- C. IISc Bengaluru
- D. BARC Mumbai
- E. CSIR

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India achieved a major milestone in quantum technology by demonstrating free-space quantum secure communication using quantum entanglement.
- This experimental success was carried out by the DRDO-Industry-Academia Centre of Excellence (DIA-CoE) at IIT Delhi.
- The demonstration involved a free-space optical link over a distance of more than 1 km on the IIT Delhi campus.
- The experiment achieved a secure key rate of nearly 240 bits per second with a quantum bit error rate below 7%.
- This builds upon earlier achievements like India's first intercity quantum communication link between Vindhyachal and Prayagraj (2022) and Quantum key distribution over 100 km of telecom-grade optical fiber in 2024.
- These advancements are part of DRDO's DIA-CoE initiative, which supports 15 Centres of Excellence at premier institutions including IITs, IISc, and other top universities to advance cutting-edge defence technologies.





Ques: Who is the author of the book "A Different Kind of Power"?

- A. Angela Merkel
- B. Jacinda Ardern
- C. Sanna Marin
- D. Kamala Harris
- E. Helen Clark

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- A Different Kind of Power is authored by Jacinda Kate Laurell Ardern, the former Prime Minister of New Zealand.
- She served as the 40th Prime Minister from 2017 to 2023.
- At age 37, Ardern became the youngest Prime Minister of New Zealand in over 150 years, known globally for her empathetic leadership style.

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Ques: Who has become the first Indian-American to be appointed as Provost of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)?

- A. Anantha Chandrakasan
- B. Parag Agrawal
- C. Satya Nadella
- D. Arvind Krishna
- E. Sundar Pichai

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Anantha Chandrakasan has been appointed as the Provost of MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), making him the first Indian-American to hold this prestigious academic position.
- He will succeed Cynthia Barnhart, who stepped down from the post in February.
- Chandrakasan is a celebrated academic and engineer, known for his contributions to semiconductor and solid-state circuit research.
- He has received prestigious honors such as 2009 SIA University Researcher Award, 013 IEEE Donald O. Pederson Award and 2017 UC Berkeley EE Distinguished Alumni Award

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Ques: Who won the gold medal for India in the Women's 10-meter Air Pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2025 in Munich?

- A. Manu Bhaker
- B. Esha Singh
- C. Suruchi Inder Singh
- D. Rahi Sarnobat
- E. Divya Thadigol

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) organized the Munich leg of the Rifle/Pistol and Shotgun World Cup 2025 in Munich, Germany.
- Suruchi Inder Singh won gold for India in the Women's 10m Air Pistol event.
- Another gold was won by Arya Borse and Arjun Babuta in the Mixed 10m Air Rifle event.
- India ranked 3rd overall with 2 Gold and 2 Bronze (Total: 4 medals), behind China (7 medals) and Norway (4 medals).
- Earlier, India finished 2nd in Buenos Aires, Argentina and 3rd in Lima, Peru.
- The next leg will be held in Ningbo, China, from 7–15 September 2025.

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Ques: Where is the Bonn Climate Change Conference 2025 being held?

- A. Geneva, Switzerland
- B. Berlin, Germany
- C. Bonn, Germany
- D. Paris, France
- E. Dubai, UAE

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Bonn Climate Change Conference 2025 began on June 16 in Bonn, Germany, the headquarters of the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change).
- This mid-year technical conference hosts over 5,000 delegates and focuses on scientific, implementation, and negotiation elements ahead of the main COP29 summit.
- The theme for 2025 is "Operationalising the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA)," which seeks to define measurable, equitable adaptation targets, especially for climate-vulnerable countries.
- Though GGA was established in the Paris Agreement (2015), it gained real traction at COP28 (Dubai) and is now a major focus.





Ques: Which Indian state is the only one to host wild populations of all three native crocodilian species?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Assam
- C. Odisha
- D. West Bengal
- E. Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- On World Crocodile Day (17th June 2025), India marked 50 years of its Crocodile Conservation Project (1975–2025).
- Odisha is the only state in India that hosts wild populations of all three native crocodilian species:
 1. Gharial (*Gavialis gangeticus*)
 2. Mugger crocodile (*Crocodylus palustris*)
 3. Saltwater crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*)
- The Crocodile Conservation Project was first launched in Bhitarkanika National Park, Odisha, with support from the UNDP and FAO.
- Odisha's successful conservation efforts have made it a critical hub for crocodile biodiversity in India.

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Ques: What is the theme of World Refugee Day 2025 observed on 20 June?

- A. Solidarity with Refugees
- B. Standing with the Displaced
- C. Together for Peace
- D. Hope Away from Home
- E. Protecting the Vulnerable

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- World Refugee Day is observed every year on 20 June, designated by the United Nations to honor refugees worldwide.
- The 2025 theme is "Solidarity with Refugees", emphasizing global unity and support for displaced populations.
- The day was first observed globally on 20 June 2001, marking the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention.
- Initially called Africa Refugee Day, it was formally recognized as World Refugee Day by the UN General Assembly in December 2000.

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At the 113th International Labor Conference, which took place in Geneva from June 2–13, 2025, ILO Convention C 192—Convention addressing prevention and protection against biological hazards in the working environment—was adopted.

The Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisition of at least 99.44% of the equity and preference shareholding (on a fully diluted basis) of Ecom Express Limited by Delhivery Limited.

ISRO and the Department of Space's Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) collaborated with the Astronautical Society of India to successfully test a model rocket launcher system with a payload in Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India, hosted a one-day national workshop at the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education – Arid Forest Research Institute (ICFRE-AFRI), Jodhpur. The workshop's theme was "Strategies for Combating Desertification and Drought,"

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) & Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) signed MOU to transform the bank's transaction reconciliation processes. TCS will deploy its AI-powered solution TCS BaNCS™ for Reconciliations

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Ques : What is the minimum loan amount under NABARD's Green Lending Facility for FY26?

- A. Rs.10 crore
- B. Rs.25 crore
- C. Rs.50 crore
- D. Rs.100 crore
- E. Rs.500 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) will provide Rs.10,000 crore in loans during FY 2025–26 under its Green Lending Facility.
- This funding will be directed towards projects aligned with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), covering Ethanol plants and Electric vehicles (EVs)
- Other eco-friendly and sustainable infrastructure initiatives is the minimum loan amount per project under this scheme is Rs.100 crore.
- Eligible borrowers include Central and State governments, government agencies, and private sector entities.
- As per Deputy MD Ajay Kumar Sood, this facility was initially launched in FY25 and is being scaled up in FY26.

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Ques : What is India's rank in global FDI inflows in 2024 as per UNCTAD's World Investment Report 2025?

- A. 12
- B. 14
- C. 15
- D. 16
- E. 18

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- As per UNCTAD's World Investment Report 2025, India ranked 15th in the world in terms of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows for the year 2024, improving one spot from the previous year.
- FDI inflows remained stable at \$27.6 billion, almost the same as in 2023.
- India retained its 4th position globally in greenfield project announcements, showing continued investor interest in new projects.
- However, India dropped to 5th place in international project finance deals (97 deals in 2024 vs. 123 in 2023).
- India is also among the few developing nations receiving over 30% of its FDI in renewable energy and infrastructure, signaling a green investment shift.

Top 5 FDI recipient countries in 2024:

- USA – \$279 billion
- Singapore – \$68 billion
- Hong Kong – \$62 billion
- China – \$61 billion
- Netherlands – \$54 billion





Ques: What is the new priority sector lending (PSL) requirement for Small Finance Banks (SFBs) as per RBI's updated guidelines for FY 2025–26 onward?

- A. 40% of Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC)
- B. 75% of total lending
- C. 60% of ANBC or CEOBE, whichever is higher
- D. 50% of total advances
- E. None of the above

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revised the priority sector lending (PSL) norms for Small Finance Banks (SFBs) effective from FY 2025–26.
- Earlier, SFBs were mandated to lend 75% of their Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC) or Credit Equivalent of Off-Balance Sheet Exposures (CEOBE) to priority sectors.
- Out of the revised 60% , 40% remains fixed for core PSL categories (like agriculture, MSMEs, etc.) and The remaining 20% can be allocated to one or more sub-sectors where the bank has a competitive advantage.
- Under the revised norms:
 - The additional 35% PSL component has been reduced to 20%.
 - Thus, the overall PSL target now stands at 60% of ANBC or CEOBE, whichever is higher.

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Ques : What is the new asset provisioning requirement mandated by RBI for under-construction project finance loans, effective from Oct 1, 2025?

- A. 5%
- B. 0.4%
- C. 2.5%
- D. 1%
- E. 1.5%

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has eased project funding norms, especially for under-construction loans, to support infrastructure financing and reduce liquidity stress on banks.
- Effective from October 1, 2025, the standard asset provisioning requirement has been reduced to 1% from the earlier proposed 5% for general under-construction project finance loans.
- For under-construction commercial real estate (CRE), the provisioning will be 1.25%. Once the project becomes operational, provisioning rates will be 1% for CRE, 0.75% for CRE-RH (Residential Housing) and 0.40% for other projects.
- This phased approach is aimed at encouraging project finance by making capital requirements more flexible as risk reduces post-completion.
- The reform is expected to boost infrastructure lending and ease cash flow pressure on financial institutions.

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Ques : According to RBI's latest circular, what is the maximum amount allowed for advance remittance for importing shipping vessels without a bank guarantee or LC?

- A. USD 10 million
- B. USD 25 million
- C. USD 50 million
- D. USD 100 million
- E. USD 5 million

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has amended the Master Direction – Import of Goods and Services, originally issued on January 1, 2016.
- Under the new circular, Authorised Dealer Category-I (AD Cat-I) banks are now allowed to permit advance remittances for shipping vessel imports.
- The major relaxation is Importers can send advance remittance up to USD 50 million. No requirement for bank guarantee or an unconditional, irrevocable standby Letter of Credit (LC).
- This move aims to ease international trade and boost the shipping industry.
- The circular is issued under Section 10(4) and Section 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999.

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Ques: Which Indian universities were ranked in the global top 100 of the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2025 for sustainability?

- A. Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, LPU, JSS Academy, and Shoolini University
- B. IIT Delhi, IISc Bangalore, Amity University, and BITS Pilani
- C. Delhi University, Anna University, Shiv Nadar University, and Ashoka University
- D. JNU, BHU, SRM University, and Christ University
- E. None of the above

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- In the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2025, four Indian universities were placed in the global top 100 for their contribution to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham was ranked 41st, and Lovely Professional University (LPU) was placed at 48th.
- JSS Academy of Higher Education and Shoolini University were jointly ranked 96th.
- A total of 135 Indian institutions participated, but only these four made it to the top 100.
- The rankings evaluate universities based on performance indicators such as research, outreach, and campus operations related to SDGs like SDG 4: Quality Education, SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy and SDG 6 & Lifelong Learning: Water sustainability and education access
- Notably, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham scored 100/100 in lifelong learning and water sustainability metrics.
- Western Sydney University (Australia) retained its top global rank for the fourth consecutive year.





Ques : What is the name of the mascot unveiled for the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships?

- A. Veeraj
- B. Viraaj
- C. Vijay
- D. Ankur
- E. Gajraj

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The 12th edition of the World Para Athletics Championships will be held in New Delhi from September 27 to October 5, 2025 – for the first time in India.
- The event will feature 186 medal events with athletes from over 100 countries.
- The official mascot "Viraaj" is a young elephant with a blade prosthesis, symbolizing strength, inclusion, and determination.
- The championship is being organized by the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI).
- The venue, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, is being relaid and upgraded in preparation for the tournament.

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Ques: Which country will host the 10th ICC Women's T20 World Cup in 2026?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The 10th ICC Women's T20 World Cup will be held in 2026 and will be hosted by England.
- This edition will be the biggest ever, with 12 teams participating (set to expand to 16 teams from 2030).
- The ICC Women's T20 World Cup was first held in 2009.
- New Zealand is the current champion, having won their first title.

About ICC Women's T20 World Cup :

- Most successful : Australia (6 titles)
- India hosted in : 2016
- 2026 edition : 10th 2026 host England (Semi-finals- The Oval Cricket Stadium. , Final - Lords Cricket Stadium, London)
- Seven Venues : Headingley, Edgbaston, Old Trafford, The Oval, Bristol County Ground, and Lord's





Ques: Which US-made bomb is designed to destroy deeply buried nuclear sites and can only be deployed by the B-2 Spirit stealth bomber?

- A. GBU-43/B MOAB
- B. GBU-12 Paveway II
- C. GBU-57A/B Massive Ordnance Penetrator
- D. AGM-114 Hellfire
- E. None of the above

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The GBU-57A/B Massive Ordnance Penetrator (MOP), also known as a "bunker buster", is a 30,000-pound (13,600 kg) precision-guided bomb developed by the United States.
- It is designed to penetrate up to 200 feet (61 meters) of reinforced concrete or rock before detonation, making it effective against deeply buried nuclear sites or military bunkers.
- The bomb is 6.6 meters long and features a hardened steel casing and a specialised delayed-fuse system for deep penetration.
- The only aircraft capable of deploying the GBU-57 is the B-2 Spirit stealth bomber, developed by Northrop Grumman.
- The B-2 has a range of up to 11,500 miles (18,500 km) with aerial refueling and can carry two GBU-57 bombs.
- As tensions rise in the Middle East, this bomb has come into focus as one of the few capable of striking Iran's fortified nuclear facilities.





Ques: According to the Global Liveability Index 2025 published by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), which city was ranked as the most liveable in the world?

- A. Vienna, Austria
- B. Zurich, Switzerland
- C. Copenhagen, Denmark
- D. Melbourne, Australia
- E. None of the above

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Global Liveability Index 2025 is published by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).
- It ranks 173 cities across the world based on factors like stability, healthcare, culture, environment, education, and infrastructure.
- In the 2025 edition, Copenhagen (Denmark) was ranked as the most liveable city, ending Vienna's three-year reign at the top.
- No Indian city featured in the top 10 liveable cities of the world in this year's rankings.
- The average global liveability score remained unchanged from the previous year at 76.1 out of 100.

Ranking of top 5 cities in Global Liveability Index 2025 :

- 1 Copenhagen (Denmark) : 98.0
- 2 Vienna (Austria) : 97.1
- 3 Zurich (Switzerland) : 97.1
- 4 Melbourne (Australia) : 97.0
- 5 Geneva (Switzerland) : 96.8
- 173 Damascus (Syria) : 30.7





Ques : Who is likely to be appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Canada?

- A. Vinay Mohan Kwatra
- B. Dinesh K Patnaik
- C. Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- D. Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- E. Sanjay Verma

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Dinesh K Patnaik is a senior Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer from the 1990 batch.
- He is currently serving as India's Ambassador to Spain.
- He is likely to be appointed as India's High Commissioner to Canada, amid diplomatic efforts to rebuild relations between the two nations.
- India-Canada ties had been strained following the killing of a Sikh separatist in 2023.
- As part of normalization efforts, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Canadian PM Mark Carney have agreed to take constructive steps toward restoring diplomatic stability.

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Ques: According to the OECD's Global Drought Outlook Report, what percentage of the world's land is facing increasingly frequent and severe droughts?

- A. 20%
- B. 30%
- C. 40%
- D. 50%
- E. None of the above

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) recently released the Global Drought Outlook Report, highlighting the growing threat of droughts worldwide.

Key findings of the report include:

- 40% of the world's land area is increasingly experiencing frequent and severe droughts.
- The economic cost of an average drought is projected to rise by 3% to 7.5% annually.
- By 2035, there is a minimum 35% projected increase in drought-related economic losses.
- Since 1980, 37% of global land has seen significant soil moisture loss, and groundwater levels are declining in many regions.
- Although droughts make up only 6% of natural disasters globally, they are responsible for 34% of disaster-related deaths, disproportionately affecting regions like Sub-Saharan Africa.
- The report not only highlights impacts but also offers policy solutions to Improve drought risk management, Enhance resilience in ecosystems and agriculture and Adapt to a drier climate future





Ques: What is the name of India's new hypersonic missile developed under DRDO's Project Vishnu?

- A. Agni Prime
- B. Shaurya II
- C. BrahMos II
- D. Nirbhay-X
- E. ETLDHCM

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India is developing the Extended Trajectory-Long Duration Hypersonic Cruise Missile (ETLDHCM) under DRDO's Project Vishnu, marking a significant leap in defence technology.
- The missile can fly at hypersonic speeds of up to Mach 8 (approximately 11,000 km/h), allowing rapid response and deep strike capability.
- It has a range of 1,500 km and is capable of carrying conventional or nuclear warheads weighing between 1,000 and 2,000 kg.
- This next-gen missile strengthens India's strategic deterrence and long-range precision strike capabilities.

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Ques : Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) signed a Rs.511 crore deal with which organization to build Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLVs)?

- A. DRDO
- B. BARC
- C. ISRO
- D. BEL
- E. IN-SPACe

Answer: C

Explanation :

- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed a Rs.511 crore Transfer of Technology (ToT) deal with ISRO to manufacture and operate Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLVs).
- The SSLV is a three-stage launch vehicle developed by ISRO to carry satellites under 500 kg to Low Earth Orbit (LEO).
- The deal was announced by IN-SPACe, after HAL emerged as the highest bidder among three shortlisted companies.
- Under this deal HAL will receive ISRO's assistance for the first two years to build at least two SSLV rockets. After that, HAL will independently operate SSLV missions.
- The Government of India will bear liability for SSLVs manufactured by HAL, in accordance with international norms.

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Ques: Which British football icon was formally awarded a Knighthood by King Charles III?

- A. Gary Lineker
- B. Wayne Rooney
- C. Steven Gerrard
- D. David Beckham
- E. Harry Kane

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- David Robert Joseph Beckham, the legendary British footballer, was formally conferred a Knighthood by King Charles III.
- Other notable recipients of knighthood in the same honours list include actor Gary Oldman and musician Roger Daltrey.
- The UK government's honours list is officially approved by the monarch.
- Upon receiving a knighthood, a man is granted the title "Sir", and his wife may use the courtesy title "Lady" before her surname, provided she adopts his surname.

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Ques: Where was the first Indian epigraphical reference to Halley's Comet discovered?

- A. Brihadeeswarar Temple, Tamil Nadu
- B. Mallikarjunaswamy Temple, Srisailam
- C. Konark Sun Temple, Odisha
- D. Virupaksha Temple, Hampi
- E. None of the above

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The first Indian epigraphical reference to Halley's Comet was found in a 1456 CE copper plate inscription at the Mallikarjunaswamy Temple in Srisailam, Andhra Pradesh.
- The inscription, from the Vijayanagara period, is written in Sanskrit using the Nagari script.
- It mentions the appearance of a comet and meteor shower, matching the historical record of Halley's Comet in 1456 CE.
- The grant was made by Vijayanagara ruler Mallikarjuna on June 28, 1456 CE (Śaka 1378, Āshāḍha ba. 11) to a Vedic scholar named Limgaṇarya.
- The grant was given to mitigate the calamity believed to be caused by the comet.
- The donated village was named Simgapura, located in Kelajhasima of Hastinavati Vemṭhe.
- Although comets (dhūmaketus) are mentioned in ancient texts, this is the first known inscriptional evidence of Halley's Comet in Indian history.





Ques: Which Indian institution ranked highest in the QS World University Rankings 2026?

- A. IIT Bombay
- B. IISc Bangalore
- C. IIT Kanpur
- D. IIT Delhi
- E. IIT Kharagpur

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- In the QS World University Rankings 2026, IIT Delhi ranked 123rd, making it the highest-ranked Indian institution for the first time in eight years.
- It made a significant leap, improving its rank by 27 positions from 150 in 2025.
- In contrast, IIT Bombay, which usually held the top Indian spot, fell to 129th from 118th last year.
- Globally, MIT secured the 1st rank for the 14th consecutive year, followed by Imperial College London, Stanford, Oxford, and Harvard.
- Other Indian institutions in the top national 10 include IIT Kharagpur (215), IIT Kanpur (222), IIT Guwahati (334), and IIT Roorkee (339).

Ranking of QS World University Rankings 2026 :

- 1 Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- 2 Imperial College London
- 3 Stanford University
- 4 University of Oxford
- 5 Harvard University
- 6 University of Cambridge





Ques : Who is heading the newly formed panel to reduce dependency on coaching centres and review competitive exams?

- A. Subhas Sarkar
- B. Vineet Joshi
- C. Dharmendra Pradhan
- D. Sanjay Kumar
- E. Rajesh Verma

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Union Education Ministry has set up a high-level committee to address the rising dependency on coaching centres and improve the fairness and effectiveness of competitive exams.
- The panel is headed by Vineet Joshi, the Higher Education Secretary.
- The panel includes members from CBSE, NCERT, IITs, NITs, and principals from Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas, and a private school.

Its objectives include:

- Reviewing competitive entrance tests.
- Addressing issues related to dummy schools.
- Evaluating the impact of misleading advertisements by coaching centres.
- Studying gaps in school education like critical thinking, analytical skills, and creativity.
- Recommending reforms to enhance career counselling and promote multiple career pathways.





Ques: Who was the Padma Shri awardee known as ‘Aranya Rishi’ who passed away at the age of 93 in 2025?

- A. Salim Ali
- B. Valmik Thapar
- C. M. K. Ranjitsinh
- D. Maruti Chitampalli
- E. None of the above

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Maruti Chitampalli, renowned environmentalist and wildlife expert, passed away at the age of 93 in Solapur, Maharashtra.
- Fondly known as ‘Aranya Rishi’, he dedicated his life to forests, wildlife, and conservation literature.
- He was awarded the Padma Shri on April 30, 2025, for his contributions.
- Chitampalli served in the Forest Department for 36 years and authored several important works.
- His personal diaries inspired scientific publications such as : ‘Pakshikosha’ – Encyclopedia of Birds, ‘Pashukosha’ – Encyclopedia of Animals and ‘Matsyakosha’ – Encyclopedia of Fish

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Ques: What is the International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice and what does it signify?

- A. Day marking lunar eclipses in both hemispheres
- B. Longest night in Northern Hemisphere
- C. Day when Earth is closest to the Moon
- D. Longest day and shortest night in Northern Hemisphere
- E. None of the above

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- 21st June is observed as the International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice.
- The word Solstice comes from Latin, meaning "stalled sun".
- It is a natural astronomical event that occurs twice every year, once in summer and once in winter, in each hemisphere.
- On 21st June, the Northern Hemisphere experiences the longest day and shortest night of the year.
- This is because the Sun shines directly overhead on the Tropic of Cancer (23.5° North), and the North Pole is tilted towards the Sun, while the South Pole is tilted away.
- The Earth's axis, which is always tilted at 23.5 degrees, is responsible for this phenomenon.
- In contrast, Equinoxes occur twice a year when the Earth's axis is perpendicular to the Sun's rays, resulting in nearly equal day and night across the globe.
- The Vernal (Spring) Equinox occurs around March 20 or 21, and the Autumnal Equinox around September 22 or 23 in the Northern Hemisphere.





Ques: RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.29.60 lakh on which payments bank in June 2025?

- A. Paytm Payments Bank
- B. Fino Payments Bank
- C. India Post Payments Bank
- D. Airtel Payments Bank
- E. Jio Payments Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a Rs.29.60 lakh penalty on Fino Payments Bank.
- The penalty was for non-compliance with RBI's licensing directions for Payments Banks.
- The action was taken under Section 47A(1)(c) read with Section 46(4)(i) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- The violation was discovered during the Supervisory Evaluation (ISE 2024) held on March 31, 2024.
- The bank was found to have exceeded the end-of-day balance ceiling in certain accounts on multiple occasions.
- The penalty is regulatory in nature and does not affect customer services or transactions

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Ques: At which temple has the South Indian Bank installed E-Kiosk and E-Kanika facilities?

- A. Lotus Temple
- B. Akshardham Temple
- C. ISKCON Temple
- D. Birla Mandir
- E. Uttara Guruvayurappan Temple

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- South Indian Bank has launched E-Kiosk and E-Kanika facilities at Uttara Guruvayurappan Temple in New Delhi.
- The E-Kiosk allows devotees to book poojas, scan UPI QR codes, receive instant receipts, and make voluntary donations.
- The E-Kanika feature enables easy digital donations, promoting digital convenience at places of worship.
- This digital initiative was inaugurated on a Saturday, aiming to enhance the spiritual experience using technology.

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Ques: Which state has the Calcutta High Court ordered the Centre to resume MGNREGA from August 1, 2025?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Odisha
- C. Assam
- D. West Bengal
- E. Bihar

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Calcutta High Court has ordered the Union Government to resume MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) in West Bengal starting August 1, 2025.
- The scheme had been suspended in the state since March 2022, after the Centre invoked Section 27 of the Act citing alleged widespread irregularities found during audits.
- The division bench, headed by Chief Justice T S Sivagnanam and Justice Chaitali Chatterjee, ruled that no central scheme can be kept in “cold storage” indefinitely.
- MGNREGA guarantees 100 days of rural employment annually to registered households and is a crucial livelihood support mechanism in rural India.

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Ques: In which state are the new Election Commission initiatives during bye-polls set to be fully introduced in the upcoming Assembly elections?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Election Commission of India (ECI) successfully implemented several new initiatives during bye-polls in five Assembly constituencies.

These include:

- Mobile deposit facility for electors at polling stations.
 - Real-time Voter Turnout Reporting (VTR) updates by Presiding Officers.
 - 100% webcasting at polling stations.
 - Mock poll training for all Presiding Officers.
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- A Special Summary Revision (SSR) of electoral rolls was also carried out before the bye-polls – for the first time in nearly two decades.
 - The ECI confirmed that these reforms will be fully implemented in the upcoming Bihar Assembly Elections, setting a new standard in electoral transparency and efficiency.





Ques : INS Teg, which recently arrived in Mauritius for joint surveillance, is part of which class of Indian Navy ships?

- A. Shivalik-class
- B. Talwar-class
- C. Nilgiri-class
- D. Kolkata-class
- E. Kamorta-class

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- INS Teg is a stealth Talwar-class guided missile frigate of the Indian Navy, deployed in the South West Indian Ocean Region.
- It is part of a trio (along with INS Tarkash and INS Trikand) built at the Yantar Shipyard in Russia under Project 17A.
- The vessel weighs 3,970 tonnes, is 125 meters long, and can reach speeds of 30 knots (56 km/h).
- It carries eight BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles and has an operational range of 4,500 nautical miles (8,334 km).
- INS Teg visited Port Louis, Mauritius (19–22 June 2025) for joint surveillance of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), strengthening maritime cooperation.





Ques: What is the name of the web portal launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development to support gender budgeting initiatives?

- A. Gender Insight Portal
- B. Budget for Women Hub
- C. Gender Budgeting Knowledge Hub
- D. Women Empowerment Gateway
- E. Bharat Gender Dashboard

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) organized a National Consultation on Gender Budgeting at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The event focused on strengthening gender-responsive governance and deliberating on improvements across all sectors.
- As part of the initiative, a dedicated web portal titled 'Gender Budgeting Knowledge Hub' was launched to provide centralized access to data, tools, case studies, and resources related to gender budgeting.
- For FY 2025–26, the Government of India has allocated Rs.4.49 lakh crore under the Gender Budget, reaffirming its commitment to inclusive development under Viksit Bharat@2047.

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Ques: From which factory was the first 'Make in India' diesel locomotive for export flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- A. Chittaranjan Locomotive Works
- B. Marhowrah Diesel Locomotive Factory
- C. Varanasi Diesel Engine Factory
- D. Dankuni Electric Engine Unit
- E. Patiala Rail Coach Factory

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the first 'Make in India' diesel locomotive meant for export from the Marhowrah Diesel Locomotive Factory in Bihar.
- The locomotives were developed in partnership with Wabtec under the 'Make in India' initiative.
- A total of 150 Evolution Series ES43ACmi locomotives will be exported to Guinea, supporting the Simandou iron ore project in West Africa.
- The deal, valued at over Rs.3,000 crore (\$345.9 million), was secured through global competitive bidding.
- These 4,500 HP locomotives include modern features like AC propulsion, regenerative braking, and microprocessor-based controls for efficient freight transport.
- Deliveries are scheduled over three years: 37 units in FY 2024–25, 82 in FY 2025–26, and 31 in FY 2026–27.





Ques : Which three nuclear sites in Iran were targeted by the U.S. airstrikes?

- A. Tehran, Qom, Esfahan
- B. Fordow, Natanz, Isfahan
- C. Bushehr, Yazd, Kerman
- D. Shiraz, Mashhad, Tabriz
- E. Bandar Abbas, Gachin, Qom

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- On 22 June 2025, the U.S. military conducted Operation Midnight Hammer, executing airstrikes on three key Iranian nuclear sites—Fordow, Natanz, and Isfahan using B-2 stealth bombers and long-range missiles
- The strikes involved 30,000-pound bunker-buster bombs aimed at deeply buried enrichment facilities
- President Trump declared the operation a "spectacular military success," stating the sites were "completely and totally obliterated"
- Satellite imagery confirmed significant damage at the sites, particularly to entrances and surface structures
- However, an intelligence assessment from the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) later revealed that while the sites sustained severe damage, Iran's nuclear program was only set back by several months, with core infrastructure largely intact
- Both the IAEA and Iran reported no signs of radioactive contamination related to the strikes





Ques: Which payment bank received the ‘Special Mention Award’ at the Digital Payments Award 2024–25?

- A. Airtel Payments Bank
- B. Paytm Payments Bank
- C. India Post Payments Bank
- D. Fino Payments Bank
- E. Jio Payments Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) received the ‘Special Mention Award’ at the Digital Payments Award 2024–25.
- The award was presented by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Minister of State Pankaj Chaudhary.
- The award was received by R. Visweswaran, the Managing Director and CEO of IPPB.
- It was awarded by the Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Government of India.
- The India Post Payments Bank was also ranked first among all Payment Banks in the Performance Index for FY 2024–25.

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Ques: Which Indian athlete won the Paris Diamond League 2025 javelin event with a throw of 88.16 metres?

- A. Neeraj Chopra
- B. DP Manu
- C. Kishore Jena
- D. Rohit Yadav
- E. Shivpal Singh

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Neeraj Chopra, India's star javelin thrower, won the Paris Diamond League 2025 with a top throw of 88.16 metres in his very first attempt.
- He defeated Germany's Julian Weber, who had earlier beaten Neeraj at the Doha Diamond League in May and the Janusz Kusocinski Memorial event.
- Weber's best on the night was 87.88 metres.
- This victory marks Neeraj's first Diamond League win since June 2023, bringing him back to the top form ahead of key global athletics events.

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Ques: Where was India's largest Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal inaugurated by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw?

- A. Gurugram, Haryana
- B. Manesar, Haryana
- C. Sanand, Gujarat
- D. Chakan, Maharashtra
- E. Faridabad, Haryana

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated India's largest Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal at Maruti Suzuki India Limited's Manesar plant in Haryana.
- The terminal is capable of handling up to 4.5 lakh automobiles annually, making it one of the highest-capacity automobile rail hubs in India.
- A 10 km dedicated rail link connects the Manesar facility to Patli railway station.
- The terminal was developed under the Prime Minister Gati Shakti National Master Plan with an investment of Rs.800 crore.
- On the occasion, the minister also announced 100 new MEMU trains and 50 Namo Bharat trains to enhance regional rail services.

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Ques: What is the name of the new app launched by Swiggy to offer premium lifestyle and travel concierge services?

- A. Swift
- B. Swiggy Elite
- C. Crew
- D. Prime Life
- E. Voyage

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Swiggy has launched a new app called Crew to enter the premium lifestyle and travel concierge services segment.
- The app offers personalized services such as securing international driving permits, custom travel planning, and curated gifts within a defined budget.
- Crew is currently in beta and available to select users only on both Apple App Store and Google Play Store.
- It is developed by Bundl Technologies Pvt Ltd, Swiggy's parent company.

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Ques: Which French company partnered with Reliance Aerostructure Limited to manufacture Falcon 2000 business jets in India?

- A. Airbus
- B. Dassault Aviation
- C. Safran
- D. Thales Group
- E. ATR

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Reliance Aerostructure Limited (RAL) has entered into a strategic partnership with Dassault Aviation of France to manufacture Falcon 2000 business jets in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- This partnership was announced at the Paris Air Show 2025.
- It marks the first time Dassault will manufacture these jets outside of France.
- The first Indian-assembled Falcon 2000 jet is expected to be delivered by 2028.
- With this development, India will become the 5th country globally with the capability to manufacture executive business jets, after France, Canada, Brazil, and the USA.

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Ques: Which initiative was introduced to provide digitally verifiable identity credentials to farmers under the Agri Stack platform?

- A. Kisan Sahayata Patra
- B. Digital Kisan Card
- C. Kisan Pehchan Patra
- D. Agro Identity Token
- E. Bharat Farm ID

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- At the National Conference on Agri Stack in New Delhi, the Kisan Pehchan Patra was introduced as a Digitally Verifiable Credential.
- It allows farmers to generate verified digital identities linked to their land holdings and crop details.
- An MoU was signed by the State Governments of Maharashtra, Kerala, Bihar, and Odisha, along with the PSB Alliance, and the National Farmers Welfare Program Implementation Society under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- The Agri Stack is an open-source Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) containing comprehensive data on farmers such as identity, land records, crop history, income, loans, insurance, and more.
- The Government of India has allocated Rs.6,000 crore to support digital agriculture initiatives—Rs.4,000 crore for farmer registry systems and Rs.2,000 crore for digital crop surveys.





Ques : Where did President Droupadi Murmu inaugurate Rashtrapati Tapovan and Rashtrapati Niketan?

- A. Shimla
- B. Nainital
- C. Mussoorie
- D. Dehradun
- E. Ranikhet

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated Rashtrapati Tapovan and Rashtrapati Niketan in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
- She also laid the foundation stone for Rashtrapati Udyan, a 132-acre public park designed to be fully accessible to specially abled people.
- Rashtrapati Niketan, earlier known as the Presidential Retreat, has heritage roots dating back to 1838, originally serving as a summer camp for the Governor General's bodyguard.
- Rashtrapati Tapovan is a 19-acre Presidential Estate in the foothills of the Himalayas.
- The overall initiative aims to enhance community engagement, wellness, and civic pride.

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Ques: What initiative has the Delhi government launched to mitigate pollution through artificial rain?

- A. Rainwater Harvesting Drive
- B. Cloud Observatory Establishment
- C. Cloud Seeding Pilot Project
- D. Urban Fog Dispersal Program
- E. Monsoon Extension Experiment

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Delhi government is set to implement its first-ever artificial rain pilot project to tackle pollution.
- Titled "Technology Demonstration and Evaluation of Cloud Seeding as an Alternative for Delhi NCR Pollution Mitigation," the project is being carried out in collaboration with IIT Kanpur.
- The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has confirmed the meteorological feasibility of cloud seeding over the NCR.
- A total of five cloud seeding flights (sorties) are planned, each covering 100 sq. km and lasting at least 1 hour 30 minutes over non-sensitive zones of northwest and outer Delhi.
- Nimbostratus clouds, ranging between 500 to 6,000 meters above ground, will be targeted for the experiment.
- The project has a total estimated cost of Rs.3.21 crore, fully funded by the Department of Environment, Government of NCT of Delhi.





Ques: Amazon India has launched its diagnostics service in collaboration with which company?

- A. Healthians
- B. Orange Health Labs
- C. Metropolis
- D. Dr. Lal PathLabs
- E. Thyrocare

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Amazon India launched its at-home diagnostic service, Amazon Diagnostics, in partnership with Orange Health Labs.
- The service enables customers to book lab tests, schedule and track appointments, and access digital reports through the Amazon app.
- It covers over 450 PIN codes across six major cities: Bengaluru, Delhi, Gurgaon, Noida, Mumbai, and Hyderabad.
- This initiative strengthens Amazon's presence in India's growing healthcare and diagnostics sector.

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Ques : PM Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of development projects worth how much in Odisha in June 2025?

- A. Rs.8,600 crore
- B. Rs.12,000 crore
- C. Rs.18,600 crore
- D. Rs.20,000 crore
- E. Rs.25,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation for development projects worth over Rs.18,600 crore in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, marking one year of the state's first BJP-led government.
- These projects cover key sectors like drinking water, irrigation, health, agriculture, infrastructure, and rail connectivity.
- He launched new train services connecting Boudh district to the national railway network and flagged off 100 electric buses under the CRUT urban transport system.
- The Odisha Vision Document and Baraputra Aitihya Gram Yojana were also launched to honor iconic Odia personalities.
- Schemes like Ayushman Bharat, Gopabandhu Jan Arogya Yojana, and Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana will now provide free treatment up to Rs.5 lakh for over 23 lakh senior citizens.

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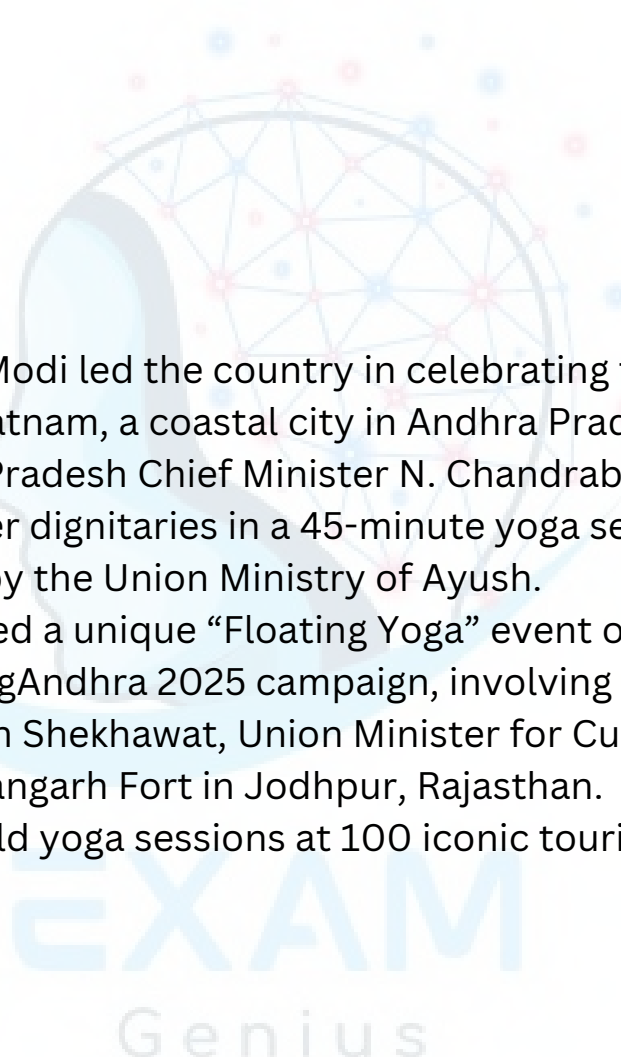
Ques: Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi lead the 11th International Day of Yoga celebrations in 2025?

- A. Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
- B. Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
- C. Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- D. Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- E. Bengaluru, Karnataka

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the country in celebrating the 11th International Day of Yoga from Visakhapatnam, a coastal city in Andhra Pradesh.
- He was joined by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, MoS Ayush Prataprao Jadhav, and other dignitaries in a 45-minute yoga session.
- The event was organised by the Union Ministry of Ayush.
- Andhra Pradesh also hosted a unique “Floating Yoga” event on the Krishna River in Vijayawada as part of its YogAndhra 2025 campaign, involving 200+ watercraft.
- Meanwhile, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister for Culture and Tourism, led a yoga celebration at Mehrangarh Fort in Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
- The Ministry of Culture held yoga sessions at 100 iconic tourist destinations and 50 cultural sites across India.





Ques: When is United Nations Public Service Day observed each year to recognize the value of public service?

- A. 20 June
- B. 23 June
- C. 25 June
- D. 30 June
- E. 1 July

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The United Nations General Assembly designated 23 June as Public Service Day in 2002 to acknowledge the role of public service in development and improving lives.
- The UN Public Service Awards (UNPSA) were launched in 2003 to recognize excellence and innovation in public administration.
- In 2016, the awards were aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- The 2025 UN Public Service Forum will be held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan from 23–25 June, under the theme “Five Years to 2030: Accelerating Public Service Delivery for a Sustainable Future.”

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Ques: When is World Rainforest Day observed every year to raise awareness about rainforest conservation?

- A. June 5
- B. June 21
- C. June 22
- D. July 1
- E. May 31

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Rainforest Day is observed every year on June 22 to highlight the critical importance of rainforests and the urgent need to preserve them.
- The observance was initiated in 2017 by the Rainforest Partnership, a non-profit organization.
- Rainforests are dense, evergreen forests that receive high rainfall and are located across all continents except Antarctica.
- The two largest rainforests are the Amazon Rainforest in South America and the Congo Rainforest in Africa.
- The day encourages global action to protect these ecosystems, which are vital for climate balance, biodiversity, and sustaining life on Earth.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

The Maharashtra government issued a new order stating that Hindi will “generally” be the third language in Marathi and English medium schools from Classes 1 to 5.

Tech major Google opened Google Safety Engineering Centre, India (GSEC India) in Hyderabad. A first such facility in the Asia-Pacific region and fourth globally of Google

Department of Forest and Wildlife, Uttar Pradesh approved Rs 1.5 crore for the establishment of two new Rhino Rehabilitation Areas in Dudhwa National Park situated in Lakhimpur Kheri, Uttar Pradesh

The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) is a global agreement aimed at preventing the spread of nuclear weapons and related technology. It was signed in 1968 and came into force in 1970. Amid rising tensions with Israel, Iran’s Parliament is considering a bill to withdraw from the NPT

Jio Financial Services Limited (JFSL) acquire Jio Payments Bank Limited (JPBL)’s 17.83% Stake at a Cost of Rs.104.54 crores from State Bank of India (SBI)

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade has issued Notification to restrict import of alloys of Palladium, Rhodium, and Iridium containing more than 1% gold by weight.

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Ques : What is the name of the upgraded system that NPCI will launch in July 2025 to enhance recurring transactions like salaries, pensions, and EMIs?

- A. UPI 3.0
- B. RTGS 2.0
- C. IMPS Pro
- D. NACH 3.0
- E. BHIM Advanced

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- NACH 3.0 (National Automated Clearing House) is being launched by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) in the first week of July 2025.
- It will enhance processing of recurring payments like salaries, pensions, EMIs, and SIPs.
- NACH 3.0 will impact recurring payment ecosystems throughout India with improvements like encrypted data transfer, better file management, and real-time warnings.

About National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) :

- Established : 2008
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- CEO & MD : Dilip Asbe
- Non Executive Chairman : Ajay Kumar Choudhary





Ques: What is the name of the platform being developed by RBI and banks to combat digital payment frauds?

- A. UPI Secure Platform
- B. Bharat Fraud Shield
- C. DPIP (Digital Payment Intelligence Platform)
- D. DigiRaksha Portal
- E. PaySafe India

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- To address the rising issue of digital payment frauds, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is collaborating with major public and private sector banks to build a new platform named DPIP (Digital Payment Intelligence Platform).
- DPIP will function as a Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) under RBI's supervision and will enable real-time intelligence sharing and advanced data analytics to detect and prevent digital frauds.
- This initiative is a direct response to the growing fraud volumes, which reached Rs.36,014 crore in FY25, with a large chunk of these being digital in nature.
- The platform is expected to become operational within a few months and will significantly enhance fraud risk management across the Indian banking ecosystem.

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Ques: What is the revised base year for the new CPI series as per the latest government update?

- A. 2011-12
- B. 2022-23
- C. 2023-24
- D. 2024
- E. 2015

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has announced that the base year for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) will be updated to 2024.
- The current CPI base year is 2012, which was revised in 2015.
- The new base will reflect updated consumption patterns based on the Household Consumer Expenditure Survey (HCES) 2023-24.
- Over 407 items are expected to be included in the expanded CPI basket.
- This update aims to improve the accuracy of retail inflation measurement and serve as a more effective macroeconomic indicator.

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Ques : Under which scheme did Punjab National Bank (PNB) provide Rs.17.02 crore support to the families of deceased defence and paramilitary personnel?

- A. Rakshak Suraksha Yojana
- B. Rakshak Plus Scheme
- C. Veer Nari Scheme
- D. Sena Saathi Scheme
- E. Raksha Bandhan Scheme

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Punjab National Bank (PNB) extended Rs.17.02 crore under its Rakshak Plus Scheme to the families of 26 deceased defence and paramilitary personnel.
- The scheme offers Rs.1 crore personal accidental insurance for death or permanent total disability and Rs.1.5 crore air accidental coverage.
- This initiative reinforces PNB's commitment to supporting the armed forces and their families through strong financial protection.

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Ques : Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of Sa-Dhan during its 27th AGM?

- A. K. Paul Thomas
- B. P. Satish
- C. M.S. Sriram
- D. Harsh Kumar Bhanwala
- E. Ajay Kumar Srivastava

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- K. Paul Thomas, MD & CEO of ESAF Small Finance Bank (based in Thrissur, Kerala), has been appointed as the Chairperson of Sa-Dhan.
- The appointment took place during Sa-Dhan's 27th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) held in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Sa-Dhan, established in 1999 and headquartered in New Delhi, is a recognized self-regulatory organization (SRO) and a national-level association of community development finance institutions.

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Ques: Which state government has barred HDFC, ICICI, and Axis Bank from handling government business and deposits?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Odisha
- C. West Bengal
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. Karnataka

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Odisha Government has barred HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, and Axis Bank from managing its business and deposits due to poor performance in government schemes over the past two years.
- This directive includes transferring all current and savings accounts from these banks to others, while fixed deposits will be closed only upon maturity to avoid interest losses.
- The move is intended to safeguard government funds and ensure higher standards of banking service in the implementation of public welfare schemes.

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Ques: Under which section has the I-T Department granted 10-year TDS exemption for IFSC units?

- A. Section 10AA
- B. Section 80LA
- C. Section 54EC
- D. Section 115BAB
- E. Section 44AD

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Income Tax Department has granted a 10-year TDS exemption under Section 80LA for specified businesses operating in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).
- The exemption covers 17 types of payments including professional fees, interest income, rent, technical services, and brokerage commissions.
- It applies to entities like Recognised Stock Exchanges, Finance Companies, Fund Managers, and Depositories, among others.
- Effective from July 1, the exemption can be availed for any 10 consecutive assessment years as selected by the payee.
- To avail the exemption, beneficiaries must submit Form No. 1, and the payer shall not deduct TDS during those years.
- The move aims to promote export-oriented financial services in the IFSC by reducing the tax burden and boosting business.





Ques : What is the name of the new rules being notified to make Indian Standard Time (IST) mandatory across India?

- A. Indian Time Standardization Act, 2025
- B. National Time Synchronization Rules, 2025
- C. Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules, 2025
- D. National Time Uniformity Policy, 2025
- E. IST Enforcement Regulation, 2025

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Government of India is set to notify the Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules, 2025 to make the use of Indian Standard Time (IST) mandatory for legal, commercial, digital, and administrative purposes.
- IST (UTC+5:30) is calculated from the 82°30'E meridian which passes through Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh and is maintained by CSIR-NPL.
- Historically, regions like Assam use an informal time called 'Chaibagan Time', which is one hour ahead of IST, introduced by British tea companies for productivity.
- The move towards 'One Nation, One Time' seeks to eliminate multiple time practices and standardize official timing across the country.

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Ques: Which stealth frigate of the Indian Navy will be commissioned on July 1, 2025?

- A. INS Vikrant
- B. INS Tushil
- C. INS Kalvari
- D. INS Tamal
- E. INS Shivalik

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Indian Navy will commission INS Tamal, a stealth multi-role frigate, on July 1, 2025, in Kaliningrad, Russia.
- It is the last warship of the Indian Navy to be constructed outside India, marking a milestone in the Atmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives.
- Part of the Krivak-class (Tushil class), INS Tamal will be the eighth such frigate to be inducted from Russia.
- The vessel includes 26% indigenous components, including the BrahMos missile system, advanced sensors, and weapons.
- Weighing 3,900 tonnes, it features enhanced stealth and stability, and will join the Western Fleet post-commissioning.

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Ques : Which Indian state set two Guinness World Records during the International Yoga Day 2025 celebrations under the Yogandhra initiative?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. Karnataka

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Under the Yogandhra initiative, Andhra Pradesh set two Guinness World Records and a total of 23 global records during International Yoga Day 2025 celebrations held in Visakhapatnam.
- Record 1: 22,122 tribal students performed 108 Surya Namaskars over 108 minutes in a single session.
- Record 2: On June 21, more than 3 lakh people participated in a synchronized yoga session along a 28-km stretch of RK Beach in Visakhapatnam, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu described IYD 2025 as a historic event for the state.

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Ques : What major change is the ICC considering for smaller nations in the 2027-29 World Test Championship cycle?

- A. Using pink balls in all matches
- B. Allowing two innings per day
- C. Replacing Tests with T20s
- D. Sanctioning four-day Test matches
- E. Introducing day-night Tests only

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) is considering allowing four-day Test matches for smaller nations during the 2027-29 World Test Championship cycle.
- However, traditional cricketing powerhouses like India, Australia, and England will still be allowed to play five-day Tests.
- The aim is to enable smaller nations to play more Test matches and longer series.
- The 2025–27 cycle will continue with the five-day format, starting with Sri Lanka vs Bangladesh.
- In four-day Tests, a minimum of 98 overs per day will be mandated instead of 90 to compensate for lost time.

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Ques: Where is IFFCO setting up its first overseas nano-fertiliser manufacturing plant?

- A. USA
- B. Argentina
- C. Brazil
- D. Sri Lanka
- E. Nepal

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- IFFCO (Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative) is establishing its first international nano-fertiliser manufacturing plant in Paraná province, Brazil.
- The facility is part of a 7:3 joint venture between IFFCO's subsidiary IFFCO Nanoventions and Brazilian company NANO FERT.
- The plant will have a production capacity of 4.5 million litres per year, with trial production expected to begin by the end of 2025.
- The move aims to meet rising global demand for nano-fertilisers, which have shown effectiveness in increasing crop yields and reducing traditional fertiliser use by over 20% in crops like corn, soybean, sugarcane, and coffee.

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Ques : Which Indian state has launched the country's first Yoga Policy to become a global wellness capital?

- A. Kerala
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Sikkim
- D. Uttarakhand
- E. Goa

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Uttarakhand has become the first state in India to launch a Yoga Policy, announced by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on the 11th International Yoga Day.
- The policy includes up to Rs.20 lakh subsidy for establishing yoga and wellness centres and up to Rs.10 lakh in grants for research in yoga, meditation, and naturopathy.
- The state aims to establish five new yoga hubs by 2030 and ensure yoga services in all AYUSH Health and Wellness Centers by March 2026.
- A booklet on the Yoga Policy was released and a sapling was planted under the initiative "Ek Vriksha, Yoga Ke Naam".
- Uttarakhand will also set up one Spiritual Economic Zone each in Garhwal and Kumaon, and two new cities focused on yoga, ayurveda, and spirituality in mountainous areas.

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Ques : Which organization has launched India's first national rare blood donor registry?

- A. AIIMS
- B. ICMR-NIIH
- C. CDSCO
- D. NACO
- E. DGHS

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The National Institute of Immunohaematology (NIIH), under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), launched India's first national rare blood donor registry in Mumbai.
- This registry will help patients with rare blood groups (such as those with thalassemia or sickle cell disease) who require frequent blood transfusions.
- Rare blood groups are defined by absence of high-frequency antigens, negative for common antigen combinations, or null phenotypes.
- The registry will be integrated with the e-Raktkosh portal – a centralized blood bank management system launched on 7th April 2016.
- Most Indian blood banks currently test only for ABO and RhD, while the International Society of Blood Transfusion (ISBT) recognizes 360+ antigens in 47 blood group systems, many of which are not routinely tested.

Genius





Ques : What is the name of the UPSC's new platform launched to help top non-recommended candidates connect with employers?

- A. UPSC Gateway
- B. Talent Connect
- C. Pratibha Setu
- D. Career Link
- E. UPSC Merit Pool

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has launched 'Pratibha Setu', a strategic platform to connect non-recommended but meritorious candidates with verified employers like ministries, PSUs, autonomous bodies, and private firms.
- PRATIBHA stands for Professional Resource And Talent Integration – Bridge for Hiring Aspirants.
- It replaces the older Public Disclosure Scheme (PDS).
- It includes candidates from major UPSC exams such as Civil Services, Engineering Services, Indian Forest Service, etc., who cleared all stages but did not make the final merit list.
- Exams like NDA & NA, CBI LDCE, CISF AC(EXE) LDCE, etc., are not included in this scheme.

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Ques: Under which scheme did Bihar CM Nitish Kumar increase the welfare pension from Rs.400 to Rs.1,100?

- A. Jeevika Scheme
- B. Mukhyamantri Vridhjan Pension Yojna
- C. Social Security Pension Scheme
- D. Mai-Baap Samman Yojna
- E. Garib Kalyan Pension Yojna

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Ahead of Assembly elections, Bihar CM Nitish Kumar increased the monthly pension under the Social Security Pension Scheme from Rs.400 to Rs.1,100.
- The hike will benefit over 1.09 crore people, including senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and widowed women.
- The revised amount will be credited to beneficiaries' accounts by the 10th of every month, starting from July 2025.
- This move counters RJD's earlier promise under the Mai-Baap Samman Yojna to raise pensions to Rs.1,500.
- The CM also highlighted the Jeevika Project, which has empowered 1.4 crore women through self-help groups.

EXAM
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Ques : What is the name of the global initiative launched by the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) ahead of International Day of Yoga 2025?

- A. Yoga Maitri
- B. Yoga Bandhan
- C. Yoga Samvad
- D. Yog Setu
- E. Global Yoga Connect

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Yoga Bandhan is a global initiative launched by the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) under the Ministry of Ayush.
- It brought together yoga ambassadors from 17 countries, including academicians and wellness experts.
- Held in New Delhi, it aims to promote institution-to-institution partnerships and strengthen India's leadership in yoga diplomacy globally.
- It is one of the 10 Signature Events in the run-up to International Day of Yoga 2025.

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Ques : What is the name of the new prize announced by the Indian government to promote drug research for Sickle Cell Disease?

- A. Rani Durgavati Award
- B. Tribal Innovation Prize
- C. Bhagwan Birsa Munda Prize
- D. Sickle Cure Excellence Award
- E. AIIMS Research Fellowship

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Government of India has announced the Bhagwan Birsa Munda Prize to promote research and development of drugs for Sickle Cell Disease.
- The announcement was made by Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Durgadas Uikey at AIIMS, New Delhi, on World Sickle Cell Day – 19 June 2025.
- The prize will offer funding up to Rs.10 crore for approved drug research proposals.
- The government aims to eliminate genetic transmission of sickle cell disease by 2047.
- The National Mission to Eliminate Sickle Cell Anaemia was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 1st July 2023 in Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh.

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Ques : Where was the Gharial Species Conservation Programme launched by the Union Environment Minister in June 2025?

- A. National Chambal Sanctuary
- B. Gir Forest National Park
- C. Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary
- D. Dudhwa National Park
- E. Bhitarkanika Wildlife Sanctuary

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav launched the Gharial Species Conservation Programme on 20 June 2025 at Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, Uttar Pradesh, by releasing seven one-year-old gharial hatchlings into the Gerua River.
- The Indian Gharial (*Gavialis gangeticus*) is critically endangered, as per the IUCN Red List.
- The species is found in three tributaries of the Ganga: Chambal, Gerua (also called Girwa) in India, and Rapti-Narayani in Nepal.
- The National Chambal Sanctuary, spanning MP, Rajasthan, and UP, hosts about 77% of the global gharial population.
- The Project Crocodile was launched in 1975 with UNDP and FAO support to protect species like the gharial.

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Nellai Su. Muthu, a renowned Tamil science writer and former scientist of Indian Space Research Organisation passed away. He served as a Senior Scientist at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

Professor Suman Chakraborty Appointed as Director of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur for Five years. He Replaced Professor Amit Patra

BSNL has soft-launched Quantum 5G Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) in Hyderabad, India's first fully indigenous, SIM-less 5G FWA service, delivering fibre-like speeds via 5G radio

In order to introduce co-branded credit cards, Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) partnered strategically with SBI Cards and Payment Services Limited (SBI Card), a State Bank of India (SBI) subsidiary and one of India's top credit card issuers.

UGRO Capital Limited announced the acquisition of Profectus Capital Private Limited from Actis' companies Actis PC (Mauritius) and Actis Investment (Mauritius) in an all-cash deal worth Rs 1,400 crore.

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Ques: What amount has the RBI announced for the VRRR auction to absorb surplus liquidity on June 27, 2025?

- A. Rs.50,000 crore
- B. Rs.75,000 crore
- C. Rs.1 lakh crore
- D. Rs.1.5 lakh crore
- E. Rs.2 lakh crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has scheduled a 7-day Variable Rate Reverse Repo (VRRR) auction of Rs.1 lakh crore on June 27, 2025 to absorb surplus liquidity in the banking system.
- This decision follows a rise in surplus liquidity to Rs.2.43 lakh crore as of June 23, 2025.
- RBI aims to keep liquidity surplus around 1% of total deposits to maintain monetary stability and prevent economic overheating.
- This move is part of RBI's active liquidity management strategy, especially as experts anticipate the surplus could rise to Rs.4.5 lakh crore by month-end due to increased government spending.
- RBI had earlier skipped its 14-day VRRR auction on June 13, indicating a shift toward shorter-term tools for liquidity adjustment.

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Ques : Where was the Sarhad Shauryathon 2025 held?

- A. Leh
- B. Dras, Ladakh
- C. Kargil City
- D. Srinagar
- E. Nubra Valley

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Sarhad Shauryathon 2025 was held at the Kargil War Memorial in Dras, which is one of the coldest inhabited places in the world and a symbol of India's military valor.
- It was organized by the Indian Army, in collaboration with Sarhad Foundation, Pune, and the local civil administration of Kargil.
- Over 25,000 athletes participated in race categories of 3 km, 5 km, 10 km, and 21 km, making it a major event that combined patriotism, fitness, and national unity.

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Ques: What is the name of the day being commemorated on 25th June 2025 to mark 50 years since the Emergency in India?

- A. Constitution Day
- B. National Democracy Day
- C. Samvidhan Hatya Diwas
- D. Emergency Remembrance Day
- E. Bharat Swatantrata Diwas

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Union Ministry of Culture, in collaboration with the Government of Delhi, will observe Samvidhan Hatya Diwas on 25th June 2025 at Thyagaraj Stadium, New Delhi, to mark 50 years since the imposition of Emergency in 1975.
- In 2024, the Government of India officially designated June 25 as Samvidhan Hatya Diwas.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah will flag off the "Long Live Democracy Yatra" by MYBharat volunteers to promote democratic values and constitutional awareness.
- The Ministry is also organizing exhibitions at 50 key locations in each State and UT, titled "Long Live Democracy", to educate the public about lessons from the Emergency.

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Ques: Who has become the first female and first African president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)?

- A. Fatma Samoura
- B. Kirsty Coventry
- C. Tegla Loroupe
- D. Hassiba Boulmerka
- E. Nawal El Moutawakel

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Kirsty Coventry, a former Olympic swimmer from Zimbabwe, has been appointed as the first female and first African president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
- She was appointed at Olympic House in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- Her tenure is eight years, and she replaces Thomas Bach, a German lawyer and 1976 Olympic fencing champion, who completed his 12-year term.
- Kirsty won two Olympic gold medals in the 200m backstroke at the 2004 Athens and 2008 Beijing Games.
- Thomas Bach now becomes the Honorary President of the IOC and has offered to advise Coventry if needed.

About International Olympic Committee :

- Established : 23 June 1894
- HQ : Lausanne, Switzerland
- Members : 110 active members, 39 honorary members, 206 individual National Olympic Committees





Ques : Which traditional Goan percussion instrument, declared the State Heritage Instrument in 2019, is crafted from clay and animal skin?

- A. Mridangam
- B. Ghumot
- C. Dholak
- D. Pakhawaj
- E. Maddalam

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Ghumot is a traditional mud-based membranophone percussion instrument of Goa, declared the State Heritage Instrument in 2019.
- It is crafted from clay and covered with animal skin – traditionally monitor lizard skin, but now replaced with goat, buffalo skin, or synthetic materials due to wildlife protection regulations.
- The instrument is linked to tribal and caste-based potter communities and is used across Hindu and Christian communities in Goa, symbolizing the region's syncretic culture.
- Ghumots come in different sizes and forms for children, women, amateurs, and professionals.
- The process includes shaping clay, firing, membrane preparation, and coir rope tuning to achieve the desired sound

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Ques: India is developing a conventional variant of which intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) with a 7.5-tonne warhead?

- A. Prithvi-II
- B. Agni-V
- C. Shaurya
- D. K-4
- E. Agni-IV

Answer: B

Explanation :

- India has initiated preliminary development of a conventional variant of its Agni-V ICBM, equipped with a 7.5-tonne warhead.
- While the nuclear version of Agni-V has a range of over 5,000 km, the new conventional variant will have a reduced range of 2,000–2,500 km due to the heavier payload.
- Developed by DRDO, Agni-V is a three-stage solid-fuel missile known for high precision.
- The missile will carry two types of warheads — Airburst (for destroying surface military infrastructure) and Bunker Buster (for hitting deep underground facilities up to 100 meters).

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Ques: As per the new government order, which pension benefits will central government employees under UPS be entitled to in case of death in service or invalidation?

- A. NPS Benefits
- B. CPF Benefits
- C. GRAT Benefits
- D. PFRDA Benefits
- E. OPS Benefits

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare under MoPPG&P has clarified that central government employees who opted for UPS (Unified Pension Scheme) will be entitled to OPS (Old Pension Scheme) benefits if they die in service or are discharged due to invalidation or disablement.
- These benefits are under the CCS (Payment of Gratuity under NPS) Pension Rules, 2021 or the CCS (Extraordinary Pension) Rules, 2023.
- Employees with 25+ years of service are guaranteed a pension of 50% of the average basic salary of the last 12 months before retirement.
- A minimum pension of Rs.10,000/month is applicable for those with 10+ years of service, and 60% of last pension is provided to the family upon the pensioner's death.
- Employees contribute 10% of basic + DA, and the government contributes 18.5%, which is higher than the 14% under NPS.
- In case of in-service death, the last option exercised by the employee will be final and irrevocable.



Ques: Which institute has partnered with the Ministry of Panchayati Raj to train Panchayats on Own Source Revenue generation?

- A. IIM Bangalore
- B. IIM Ahmedabad
- C. NIRDPR Hyderabad
- D. IGNOU
- E. IRMA Anand

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) has partnered with IIM Ahmedabad to launch a Training of Trainers (ToT) program focused on the generation of Own Source Revenue (OSR) by Gram Panchayats.
- The program was inaugurated by Shri Vivek Bharadwaj, Secretary, MoPR, at IIPA, New Delhi.
- It is conducted under the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) to help Panchayats become financially self-reliant and development-ready.
- Faculty from IIM Ahmedabad and master trainers from 16 States/UTs are participating in the initiative.
- IIM Ahmedabad was praised for developing a research-based, field-aligned module that will be promoted at the state and district levels.
- The initiative aims to build a network of well-trained, financially aware Panchayat officials across India to promote local governance and fiscal autonomy.





Ques : What is the title of the second volume of speeches by President Droupadi Murmu, covering August 2023 – July 2024?

- A. Voice of the Nation – Volume 2
- B. Wings to Our Hopes – Volume 2
- C. Rashtrapati Speaks – Volume 2
- D. President's Vision – Volume 2
- E. Echoes of Rashtrapati Bhavan – Volume 2

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- "Wings to Our Hopes – Volume 2" is a collection of 51 speeches by President Droupadi Murmu during her second year in office (Aug 2023–Jul 2024).
- It reflects her vision, philosophy, and priorities.
- The book is compiled by Rashtrapati Bhavan and published by the Publications Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- It will be released in both Hindi and English, including an e-version, by Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh on 23rd June at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

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Ques: Where was India's first-ever commercial deployment of hydrogen-powered buses flagged off?

- A. Shimla
- B. Gangtok
- C. Leh
- D. Manali
- E. Srinagar

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- NTPC Limited flagged off five hydrogen fuel cell-based buses for India's first commercial hydrogen bus operations in Leh.
- These green hydrogen-powered buses were handed over to the State Industrial Development Corporation.
- Notably, the world's highest hydrogen fueling station (at 11,562 feet) was launched in Leh by NTPC in November 2024, supporting the green hydrogen initiative.

EXAM
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Ques: Who is the first Asian bowler to take 150 Test wickets in SENA countries (South Africa, England, New Zealand, and Australia)?

- A. Wasim Akram
- B. Lasith Malinga
- C. Anil Kumble
- D. Pat Cummins
- E. Jasprit Bumrah

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Jasprit Bumrah became the first Asian bowler to claim 150 Test wickets in SENA countries (South Africa, England, New Zealand, and Australia).
- He reached this milestone during a Test against England at Headingley, where he took a five-wicket haul (5/83).
- This was Bumrah's 11th five-wicket haul in WTC history, surpassing Pat Cummins (10).
- He is now the third Asian bowler after Wasim Akram and Lasith Malinga to register 10 five-wicket hauls in SENA countries.

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Ques: What is the aim of the NAVYA pilot initiative launched by MWCD and MSDE?

- A. Promote health care for girls
- B. Provide free education for girls
- C. Promote sports in rural areas
- D. Launch scholarship scheme
- E. Vocational skill training for adolescent girls

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- NAVYA (Nurturing Aspirations through Vocational Training for Young Adolescent Girls) is a pilot initiative jointly launched by Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) and Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) on 24th June 2025 in Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh.
- It targets girls aged 16–18 years (minimum qualification: Class 10) and provides vocational training in non-traditional job roles.
- The programme will be implemented in 27 districts across 19 states, focusing on aspirational districts and the North-East.
- It is supported by key schemes like PMKVY and PM Vishwakarma to create a robust ecosystem for skill development.
- The initiative aims to enhance confidence, skills, and self-reliance among adolescent girls, making them future-ready.

Genius





Ques : What is the name of the high-performance computing facility recently introduced by ICMR at NIV Pune?

- A. NAKSHATRA
- B. SAHASRA
- C. ASTRA
- D. PRATYUSH
- E. VIGYAN

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has launched NAKSHATRA, a high-performance computing (HPC) cluster at its National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune.
- It comprises 12 compute nodes, 700 cores, and 1 petabyte of storage capacity.
- NAKSHATRA will enable faster and more efficient analysis of complex genomic data using NGS, transcriptomics, metagenomics, phylogenetics, and AI-based vaccine development.
- It was developed under the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PMABHIM).
- The facility also serves as a central sequencing data repository and supports five ICMR institutes and Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDLs) nationwide.

EXAM
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Ques: Which Gulf country has become the first to impose a personal income tax, starting 2028?

- A. UAE
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. Bahrain
- D. Oman
- E. Qatar

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Oman has issued a royal decree to become the first Gulf country to impose personal income tax starting in 2028.
- The tax rate will be 5% and will apply only to individuals earning more than 42,000 Omani Rials annually (approx. \$109,000).
- This move will impact the top 1% of income earners and aims to diversify Oman's economy and increase non-oil revenue.
- The tax implementation aligns with the country's Vision 2040 reform strategy focused on long-term economic sustainability.

EXAM
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Ques: Who chaired the 47th Annual General Meeting of the Prime Ministers Museum and Library (PMML) Society in New Delhi?

- A. Shri Rajnath Singh
- B. Shri Amit Shah
- C. Shri G. Kishan Reddy
- D. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan
- E. Shri Narendra Modi

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired the 47th Annual General Meeting of the Prime Ministers Museum and Library (PMML) Society at Teen Murti Bhawan, New Delhi.
- He proposed the idea of a “Museum Map of India” to offer a unified cultural perspective of museums nationwide.
- He also suggested the formation of five-member committees from each State under 35 years of age to generate innovative inputs on museum development.

EXAM
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Ques: What is the revised auto-settlement limit for EPFO advance claims as of FY 2024-25?

- A. Rs.1 lakh
- B. Rs.2 lakhs
- C. Rs.3 lakhs
- D. Rs.5 lakhs
- E. Rs.10 lakhs

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has increased the auto-settlement limit for advance claims from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.5 lakhs to improve service delivery and provide quicker financial assistance.
- This system, initially introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic, allows for advance claims related to illness, education, marriage, and housing to be settled automatically without human intervention.
- In FY 2024-25, EPFO settled a record 2.34 crore advance claims through auto-mode, a 161% increase from the previous year.
- 59% of all advance claims in the year were processed via the auto-settlement system, ensuring faster disbursements and greater transparency.

EXAM
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Ques: What was the main objective of the ‘Beej Utsav’ held in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat?

- A. Promote hybrid seed usage
- B. Train farmers for export markets
- C. Promote indigenous seeds and seed sovereignty
- D. Introduce new GM crops
- E. Launch crop insurance scheme

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- A 4-day ‘Beej Utsav’ (Seed Festival) was held in the tribal regions at the tri-junction of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat, aimed at promoting indigenous seeds and seed sovereignty.
- Over 9,400 tribal participants, including women and children, engaged in learning about seed preservation, biodiversity, and environmental awareness.
- Activities included Beej Samvad (seed dialogues), biodiversity fairs, seed ball making, and plantation drives across more than 60 panchayats.
- Awards like ‘Beej Mitra’ and ‘Beej Mata’ were given to farmers who preserved traditional seeds.
- The festival aimed to reduce dependency on hybrid seeds and promote community-led sustainable agriculture and traditional farming systems.

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Ques : In which state is the Periyar Tiger Reserve, recently noted for new herpetofauna discoveries, located?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Periyar Tiger Reserve (PTR) is located in Idukki district of Kerala, nestled in the Cardamom and Pandalam Hills of the Western Ghats, near the Tamil Nadu border.
- A recent herpetofauna survey there discovered five new amphibian species and three new reptile species, highlighting its rich biodiversity.
- Established in 1982, the reserve covers an area of 777 sq. km and surrounds the Periyar Lake, created by the Mullaperiyar Dam in 1895.
- PTR includes Kerala's two major river watersheds: the Periyar and the Pamba.
- The highest peak in PTR is Kottamala at 2016 meters.

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Ques: What is the name of the scheme under which the Ministry of Heavy Industries launched a portal for promoting electric passenger car manufacturing in India?

- A. FAME India Scheme
- B. e-Mobility Incentive Programme
- C. EV Manufacturing India Scheme
- D. SPMEPCI Scheme
- E. National e-Vehicle Mission

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Heavy Industries launched a portal under the Scheme to Promote Manufacturing of Electric Passenger Cars in India (SPMEPCI).
- The scheme was notified on 15th March 2024, and the application portal is now live at spmepci.heavyindustries.gov.in.
- Under the scheme, approved applicants can import Completely Built Units (CBUs) of electric 4-wheelers with a minimum CIF value of USD 35,000 at a reduced customs duty of 15% for five years.
- Applicants must invest a minimum of Rs.4,150 crores to qualify under the scheme.

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Ques: Where has India's first off-grid 5 MW green hydrogen pilot plant been commissioned by the Adani Group?

- A. Jamnagar, Gujarat
- B. Bikaner, Rajasthan
- C. Kutch, Gujarat
- D. Rewa, Madhya Pradesh
- E. Leh, Ladakh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Adani New Industries Limited (ANIL) has commissioned India's first off-grid 5 MW green hydrogen pilot plant in Kutch, Gujarat, officially announced on 23rd June 2025.
- The plant is fully powered by solar energy and integrated with a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).
- It uses a fully automated, closed-loop electrolyzer system that works on real-time renewable inputs, ensuring high efficiency.
- This initiative supports India's national mission for green hydrogen and marks a significant step in the country's clean energy transition.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Through its business unit Intellect Global Consumer Banking (iGCB), First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB), the biggest bank in the United Arab Emirates, successfully deployed the eMACH.ai Lending platform created by Chennai-based Intellect Design Arena Limited.

The Karnataka Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, approved an increase in the housing scheme quota for religious minorities from 10% to 15%

Tripura was declared fully literate today under the ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram (New India Literacy Programme), a centrally sponsored scheme implemented from 2022 to 2027

PM Modi was presented with two special gifts by Croatian PM Andrej Plenković. One was a reprint of Vezdin's Sanskrit Grammar, the first printed Sanskrit grammar in Latin and second gift was a book titled 'Croatia & India: Bilateral Navigator for Diplomats and Business,'

Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) welcomed a delegation from CODELCO (Corporación Nacional del Cobre), the State-owned Copper mining company of Chile, in New Delhi

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Ques: Which insurance company has launched state-specific health insurance plans tailored to local medical and infrastructure needs across India?

- A. ICICI Lombard
- B. HDFC ERGO
- C. Star Health Insurance
- D. SBI General Insurance
- E. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance has launched a State-wise Health Insurance Policy, which is customized based on regional treatment costs, local medical infrastructure, and common diseases.
- The plan is available in 25 states and 5 Union Territories, with region-specific branding like 'AapKe Liye' in Hindi-speaking states and 'Mee Kosam' in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- It covers hospitalization, daycare procedures, organ donor expenses, robotic surgery, and stem cell therapy, with no age limit and lifetime renewability.
- These policies are offered in individual and floater formats, with sum insured ranging from ₹5 lakh to Rs.20 lakh.

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Ques: Which bank has partnered with Edelweiss Life Insurance for a bancassurance agreement?

- A. AU Small Finance Bank
- B. Ujjivan SFB
- C. Equitas SFB
- D. Jana SFB
- E. Fincare SFB

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Equitas Small Finance Bank has entered into a bancassurance partnership with Edelweiss Life Insurance.
- This collaboration allows Equitas SFB customers to access a wide range of life insurance products.
- The partnership will expand insurance coverage through the bank's network and help promote financial protection.
- Bancassurance enables banks to sell insurance policies directly through their branches, offering convenience to customers.

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Ques: Which organization has partnered with FPSB India to integrate the Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification into its employee training framework?

- A. Punjab National Bank
- B. ICICI Bank
- C. Reserve Bank of India
- D. State Bank of India
- E. HDFC Bank

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- State Bank of India (SBI) has signed a strategic partnership with Financial Planning Standards Board (FPSB) India to include the globally recognized Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification in its employee development programs.
- This initiative will cover approximately 2.36 lakh SBI employees, aiming to enhance the quality of financial planning services.
- It is especially focused on improving service delivery for High Net-Worth Individuals (HNIs), Ultra HNIs (UHNIs), and Non-Resident Indians (NRIs).

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Ques: As per Brand Finance 2025 report, which is India's most valuable brand?

- A. Infosys
- B. Reliance Group
- C. LIC Group
- D. HDFC Group
- E. Tata Group

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- According to the Brand Finance 2025 report, Tata Group has retained its title as India's most valuable brand, with a brand value of \$31.6 billion.
- It also became the first Indian brand to cross the \$30 billion mark in brand valuation.
- The Tata brand's growth is driven by strategic investments in sectors like electronics, electric vehicles (EVs), semiconductors, AI, and renewable energy.
- Despite global economic challenges, India's top 10 brands have shown strong double-digit growth.
- The concept of brand value refers to the net economic benefit a company derives from licensing its brand in the open market.
- Tata Group is followed by Infosys, HDFC Group, LIC Group, and Reliance in the top 5 rankings for brand value.

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Ques: Which institute developed a smart molecular CRISPR-based tool to help plants respond to heat and infections?

- A. Indian Institute of Science (IISc)
- B. CSIR-NBRI
- C. Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI)
- D. Bose Institute
- E. NCBS, Bengaluru

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Scientists from the Bose Institute, an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), developed a smart molecular tool using a modified CRISPR (Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats) system (dCas9) to help plants fight heat stress and microbial infections.
- Unlike traditional CRISPR, which cuts DNA, dCas9 acts as a gene switch that only activates when the plant is under stress.
- The system uses a TM domain from a tomato protein (NACMTF3), which keeps the switch inactive until stress releases it to activate defense genes.
- This tool helps improve plant resilience and productivity during adverse environmental conditions.

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Ques: What is the name of the newly launched weight-loss drug by Novo Nordisk in India?

- A. Wegovy
- B. Mounjaro
- C. Ozempic
- D. Saxenda
- E. Rybelsus

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Novo Nordisk has launched its weight-loss drug Wegovy in India.
- The drug is based on semaglutide, a GLP-1 receptor agonist, and is delivered via pen devices in five doses: 0.25 mg to 2.4 mg.
- It is proven to reduce body weight by 15–20%, comparable to bariatric surgery, and also lowers cardiac risks and improves metabolic health.
- Priced between Rs.17,345 and Rs.26,015 per month, it targets India's growing obesity crisis.
- The launch follows the introduction of Mounjaro by Eli Lilly in India and adds to Novo's lineup that includes Ozempic, also based on semaglutide.

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Ques: Who inaugurated the National Conference of Estimates Committees of Parliament and State/UT Legislative Bodies in Mumbai?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Jagdeep Dhankhar
- C. Om Birla
- D. Rajnath Singh
- E. Piyush Goyal

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla inaugurated the National Conference of Estimates Committees of Parliament and State/UT Legislative Bodies in Mumbai.
- He also released the 75th Anniversary Souvenir of the Estimates Committee of Parliament.
- Theme of the conference: "Role of Estimates Committee in effective Monitoring and Review of Budget Estimates for ensuring Efficiency and Economy in Administration."

About the Estimates Committee:

- It is a key financial oversight committee of the Indian Parliament, ensuring efficiency, economy, and accountability in public spending.
- Established: In 1950, post-Constitution, under the Rules of Procedure of Lok Sabha.
- Members: Comprises 30 Lok Sabha MPs (excluding Ministers).
- Selection: Elected annually by Lok Sabha through proportional representation by single transferable vote.
- Chairperson: Appointed by the Speaker of Lok Sabha.
- Term: One year, renewable.





Ques: Which ministry has launched the Rs.2.3 crore 'Innovative Projects Start-up Challenge' on Rooftop Solar and Distributed Renewable Energy technologies?

- A. Ministry of Science and Technology
- B. Ministry of Power
- C. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- D. Ministry of Skill Development
- E. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has launched the Rs.2.3 crore 'Innovative Projects Start-up Challenge' focused on Rooftop Solar (RTS) and Distributed Renewable Energy (DRE) technologies.
- The announcement was made during the National Conference on Skill Development for the Renewable Energy Workforce at Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The challenge is supported by the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) and coordinated through the Startup India platform.
- Entries can be submitted until 20 August 2025, and winners will share a total prize pool of Rs.2.3 crore, with Rs.1 crore for 1st prize, and 10 consolation prizes of Rs.5 lakh each.

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Ques: What is India's rank on the 2025 SDG Index according to the UN Sustainable Development Report?

- A. 112th
- B. 109th
- C. 99th
- D. 74th
- E. 121st

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- India has ranked 99th out of 167 countries in the 2025 SDG Index with a score of 67, marking its first entry into the top 100 in the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) rankings.
- The index is published by the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UNSDSN).
- India's past rankings: 121st (2022), 112th (2023), 109th (2024), and now 99th (2025).
- Neighbouring countries' ranks: Bhutan (74th), Nepal (85th), Sri Lanka (93rd), Bangladesh (114th), Pakistan (140th).
- The top 3 countries are Finland, Sweden, and Denmark.
- The report assesses progress towards 17 SDGs adopted in 2015, with a score of 100 representing full achievement.
- Only 17% of SDG targets are currently on track globally due to challenges such as conflicts, climate issues, and financial constraints.





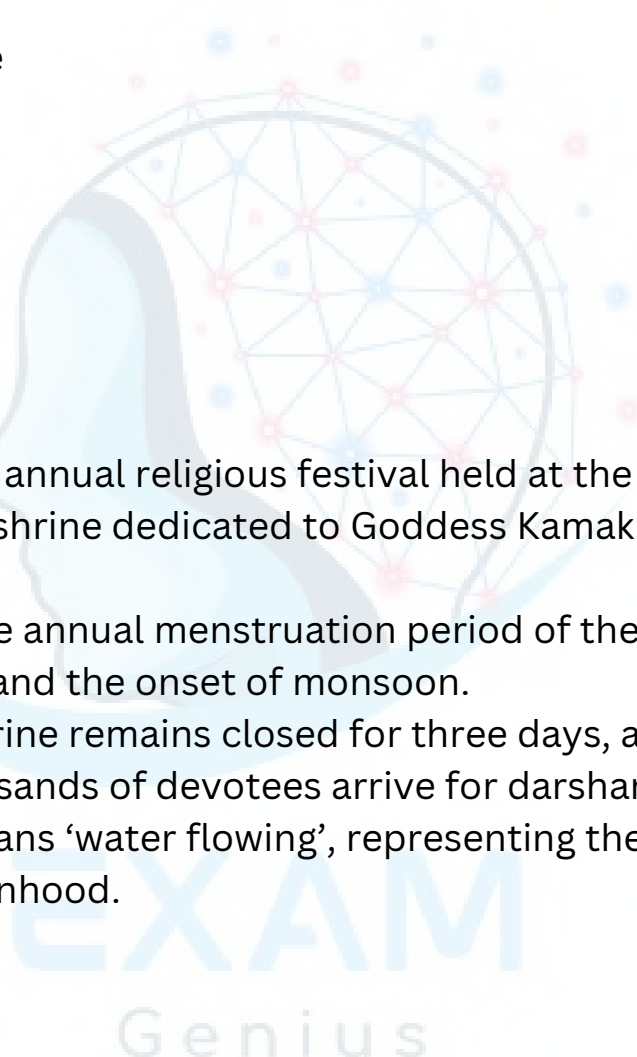
Ques: Which temple hosts the annual Ambubachi Mela, symbolizing the menstruation period of the Goddess and associated with fertility?

- A. Vaishno Devi Temple
- B. Kamakhya Temple
- C. Meenakshi Temple
- D. Jwalamukhi Temple
- E. Kashi Vishwanath Temple

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Ambubachi Mela is an annual religious festival held at the Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati, Assam, a sacred shrine dedicated to Goddess Kamakhya, an important deity in Tantrik Shaktism.
- The festival symbolizes the annual menstruation period of the goddess and is closely linked with fertility and the onset of monsoon.
- During the festival, the shrine remains closed for three days, and is ceremonially reopened, after which thousands of devotees arrive for darshan.
- The word 'Ambubachi' means 'water flowing', representing the life-giving and fertile aspect of nature and womanhood.





Ques: How many metres did Neeraj Chopra throw to win the Ostrava Golden Spike meet?

- A. 88.10 m
- B. 86.52 m
- C. 85.29 m
- D. 84.75 m
- E. 87.50 m

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Neeraj Chopra won the Ostrava Golden Spike meet with a throw of 85.29 metres.
- This was his first appearance at this prestigious event, which is part of the World Athletics Continental Tour Gold series.
- Neeraj defeated 8 other competitors in a 9-man field and continued his winning streak in international events ahead of the Olympics.

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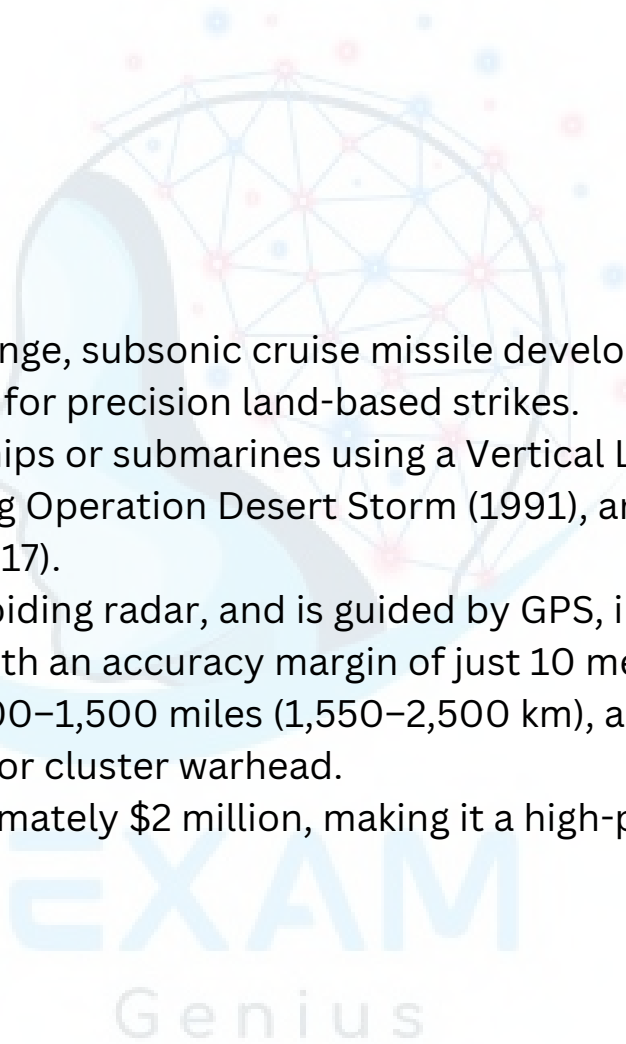
Ques: What is the Tomahawk missile primarily used for?

- A. Air-to-air combat
- B. Precision land strikes
- C. Naval ship defense
- D. Anti-submarine warfare
- E. Satellite destruction

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Tomahawk is a long-range, subsonic cruise missile developed by the United States Navy, used primarily for precision land-based strikes.
- It can be launched from ships or submarines using a Vertical Launch System.
- First used in combat during Operation Desert Storm (1991), and later in major conflicts including Syria (2017).
- It flies at low altitudes, avoiding radar, and is guided by GPS, inertial navigation, and terrain contour mapping, with an accuracy margin of just 10 meters.
- Its range lies between 1,000–1,500 miles (1,550–2,500 km), and it can carry a 1,000-pound conventional or cluster warhead.
- Each missile costs approximately \$2 million, making it a high-precision and strategic weapon in modern warfare.





Ques: Where will the SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting 2025 be held?

- A. Qingdao
- B. Samarkand
- C. Beijing
- D. Dushanbe
- E. Astana

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meeting 2025 will be held in Qingdao, China, from June 25 to 26, under the chairmanship of China.
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh will lead the Indian delegation and push for joint anti-terrorism efforts, especially after Operation Sindoor, where India targeted 9 terror camps in Pakistan following the Pahalgam massacre.
- The focus will be on peace, security, and defence cooperation among SCO member states, which include India, China, Russia, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Iran.
- The theme for China's SCO Chairmanship in 2025 is "Upholding the Shanghai Spirit: SCO on the Move."

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Ques: What level of travel advisory has the US issued for India due to rising violent crime and terrorism threats?

- A. Level 1 – Exercise Normal Precautions
- B. Level 2 – Exercise Increased Caution
- C. Level 3 – Reconsider Travel
- D. Level 4 – Do Not Travel
- E. No advisory issued

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The US Department of State has issued a Level 2 Travel Advisory for India, urging travelers to exercise increased caution due to threats of violent crime and terrorism.
- The Level 2 advisory is part of the US's 4-level travel alert system issued by the Bureau of Consular Affairs.
- This system helps inform US citizens about potential risks while traveling abroad and guides their safety decisions.

The advisory levels are:

- Level 1: Exercise Normal Precautions
- Level 2: Exercise Increased Caution
- Level 3: Reconsider Travel
- Level 4: Do Not Travel

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Ques: During which meeting did India and South Africa sign submarine cooperation agreements?

- A. 10th Defence Technology Meet
- B. Indo-SA Naval Dialogue
- C. 7th Defence Export Summit
- D. 9th Joint Defence Committee Meet
- E. South-South Maritime Dialogue

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- India and South Africa signed two submarine cooperation agreements during the 9th Joint Defence Committee (JDC) meeting, held in Johannesburg, South Africa.
- The Indian delegation was led by Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh, who emphasized India's capabilities in defence manufacturing and exports.
- Key discussions included mutual defence interests, a future roadmap for cooperation, and presentations from two sub-committees on defence policy and defence acquisition & R&D.
- The meeting further strengthened the historic bilateral defence ties between the two nations.

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Ques: Who is the 23-year-old Analog Astronaut from Andhra Pradesh selected as an Astronaut Candidate (ASCAN) for the Titan Space Industries mission?

- A. Ritu Karidhal
- B. Sunita Williams
- C. Sirisha Bandla
- D. Jahnvi Dangeti
- E. Kalpana Chawla

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Jahnvi Dangeti, a 23-year-old from Palakollu, Andhra Pradesh, has been selected as an Astronaut Candidate (ASCAN) for the 2029 space mission of Titan Space Industries (TSI), a U.S.-based private space research agency.
- The mission will be led by Colonel (Retd.) William McArthur Jr., a former NASA astronaut and Chief Astronaut of TSI.
- In 2022, Jahnvi became the youngest Analog Astronaut trained at the Analog Astronaut Training Centre (AATC) in Poland.
- The mission involves Titan, Saturn's second-largest moon, which is larger than Mercury and features methane lakes, nitrogen-rich atmosphere, and organic compound potential, offering insights into prebiotic Earth-like conditions.

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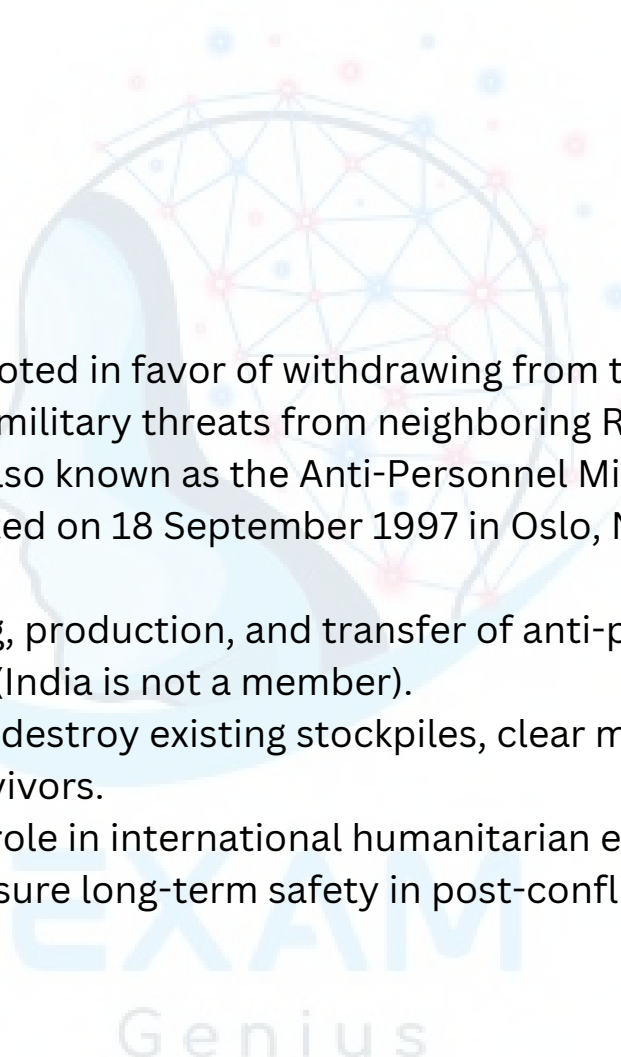
Ques: Which country recently voted to withdraw from the Ottawa Convention that bans anti-personnel landmines?

- A. Sweden
- B. Finland
- C. Germany
- D. Canada
- E. Norway

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Finland's parliament has voted in favor of withdrawing from the Ottawa Convention, citing growing military threats from neighboring Russia.
- The Ottawa Convention, also known as the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention or Mine Ban Treaty, was adopted on 18 September 1997 in Oslo, Norway, and came into force in 1999.
- It bans the use, stockpiling, production, and transfer of anti-personnel mines and has 165 member countries (India is not a member).
- Member states commit to destroy existing stockpiles, clear mined areas, educate populations, and assist survivors.
- The treaty plays a crucial role in international humanitarian efforts to prevent landmine casualties and ensure long-term safety in post-conflict zones.





Ques: Which Indian hockey player, a two-time Olympic bronze medallist, recently announced his retirement from international hockey?

- A. Manpreet Singh
- B. Lalit Kumar Upadhyay
- C. PR Sreejesh
- D. Harmanpreet Singh
- E. Birendra Lakra

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Lalit Kumar Upadhyay, a seasoned Indian hockey player from Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, announced his retirement from international hockey after playing 183 matches and scoring 67 goals for India.
- He made his senior debut in 2014 at the Hockey World Cup and went on to represent India in major tournaments.
- He was part of the historic Tokyo 2020 Olympics bronze-winning team, which ended a 41-year Olympic medal drought for Indian hockey.
- Lalit was also part of the Paris 2024 bronze medal team, making him a two-time Olympic medallist.
- He received the Arjuna Award in 2021 for his outstanding contributions to Indian hockey.

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Ques: What is the total financial outlay approved under the Revised Jharia Master Plan (JMP) for addressing fire, land subsidence, and rehabilitation?

- A. Rs.4,800 crore
- B. Rs.5,940.47 crore
- C. Rs.6,500 crore
- D. Rs.7,200 crore
- E. Rs.8,000 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the Revised Jharia Master Plan (JMP) with a financial outlay of Rs.5,940.47 crore.
- The plan aims to address critical issues like mine fires, land subsidence, and rehabilitation of families affected in the Jharia Coalfield region.
- Both Legal Title Holder (LTH) and Non-Legal Title Holder (Non-LTH) families will receive a livelihood grant of Rs.1 lakh and access to credit support up to Rs.3 lakh.
- A Jharia Alternative Livelihoods Rehabilitation Fund will be set up, along with skill development programmes in collaboration with Multi Skill Development Institutes in the region.

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Ques: Which indigenously built stealth frigate has joined the Eastern Naval Command in Visakhapatnam under Project 17A?

- A. INS Shivalik
- B. INS Udaygiri
- C. INS Taragiri
- D. INS Nilgiri
- E. INS Vindhyagiri

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- INS Nilgiri, the first stealth frigate under Project 17A, has officially joined the Eastern Naval Command at Visakhapatnam and is now part of the Eastern Sword – Sunrise Fleet.
- Built indigenously by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai, it is the lead ship of a series of seven advanced stealth frigates designed to enhance India's maritime strength.
- INS Nilgiri follows the Shivalik-class (Project 17) and features modern technologies like MRSAM, supersonic missiles, 76mm gun, and close-in weapon systems.
- Its motto is "Adrish Yabalam, Ajeya Shauryam", reflecting its stealth and unmatched bravery.

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The establishment of a Rs.417 crore Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC 2.0) in Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, was authorized by the Indian government. The Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) will develop the authorized EMC 2.0 project.

Indian shuttlers won 27 medals at the Asian ParaBadminton Championship 2025 in Thailand. India's haul included four gold medals, 10 silver medals, and 13 bronze medals.

Anuj Pandey Appointed as Chief Executive Officer of UGRO Capital Limited

Indian Railways has launched a policy that provides ₹1 crore in compensation to the families of its employees in the event of an accident, with no premium payment needed. This is a significant welfare measure.

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved a proposal from the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare to establish International Potato Centre (CIP)'s South Asia Regional Centre (CSARC) at Agra, Uttar Pradesh.

Former India spinner Dilip Doshi, who played 33 Tests for India in a four-year span between 1979- 1983 passed away , aged 77





Ques: What was the amount of penalty imposed by SEBI on BSE for lapses in information access and regulatory supervision?

- A. Rs.10 lakh
- B. Rs.15 lakh
- C. Rs.20 lakh
- D. Rs.25 lakh
- E. Rs.50 lakh

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) imposed a Rs.25 lakh fine on BSE Ltd for regulatory violations between February 2021 and September 2022.
- BSE allowed paid subscribers and listing teams to access price-sensitive information before it was made public, violating norms of equal access.
- SEBI also cited lapses in supervising broker activities, such as unaudited client code modifications and lack of annual error-account audits.
- A time-gap mechanism to fix the access issue was introduced only after SEBI's intervention.
- SEBI has asked BSE to pay the penalty within 45 days.

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Recent Penalties imposed on Banks :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a Rs.29.60 lakh penalty on Fino Payments Bank
- SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) imposed a fine of Rs.25 lakh on MCX, India's largest commodity exchange
- RBI imposed a penalty of Rs.63.6 lakh on Union Bank of India for violating provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and failing to comply with guidelines related to credit flow to agriculture, particularly in providing collateral-free agricultural loans
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) imposed a Rs.1 crore penalty on Acko General Insurance
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a Rs.50 lakh penalty on Deutsche Bank AG, India on May 13, 2025
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of Rs.29.60 lakh on Yes Bank Limited on May 16, 2025
- In May 2025, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) penalised State Bank of India (SBI) and Jana Small Finance Bank for non-compliance with regulatory norms. SBI was fined Rs.1.72 crore for failing to comply with certain RBI directions
- Jana Small Finance Bank was fined Rs.1 crore for contravening provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.31.80 lakh on IDBI Bank Limited on April 30, 2025, for non-compliance with regulatory directions
- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.61.40 lakh on Bank of Baroda on April 29, 2025, for non-compliance with directions related to financial services, customer service, and deposit interest rates
- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.31.80 lakh on Bank of Maharashtra on April 30, 2025, for non-compliance with regulatory KYC norms





Ques: What is the name of the innovation challenge launched by HDFC Life in collaboration with IIT Bombay and SINE to promote tech-driven solutions in the insurance sector?

- A. LifeTech Vision
- B. HDFC Life InsUReka
- C. Innovate Insurance
- D. Smart Insure Challenge
- E. FutureSecure Hackathon

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited, in collaboration with the Society for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (SINE) and IIT Bombay, has launched HDFC Life InsUReka, an innovation challenge.
- The challenge aims to promote sustainable and industry-wide innovation by inviting startups from across India.
- It seeks to co-create transformative, technology-driven solutions addressing real-world challenges in the life insurance industry.

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Ques: Which insurance company has been fined Rs.1 crore by IRDAI for corporate governance violations in 2025?

- A. HDFC Life Insurance
- B. LIC
- C. Edelweiss Life Insurance
- D. SBI Life Insurance
- E. Max Life Insurance

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) imposed a fine of Rs.1 crore on Edelweiss Life Insurance for violating corporate governance norms.
- The violations include failure to collect mandatory bank details from policyholders where premiums exceeded Rs.10,000, and non-compliance with outsourcing due diligence.
- IRDAI rejected the insurer's claim that bank account information was optional and emphasized full regulatory responsibility lies with the insurer.
- Moving forward, the insurer must mandatorily capture complete bank account details in proposal forms.

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Ques: Which international institution has approved a USD 426 million loan for the Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Program?

- A. Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- B. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- C. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
- D. New Development Bank (NDB)
- E. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), part of the World Bank Group, approved a loan of USD 426 million for the Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Program.
- The loan aims to enhance water security and resilience for over four million residents of Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The loan has a maturity period of 20 years with a 5-year grace period.
- Additionally, the World Bank also approved a USD 150 million loan for the Tamil Nadu Women Employment and Safety (TNWES) programme, with a 25-year maturity and a 5-year grace period.

About World Bank :

- Established : 1944
- HQ : Washington DC
- Members : 189
- World Bank Group : 5 (IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID)
- President : Ajay banga

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Ques: Which bank recently enabled UPI payment facility for its NRI customers using international mobile numbers?

- A. SBI
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. ICICI Bank
- D. Axis Bank
- E. IDFC FIRST Bank

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- IDFC FIRST Bank has launched UPI payment services for NRIs using international mobile numbers linked to their NRE or NRO accounts via the bank's mobile app.
- This facility is currently available in 12 countries: Australia, Canada, France, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, UAE, UK, and USA.
- NRIs can now use QR codes, UPI IDs, or mobile numbers for instant rupee-based transactions within India.
- This move aims to provide equal ease, speed, and security to NRI customers as enjoyed by domestic users.

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Ques: From which date will the call money market operate till 7 p.m. as per RBI's new announcement?

- A. 1 April 2025
- B. 1 July 2025
- C. 1 August 2025
- D. 1 January 2026
- E. 31 March 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended call money market hours by 2 hours, now operating from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
- The change will come into effect from 1 July 2025.
- The call money market is accessible only to banks and standalone primary dealers (SPDs) participating in the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF).
- Market repo and TREP timings will also be extended to 4:00 PM from 1 August 2025, but timings for G-Secs, forex, and derivatives will remain unchanged.
- This is based on recommendations of the Radha Shyam Ratho Committee.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) during its 10th Annual Meeting in Beijing?

- A. Zou Jiayi
- B. Jin Liqun
- C. Yi Gang
- D. Liu Kun
- E. Wang Qishan

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Zou Jiayi, former Vice Finance Minister of China, was appointed as the new President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) during the bank's 10th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors held in Beijing.
- She succeeds Jin Liqun and will serve a five-year term.
- China is the largest shareholder in the AIIB with 26.54% voting shares, followed by India (7.58%), Russia (5.9%), and Germany (4.1%).
- The AIIB is a multilateral development bank focused on supporting infrastructure development in Asia and beyond.

About Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank :

- Established : 16 January 2016
- HQ : Beijing, China
- Members : 110 member states





Ques: Which company raised USD 1 billion through India's first investment-grade private bond issuance in the airport sector?

- A. GMR Airports Limited
- B. Adani Airports Holdings Limited
- C. Delhi International Airport Limited
- D. Tata Group Airports
- E. Larsen & Toubro Airports

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Adani Airports Holdings Limited (AAHL) raised USD 1 billion through a project finance structure for its subsidiary, Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL).
- The deal included the issuance of USD 750 million investment-grade notes maturing in July 2029, and a provision to raise an additional USD 250 million.
- This marks India's first investment-grade rated private bond issuance in the airport sector.
- The project aligns with MIAL's sustainability targets, including its goal to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2029.

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Ques: What is the estimated cost of Phase-II of the Pune Metro Rail Project approved by the Union Cabinet?

- A. Rs.2,950 crore
- B. Rs.3,120 crore
- C. Rs.3,626.24 crore
- D. Rs.4,010 crore
- E. Rs.3,850 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved Phase-II of the Pune Metro Rail Project.
- The project will consist of two elevated corridors : Corridor 2A: Vanaz to Chandani Chowk and Corridor 2B: Ramwadi to Wagholi/Vitthalwadi
- Total length: 12.75 km, with 13 stations, to be completed in 4 years.
- The estimated cost is Rs.3,626.24 crore, to be equally shared by the Centre, Maharashtra Government, and external agencies.
- This project will serve IT hubs, educational zones, and reduce traffic on roads like Paud Road and Nagar Road.
- Expected ridership is projected to grow from 0.96 lakh in 2027 to 3.49 lakh by 2057.
- It will be implemented by Maha-Metro (Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation Ltd).

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Ques: Who is the author of the book “History That India Ignored”, recently unveiled by Union Minister Jitendra Singh?

- A. Rajat Sharma
- B. Prem Prakash
- C. Arun Shourie
- D. Shekhar Gupta
- E. M.J. Akbar

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Union Minister of State for Science and Technology (Independent Charge), Jitendra Singh, unveiled the book “History That India Ignored”.
- The book is authored by Prem Prakash, Chairman of Asian News International (ANI) and a veteran journalist.
- It explores the lesser-known aspects of India’s freedom struggle, using archival documents, eyewitness accounts, and chronological analysis to shed light on overlooked events in history.

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Ques: Where will the South Asia regional centre of the International Potato Center (CIP) be established?

- A. Patna, Bihar
- B. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
- C. Singna, Agra, Uttar Pradesh
- D. Ranchi, Jharkhand
- E. Kolkata, West Bengal

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Union Cabinet approved the setting up of the CIP South Asia Regional Centre (CSARC) at Singna village, Agra district, Uttar Pradesh.
- The total project cost is Rs.171 crore, with India contributing Rs.111 crore and the remaining Rs.60 crore by the Peru-based International Potato Center (CIP).
- The centre aims to benefit farmers in India and South Asia through enhanced productivity, food security, farmer income, innovation, and job creation in the potato and sweet potato sectors.
- India is currently the second-largest producer and consumer of potatoes globally.

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Ques: Which category award did India receive at the 2025 Bloomberg Philanthropies Awards for Global Tobacco Control?

- A. M Category – Monitor tobacco use
- B. P Category – Protect from tobacco smoke
- C. W Category – Warn about the dangers
- D. O Category – Offer help to quit tobacco use
- E. E Category – Enforce bans on advertising

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India received the 2025 Bloomberg Philanthropies Global Tobacco Control Award under the 'O' category, which stands for "Offer help to quit tobacco use"—part of the WHO MPOWER policy package.
- The award was presented to the National Tobacco Control Cell, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, at the World Conference on Tobacco Control held in Dublin, Ireland.
- India was one of six countries honored, along with Mauritius, Mexico, Montenegro, Philippines, and Ukraine.
- The event also saw the release of the WHO Global Tobacco Epidemic 2025 Report, supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies.

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Ques: Who became the second wicketkeeper in Test history to score centuries in both innings of a Test match?

- A. MS Dhoni
- B. Rishabh Pant
- C. Andy Flower
- D. Jonny Bairstow
- E. BJ Watling

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Rishabh Pant created history at Headingley in the first Test against England by becoming only the second wicketkeeper in Test cricket history to score centuries in both innings of a match.
- He joined Andy Flower of Zimbabwe, the only other wicketkeeper to achieve this rare feat.
- Pant reached his second century off 129 balls, showcasing resilience and strokeplay.
- He also became the first Indian batter to score two centuries in a single Test match on English soil.

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Ques: Axiom Space has recently signed an agreement with which Indian company to explore space cooperation?

- A. Skyroot Aerospace
- B. DRDO
- C. ISRO
- D. Agnikul Cosmos
- E. IN-SPACe

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Axiom Space, the U.S.-based private company behind Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4) featuring Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, has signed an agreement with Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace.
- The partnership aims to enhance access to Low Earth Orbit (LEO) and boost India-US space cooperation.
- Skyroot Aerospace, known for launching Vikram-S in 2022, is preparing to launch its first orbital-class rocket Vikram-1.
- Skyroot is among the first Indian private space firms to sign an MoU with ISRO, contributing to India's growing private space sector.

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Ques: Who won the gold medal in the Women's Individual Compound event at the Archery Asia Cup 2025 Stage 2 held in Singapore?

- A. Jyothi Surekha Vennam
- B. Aditi Swami
- C. Tejal Rajendra Salve
- D. Avneet Kaur
- E. Sushma Barla

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Archery Asia Cup 2025 Stage 2 was held in Singapore and is part of a three-leg continental series organized by World Archery Asia.
- Tejal Rajendra Salve clinched the gold medal in the Women's Individual Compound event.
- Kushal Dalal also secured gold in the Men's Individual Compound event, contributing to India's overall medal tally.
- India topped the medal table with a total of 9 medals (2 Gold, 6 Silver, 1 Bronze).

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Ques: Who became the first Indian to reach the International Space Station (ISS) in 2025?

- A. Rakesh Sharma
- B. Gaganyaan Commander
- C. Shubhanshu Shukla
- D. Kalpana Chawla
- E. Sunita Williams

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, a 39-year-old Indian Air Force fighter pilot, became the first Indian to reach the ISS on 26 June 2025 as part of the Axiom-4 mission.
- The mission launched aboard SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket from NASA's Kennedy Space Center, Florida.
- He is part of a 4-member international crew including Peggy Whitson (USA), Slawosz Uznanski (Poland), and Tibor Kapu (Hungary).
- Shukla is conducting 25 experiments related to human physiology, agriculture, and material science.
- This marks India's return to human spaceflight after 41 years, since Rakesh Sharma's mission in 1984.
- The mission supports India's future goals under the Gaganyaan program and enhances private sector participation in global space research.





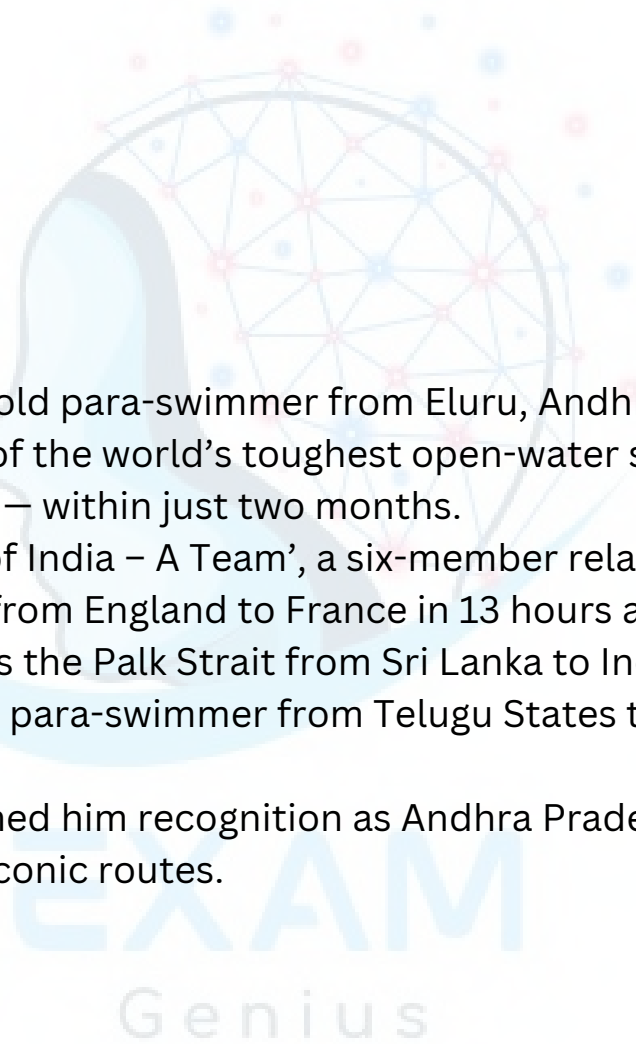
Ques: Who has become the first para-swimmer from Andhra Pradesh to conquer both the English Channel and the Palk Strait?

- A. Anand Raj
- B. Arjun Rao
- C. Karthik Reddy
- D. Veerendra Nath
- E. Balaga Ganesh

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Balaga Ganesh, a 38-year-old para-swimmer from Eluru, Andhra Pradesh, made history by completing two of the world's toughest open-water swims – the English Channel and the Palk Strait – within just two months.
- He was part of the 'Pride of India – A Team', a six-member relay group that crossed the 34 km English Channel from England to France in 13 hours and 37 minutes.
- He also swam 28 km across the Palk Strait from Sri Lanka to India in 10 hours and 30 minutes, becoming the first para-swimmer from Telugu States to accomplish this feat.
- This achievement has earned him recognition as Andhra Pradesh's first para-swimmer to conquer both iconic routes.





Ques: What is India's rank in the Global Peace Index (GPI) 2025 released by the Institute for Economics and Peace?

- A. 99th
- B. 108th
- C. 115th
- D. 124th
- E. 139th

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 10th edition of the Global Peace Index 2025 was released by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) and covered 163 countries, representing 99.7% of the world population.
- India ranked 115th with a GPI score of 2.229, showing a 0.58% improvement in peacefulness compared to the previous year.
- Iceland retained its top spot as the most peaceful country, followed by Austria, New Zealand, and Switzerland.
- The report measures peace across three domains : Societal Safety and Security, Ongoing Domestic and International Conflict and Degree of Militarisation
- South Asia saw the largest deterioration in peace, especially in Bangladesh and Pakistan, while Afghanistan remains the least peaceful in the region.
- This year marks the 13th decline in global peace over the last 17 years.

Global Peace Index rankings :

- 1 Iceland
- 2 Ireland
- 3 New Zealand
- 4 Austria
- 115 India
- 162 Ukraine
- 163 Russia





According to the Global Terrorism Index 2025, terrorism remains a persistent global threat. Pakistan is among the countries where terrorist activities have increased since 2007.

Global Terrorism Index 2025 rankings :

1. Burkina Faso
2. Pakistan
3. Syria
4. Mali
14. India
49. China



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Ques: As per the Coffee Board of India, what was the percentage growth in India's coffee exports in FY 2025–26 so far?

- A. 18%
- B. 40%
- C. 25%
- D. 10%
- E. 32%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Coffee Board of India reported a 25% growth in coffee exports for FY 2025–26 so far.
- This follows a strong 40.2% growth during FY 2023–24, when exports reached USD 1803 million (Rs.15,292 crore), up from USD 1286 million (Rs.10,645 crore) in FY23.
- Europe remains the top destination for Indian coffee, with key importers including Italy, Germany, Belgium, Middle East countries, South Korea, and Japan.
- India is the world's 7th largest coffee producer, contributing 3.5% of global output and ranks 5th in global exports with a 5% share.
- Major coffee-producing states in India are Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu, with annual production around 3.6 lakh tonnes.

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Ques: Which state will host the 5th Khelo India University Games in November 2025?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The 5th edition of the Khelo India University Games will be hosted for the first time in Rajasthan in November 2025.
- Poornima University, Jaipur will serve as the host, and Rajasthan University, Jaipur will be the co-host.
- Over 4,000 athletes from 200 universities across the country are expected to participate.
- The games will be for the Under-25 age category and will be broadcast live on national TV and OTT platforms.
- Chandigarh University had won the team championships at KIUG 2024, co-hosted by Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, Nagaland and Tripura.

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Ques: Which company will supply the world's first malaria vaccine RTS,S along with GSK during 2026–2030?

- A. Serum Institute of India
- B. Zydus Cadila
- C. Bharat Biotech
- D. Panacea Biotec
- E. Biocon

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Bharat Biotech International Ltd (BBIL) and GSK will jointly supply the world's first malaria vaccine (RTS,S) to the global alliance Gavi between 2026–2030.
- Although developed by GSK, the vaccine's technology was transferred to Bharat Biotech.
- Bharat Biotech has invested \$200 million and plans to reduce the price to under \$5 per dose by 2028.
- The vaccine will be distributed in 12 endemic African nations under Gavi's initiative.
- Gavi supports malaria control in 20 African countries, which bear over 70% of the global malaria burden.

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Ques: NATO members recently agreed to increase their defence spending goal to what percentage of GDP by 2035?

- A. 2%
- B. 3.5%
- C. 4%
- D. 5%
- E. 6%

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- NATO countries have agreed to raise their defence spending to 5% of GDP by 2035, a significant increase from the previous 2% goal set in 2014.
- The revised target includes 3.5% on core defence (troops, arms, weapons) and 1.5% on broader security (cybersecurity, infrastructure, pipeline protection)
- The decision was driven by heightened security concerns, including : Ongoing Russia–Ukraine war and Fear of US troop withdrawal from Europe in a future Trump presidency
- The EU has allowed a yearly 1.5% GDP rise in defence spending, even if deficits exceed 3%, and set up a €150 billion arms fund for joint defence projects.

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Ques: What centenary event is PM Modi inaugurating at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi?

- A. Vaikom Satyagraha Centenary
- B. Gandhi–Ambedkar Dialogue Centenary
- C. Gandhi–Narayana Guru Dialogue Centenary
- D. Kerala Renaissance Centenary
- E. Advaita Philosophy Conference

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the centenary celebration of the historic dialogue between Mahatma Gandhi and Sree Narayana Guru at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The event commemorates 100 years since their historic meeting on March 12, 1925, at Sivagiri Madhom, Kerala, during Gandhi's visit in the backdrop of the Vaikom Satyagraha.
- Sree Narayana Guru (1856–1928), a saint and social reformer from Kerala, strongly opposed untouchability and caste discrimination, and his work greatly influenced Kerala's socio-political movements.
- His teachings promoted equality, non-violence, and inspired leaders like Mahatma Gandhi.
- He also authored key works like Advaita Deepika, Atmavilasam, Daiva Dasakam, and Brahma Vidya Panchakam.





Ques: Bihar's first nuclear power plant will be based on which advanced technology as per the New Nuclear Energy Mission?

- A. Pressurized Heavy Water Reactor
- B. Small Modular Reactor
- C. Boiling Water Reactor
- D. Fast Breeder Reactor
- E. Gas Cooled Reactor

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Under the New Nuclear Energy Mission, Bihar will establish its first nuclear power plant based on Small Modular Reactor (SMR) technology.
- SMRs are advanced, safer, and flexible alternatives to traditional large-scale nuclear reactors and are especially suitable for smaller power grids.
- The Union Power Minister Manohar Lal Khattar confirmed the approval of Bihar's proposal for setting up this facility.
- This move aims to enhance power reliability, support industrial growth, and provide a long-term sustainable energy solution.
- In addition, the Centre approved a 1,000 MW battery storage project in Bihar with Rs.18 lakh per MW viability gap funding.

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Ques: Who was the visionary founder of FedEx Corporation who recently passed away?

- A. James E. Casey
- B. Frederick W. Smith
- C. Fred Smith Sr.
- D. Thomas J. Watson
- E. Jeff Bezos

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Frederick W. Smith, the founder of FedEx Corporation, passed away recently.
- He launched Federal Express in 1973 with just 14 Dassault Falcon jets.
- Under his leadership, FedEx became a global logistics giant, handling nearly USD 2 trillion worth of goods annually across 220+ countries and territories, with 17 million shipments per business day.
- Smith stepped down as CEO in March 2022 but remained Executive Chairman of FedEx Corporation.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is an intergovernmental organization representing the collective voice of the Muslim world. It was established on 25 September 1969 in Rabat, Morocco, following the Al-Aqsa incident. India recently rejected references made by the OIC during its meeting in Istanbul

RazorpayX Corporate Cards Launched by Razorpay, Mastercard, RBL Bank, and YES Bank. Startups can avail credit limits of up to Rs 2 crore without collateral, easing financial constraints

The Ministry of Civil Aviation, in collaboration with the State Government of Maharashtra, Pawan Hans and FICCI, organized the 7th Helicopter & Small Aircraft Summit in Pune.

The International Society of Blood Transfusion (ISBT) has formally recognized a brand-new blood group system known as "Gwada negative," which was discovered by France's national blood organization, the French Blood Establishment (EFS).

A well-known Indian businessman recently passed away from a bee sting, which sparked concerns about abrupt heart attacks in healthy adults and uncommon allergic reactions known as Kounis Syndrome. It is categorized as an acute coronary syndrome (ACS) variant.

