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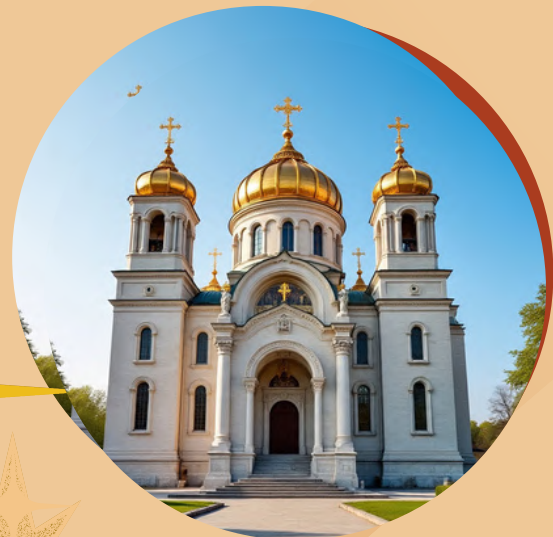


WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS

17 - 23 AUGUST

3RD WEEK OF AUGUST

150+ MCQ
with detailed
explanation



- Banking & finance
- National
- International
- Sports





Ques: As per RBI guidelines, banks must issue all customer communications in which format to ensure clarity and convenience?

- A. Only English
- B. Hindi & English
- C. Hindi, English & Regional Language
- D. English & Regional Language
- E. Any language chosen by the bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- RBI's Master Circular on Customer Service in Banks requires all customer-facing materials at branches of Scheduled Commercial Banks to be available in Hindi, English, and the concerned regional language.
- RBI reiterated this vide letter dated 30 September 2024.

RBI also provides customer support and grievance redressal through multiple platforms:

- RB-IOS 2021: Cost-free complaint redressal against RBI-regulated entities.
- CPGRAMS Feedback Call Centre (since June 2022): Collects citizen satisfaction feedback post grievance disposal.
- RBI Contact Centre (14448, operational since Nov 2021): Provides 24×7 IVRS support, complaint filing help, and case updates in Hindi, English, and 10 regional languages.
- Live personnel available Mon–Sat, 8:00 am–10:00 pm (except national holidays).





Ques: RBI's FREE-AI Committee headed by Pushpak Bhattacharya has recommended how many actionable recommendations for ethical AI adoption in the financial sector?

- A. 15
- B. 20
- C. 26
- D. 30
- E. 32

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- RBI had set up a committee under Pushpak Bhattacharya to prepare a framework for Responsible and Ethical Enablement of Artificial Intelligence (FREE-AI).
- The committee recommended 26 actionable measures under six strategic pillars.
- It suggested creation of a shared infrastructure to ensure democratic access to data and computing power.
- The panel also proposed an AI Innovation Sandbox.
- The report is guided by 7 Sutras: Trust, People First, Innovation over Restraint, Fairness & Equity, Accountability, Understandable by Design, and Safety & Sustainability.

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Ques: From which date will the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduce the new mechanism for clearance of cheques within hours of being presented to banks?

- A. September 1, 2025
- B. October 4, 2025
- C. January 2, 2026
- D. April 1, 2026
- E. July 1, 2026

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- RBI will implement a new cheque clearance mechanism from October 4, 2025, reducing the settlement cycle from the current T+1 days (up to 2 working days) to just a few hours.

This will be achieved through:

1. Single presentation session with continuous delivery – Cheques scanned and sent to clearing house continuously.
2. Continuous inward processing & confirmation :
 - Drawee banks must confirm between 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM with positive/negative status.
 - The "Item Expiry Time," which shows the most recent time by which the drawee bank must provide confirmation for the presented instrument, will be included on every check.
3. Time available for inward processing:
 - Phase 1 (Oct 4, 2025 – Jan 2, 2026): Expiry time set as 7:00 PM; cheques without response deemed approved.





- Phase 2 (from Jan 3, 2026): Expiry time = T+3 clear hours (e.g., cheque received at 10–11 AM must be confirmed by 2:00 PM).
- If no confirmation is given within the prescribed time, the cheque will be deemed approved and settled.
 - The presenting bank will release the payment to customers within 1 hour of settlement.





Ques: How much does SBI plan to raise through Tier-II bonds in FY26?

- A. ₹10,000 crore
- B. ₹12,000 crore
- C. ₹15,000 crore
- D. ₹20,000 crore
- E. ₹25,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest lender, plans to raise up to ₹15,000 crore in FY26 through Tier-II bonds.
- The funds will be used to refinance maturing bonds and for fresh issuance.
- SBI has board approval to raise up to ₹20,000 crore via debt capital in FY26.
- This move will help SBI strengthen its capital adequacy ratio.
- It will also support the bank's credit growth in the current financial year.

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Ques: As per the government, what was the CAGR of UPI transactions between FY 2017-18 and FY 2024-25?

- A. 41%
- B. 74%
- C. 114%
- D. 92%
- E. 86%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- UPI transactions increased from 92 crore in FY 2017-18 to 18,587 crore in FY 2024-25, marking a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 114%, as stated by the Finance Ministry in Parliament.
- Value of UPI transactions rose from ₹1.10 lakh crore to ₹261 lakh crore during the same period.
- In July 2025, UPI set a milestone with 1,946.79 crore transactions in a single month.
- Digital payments in India grew from 2,071 crore transactions in FY 2017-18 to 22,831 crore in FY 2024-25, recording a CAGR of 41%.
- Value of digital payments rose from ₹1,962 lakh crore to ₹3,509 lakh crore.
- The government and RBI introduced reforms to strengthen credit discipline, governance, responsible lending, technology adoption, and cooperative bank regulation.
- Reforms such as EASE, CGTMSE, MCGS-MSME, and ECLGS supported MSMEs with credit flow, risk management, and automated loan processes.





Ques: Who has been appointed as a member of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), replacing Rajiv Ranjan?

- A. Poonam Gupta
- B. Sanjay Malhotra
- C. Nagesh Kumar
- D. Saugata Bhattacharya
- E. Indranil Bhattacharyya

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- RBI Executive Director Indranil Bhattacharyya has been appointed as a member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC).
- He replaced Rajiv Ranjan, who will now lead the Department of Economic & Policy Research.

The current composition of MPC (6 members) includes:

- RBI Governor: Sanjay Malhotra
- RBI Deputy Governor: Poonam Gupta
- External Members: Nagesh Kumar, Ram Singh, Rajiv Ranjan, and Saugata Bhattacharya.





Ques: As of August 2025, how many Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHAs) have been created under ABDM?

- A. 59.21 crore
- B. 67.19 crore
- C. 79.91 crore
- D. 82.45 crore
- E. 76.84 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- As per official data till August 5, 2025, a total of 79.91 crore Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHAs) have been created under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).
- 4,18,964 health facilities are registered in the Health Facility Registry (HFR).
- 6,79,692 healthcare professionals are enrolled in the Healthcare Professionals Registry (HPR).
- 67.19 crore health records have been linked with ABHAs, enabling seamless digital health records.
- ABHA provides a unique health identity to citizens for securely accessing, viewing, and sharing medical records with explicit consent.
- The National Health Authority (NHA) has launched a public dashboard to monitor progress at central and state levels.

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Ques: Which city was proposed by India as the host for the 2030 Commonwealth Games in its Expression of Interest (EOI)?

- A. Delhi
- B. Bhubaneswar
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Mumbai
- E. Hyderabad

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has approved India's bid to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games (CWG).
- India submitted its Expression of Interest (EOI) naming Ahmedabad as the proposed host city.
- However, Delhi (which hosted CWG 2010) and Bhubaneswar are also being considered as potential venues.
- IOA President P.T. Usha confirmed the approval was unanimous.
- The final bid proposals must be submitted before August 31, 2024.

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Ques: Which initiative of NITI Aayog recently hosted 'Mega Tinkering Day', India's largest-ever school-based tinkering event?

- A. Startup India Mission
- B. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)
- C. Digital India Initiative
- D. Make in India Programme
- E. PM Gati Shakti Plan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog hosted 'Mega Tinkering Day' with participation of students from over 10,000 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) across all 35 States & UTs.
- The event saw 4,73,350 students from 9,467 ATL-equipped schools participate in a live DIY project to design and build a vacuum cleaner using everyday lab materials.
- For one synchronized hour, lakhs of students engaged in innovation, creativity, and hands-on learning nationwide.
- Since inception, AIM has established 10,000+ ATLs providing students access to 3D printers, robotics kits, IoT devices, and more.

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Ques: What is SHRESTH, recently launched by the Union Health Secretary?

- A. A healthcare insurance scheme
- B. A drug regulatory benchmarking index
- C. A national vaccination programme
- D. A digital health card initiative
- E. A pharmaceutical export promotion council

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The State Health Regulatory Excellence Index (SHRESTH) is India's first national initiative to benchmark and strengthen state drug regulatory systems.
- It was virtually launched by Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava.
- Manufacturing states will be evaluated on 27 indices across 5 key themes – Human Resources, Infrastructure, Licensing Activities, Surveillance Activities, and Responsiveness.
- Distribution states will be assessed on 23 indices under SHRESTH.
- The aim of this initiative is to ensure a transparent, accountable, and efficient drug regulatory ecosystem across India.
- States will submit the data on predefined metrics to Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) by 25th every month and these metrics will be scored on the 1st of next month and shared with all states and UTs.





Ques: The Government of which state has launched the “Garuda Drishti” scheme, a social media monitoring and cyber-intelligence initiative?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis launched the Garuda Drishti scheme at Police Bhavan, Nagpur.
- It is a social media monitoring and cyber-intelligence initiative.
- Its objective is to detect fraudulent cyber activities, including hate speech, fake news, communal misinformation, drug trafficking, and financial scams across social media platforms

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Ques: How much private investment will the Pixxel-led consortium make to build India's first indigenous EO satellite constellation?

- A. ₹800 crore
- B. ₹1,000 crore
- C. ₹1,200 crore
- D. ₹1,500 crore
- E. ₹2,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Pixxel-led consortium (including SatSure, PierSight, and Dhruva Space) has been awarded the contract to build India's first indigenous commercial Earth Observation (EO) satellite constellation.
- The consortium will make a private investment of ₹1,200 crore under the PPP model.
- The project will deploy 12 advanced satellites within 4 years equipped with optical, hyperspectral, multispectral, and SAR sensors.
- These satellites will support applications in agriculture, urban planning, disaster management, climate monitoring, and national security, while also reducing India's reliance on foreign EO data and ensuring data sovereignty.

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Ques: What is the theme of the 79th Independence Day celebrations (2025)?

- A. Viksit Bharat
- B. Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav
- C. Naya Bharat
- D. Swachh Bharat
- E. Amrit Kaal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead the 79th Independence Day celebrations from the historic Red Fort, New Delhi, on 15th August 2025.
- The celebrations will be held under the theme “Naya Bharat”, symbolising a prosperous, secure, and bold India.
- Around 5,000 special guests from various sectors have been invited.
- About 2,500 cadets from the Army, Navy, Air Force, NCC, and MY Bharat volunteers will participate.
- IAF Mi-17 helicopters will shower flower petals during the flag hoisting ceremony.
- The theme also highlights Operation Sindoor, representing India’s progress.
- Defence and paramilitary bands will perform at 140+ locations across the country.

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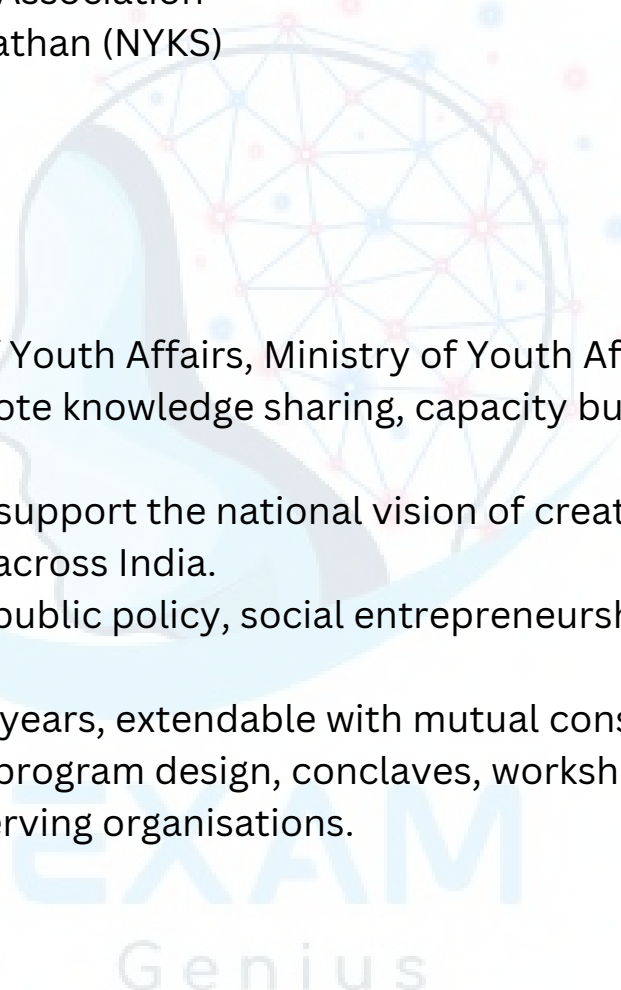
Ques: MY Bharat, Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, recently signed an MoU with which organisation to collaborate on youth leadership development and capacity building?

- A. National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. School of Ultimate Leadership Foundation (SOUL)
- D. Indian Youth Parliament Association
- E. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- MY Bharat, Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports signed an MoU with SOUL to promote knowledge sharing, capacity building, and youth leadership development.
- The collaboration aims to support the national vision of creating 1,00,000 youth leaders (aged 18–29 years) across India.
- Focus areas: governance, public policy, social entrepreneurship, digital literacy, financial literacy, etc.
- The MoU is valid for three years, extendable with mutual consent.
- It provides for leadership program design, conclaves, workshops, joint research, and strengthening youth-serving organisations.





Ques: Who won the ICC Men's Player of the Month for July 2025?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Rohit Sharma
- C. Shubman Gill
- D. Babar Azam
- E. Kane Williamson

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Shubman Gill (India) was named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for July 2025.
- Sophia Dunkley (England) was named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for July 2025.
- The ICC Player of the Month award recognizes outstanding performances in international cricket each month.
- Shubman Gill is regarded as one of India's top young batters.

Recent ICC players of the month :

- June 2025 Aiden Markram (South Africa) (Men), Hayley Matthews (West Indies) (Women)
- May 2025 Muhammad Waseem (UAE) (Men), Chloe Tryon (South Africa) (Women)
- April 2025 : Mehidy Hasan Miraz (Bangladesh) (Men), Kathryn Bryce (Scotland) (Women)





Ques: UIDAI has signed a 5-year R&D agreement with which institute to enhance Aadhaar security and reliability?

- A. IIT Delhi
- B. IISc Bengaluru
- C. DRDO
- D. NIT Trichy
- E. Indian Statistical Institute (ISI)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) signed a 5-year R&D agreement with the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) on 12 August 2025.
- The objective of this collaboration is to enhance the robustness, security, and reliability of Aadhaar through data-driven innovations.
- Research areas include fraud and anomaly detection, biometric liveness detection tools, identification of high-risk enrolment/update categories, and improved biometric matching algorithms.
- The agreement was signed by Tanusree Deb Barma (DDG, UIDAI) and Prof. B. S. Daya Sagar (Head, ISI Bengaluru), in the presence of UIDAI CEO Bhunesh Kumar and MoSPI Additional Secretary Puja Singh Mandol.
- ISI, under MoSPI, is a premier academic and research institution, known for its expertise in statistics, mathematics, computer science, and data science.





Ques: Where has Western Railway commissioned India's first 2×25 kV electric traction substation under the Mission Raftaar initiative?

- A. Nagda–Khachrod section, Madhya Pradesh
- B. Kota–Chittorgarh section, Rajasthan
- C. Surat–Vapi section, Gujarat
- D. Jhansi–Kanpur section, Uttar Pradesh
- E. Asansol–Dhanbad section, West Bengal

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Western Railway commissioned India's first 2×25 kV electric traction substation at the Nagda–Khachrod section (Ratlam Division, Madhya Pradesh).
- The system features two Scott-connected 100 MVA Power Transformers for efficient feeding of load to Overhead Equipment (OHE).
- Mission Raftaar, announced in the Railway Budget 2016–17, is aimed at increasing the average speed of freight trains in India.

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Ques: Which organisations jointly organised the “Leaders’ Dialogue on Green & Digital Maritime Corridors” in Mumbai under the aegis of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW)?

- A. Cochin Port Authority & Indian Navy
- B. Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) & Indian Ports Association (IPA)
- C. Paradip Port Authority & Indian Maritime University
- D. Shipping Corporation of India & Inland Waterways Authority
- E. Kandla Port Authority & Directorate General of Shipping

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The “Leaders’ Dialogue on Green & Digital Maritime Corridors” was organised in Mumbai by JNPA and IPA under the aegis of MoPSW.
- The event set the stage for India Maritime Week in October 2025 in Mumbai.
- It drew 300+ delegates, including senior government officials, international dignitaries, and maritime industry leaders.
- Singapore’s Deputy Prime Minister Gan Kim Yong praised the 60-year India-Singapore partnership, highlighting cooperation in green shipping, renewable energy, and maritime innovation for a sustainable future.

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Ques: How many sites have been finalized under PM MITRA Parks and what is the total outlay?

- A. 5 sites, ₹3,200 crore
- B. 6 sites, ₹5,000 crore
- C. 7 sites, ₹4,445 crore
- D. 8 sites, ₹4,000 crore
- E. 9 sites, ₹4,600 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Textiles has finalized 7 sites under the PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks scheme.
- The 7 sites are located in Tamil Nadu (Virudhnagar), Telangana (Warangal), Gujarat (Navasari), Karnataka (Kalaburagi), Madhya Pradesh (Dhar), Uttar Pradesh (Lucknow), and Maharashtra (Amravati).
- The total outlay for the scheme is ₹4,445 crore for a seven-year period up to 2027-28.
- This information was provided by the Minister of State for Textiles, Shri Pabitra Margherita, in the Lok Sabha.
- The scheme aims to strengthen India's textile sector by creating world-class industrial infrastructure.

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Ques: The Cabinet has approved an investment of ₹8146.21 crore for the construction of which Hydro Electric Project in Arunachal Pradesh?

- A. Subansiri Lower HEP
- B. Ranganadi-II HEP
- C. Tato-II HEP
- D. Kameng HEP
- E. Pare HEP

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by PM Narendra Modi approved ₹8146.21 crore for Tato-II Hydro Electric Project (HEP) in Shi Yomi district, Arunachal Pradesh.
- Installed capacity – 700 MW (4 x 175 MW); Annual generation – 2738.06 MU.
- Project completion time – 72 months.
- To be implemented through a Joint Venture between NEEPCO & Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Government of India support includes:
 - ₹458.79 crore for roads, bridges & transmission lines
 - ₹436.13 crore as equity support for the state
- Arunachal Pradesh will get 12% free power and 1% LADF (Local Area Development Fund).
- Additional benefits: 32.88 km of new roads and ₹20 crore dedicated for schools, hospitals, marketplaces, and playgrounds.
- The project will boost local infrastructure, employment, and Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision.





Ques: The Ministry of Home Affairs recently issued a gazette notification tightening rules for which category of cardholders under the Citizenship Act, 1955?

- A. Person of Indian Origin (PIO) cardholders
- B. Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) cardholders
- C. Aadhaar cardholders
- D. Voter ID cardholders
- E. PAN cardholders

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued a gazette notification under clause (da) of Section 7D of the Citizenship Act, 1955, tightening rules for OCI cardholders.
- This applies irrespective of whether conviction/charge occurs in India or abroad, as long as the offence is recognized under Indian law.
- OCI Scheme was introduced in August 2005.
- It enables registration of persons of Indian origin who were citizens of India on or after January 26, 1950, or were eligible for citizenship on that date.

Now, OCI registration may be canceled if:

- The cardholder is sentenced to imprisonment for two years or more, OR
- The cardholder is named in a chargesheet for an offence punishable with seven years or more of imprisonment.





IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL) & Suzlon Energy Limited join hands for the development of 700 MW wind energy project in Anantpur district of Andhra Pradesh of Worth Rs 6,000 Crore

The Government of Rajasthan conducted India's first AI-enabled drone-based cloud seeding experiment at the Jamwa Ramgarh Dam to revive the lake and address the region's water issue. The effort will deploy 60 AI-powered drones built by GenX AI in "Hydro Trace".

The Border Security Force (BSF) has launched a week-long security operation called 'Operation Alert' along the Indo-Pak border in Rajasthan.

Commemorating Partition Horrors Remembrance Day in Kolkata, the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), an independent trust under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, is holding a number of educational, artistic, and public engagement events that started on August 12.

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Ques: India's annual inflation rate based on the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) fell to what level in July 2025?

- A. (-) 1.36%
- B. (-) 0.13%
- C. (-) 0.58%
- D. 0.75%
- E. 1.20%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's WPI-based inflation rate fell to (-) 0.58% in July 2025, marking a two-year low.
- This is lower than the (-) 0.13% recorded in June 2025.
- The last time WPI inflation was this low was in July 2023, when it stood at (-) 1.36%.

Recent WPI-based Retail inflation in India :

- June 2025 : - 0.13%
- May 2025 : 0.39%
- April 2025 : 0.85%
- March 2025 : 2.05%
- February 2025 : 2.38%

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Ques: From which date will SBI's revised IMPS charges come into effect?

- A. August 1
- B. August 10
- C. August 15
- D. September 1
- E. July 31

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest lender, has revised its IMPS (Immediate Payment Service) charges effective from August 15.
- Branch IMPS transactions remain unchanged (no new charges).
- For online IMPS transfers above ₹25,000, nominal charges will now apply.

New charges (plus GST):

- ₹25,000 – ₹1 lakh → ₹2
- ₹1 – ₹2 lakh → ₹6
- ₹2 – ₹5 lakh → ₹10

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Ques: HDFC ERGO General Insurance has partnered with which digital payments platform to launch an affordable health insurance solution targeting the “Missing Middle”?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company Limited has partnered with PhonePe to launch an affordable health insurance product.
- The focus is on the “Missing Middle” population – around 40 crore Indians aged 18–30 years who are not covered by either government schemes or existing private health insurance.
- The plan is designed for lower and middle-income groups, with premiums starting as low as ₹12 per day (₹4,380 annually) for coverage of ₹3 lakhs.
- This partnership aims to expand health insurance penetration and make healthcare more accessible and inclusive in India.
- HDFC ERGO General Insurance headquartered in Mumbai and MD & CEO is Anuj Tyagi

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Ques: Which UPI app processed the highest number of transactions in July 2025?

- A. Google Pay
- B. Paytm
- C. PhonePe
- D. Navi
- E. super.money

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- According to NPCI data, PhonePe processed 8.93 billion UPI transactions in July 2025, the highest among all apps.
- Its market share (by volume) stood at 45.88%, followed by Google Pay (6.92 bn, 35.56%) and Paytm (1.36 bn, 7.02%).
- In terms of transaction value, PhonePe processed ₹12.20 trillion, Google Pay ₹8.91 trillion, and Paytm ₹1.43 trillion.
- Emerging players included Navi (0.44 bn) and super.money (0.25 bn).
- Overall, UPI recorded a new high of 19.46 billion transactions worth ₹25.08 trillion in July 2025.

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Ques: Standard & Poor's (S&P) Global Ratings recently upgraded India's long-term sovereign credit rating after 18 years. What is the new rating?

- A. BBB-
- B. BBB
- C. A-2
- D. A-3
- E. A+

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Finance welcomed the decision by S&P Global Ratings to upgrade India's long-term sovereign credit rating to 'BBB' from 'BBB-' with a Stable Outlook.
- The short-term rating was also upgraded from 'A-3' to 'A-2'.
- This is India's first sovereign rating upgrade by S&P in 18 years (last in 2007, when India was raised to investment grade at BBB-).
- Earlier in May 2024, S&P had revised India's outlook from 'Stable' to 'Positive'.
- S&P projects GDP growth of 6.5% in FY26, with continued growth momentum over the next three years.
- Recently, another rating agency Morningstar DBRS also upgraded India to "BBB" status.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as Director on the Tata Sons Board at the 107th AGM?

- A. Ratan Tata
- B. Noel Tata
- C. Venu Srinivasan
- D. Saurabh Agarwal
- E. Anand Mahindra

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Noel Tata, Chairman of Tata Trusts, was appointed as Director on the Tata Sons Board at the 107th Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- He also heads companies such as Trent, Tata International, Voltas, and Tata Investment Corporation.
- His appointment is seen as a move to strengthen ties between the Tata Group and Shapoorji Pallonji Group, the largest minority stakeholder in Tata Sons.
- Along with this, Venu Srinivasan and Saurabh Agarwal were reappointed, while Anita Maranpoly George was appointed as Independent Director for 3 years.
- Shareholders also approved a dividend of ₹64,900 per share, with a total payout of ₹2,622.9 crore.

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Ques: By what percentage did the number of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) accounts in public sector banks decline in FY25?

- A. 2.5%
- B. 1.8%
- C. 3.2%
- D. 0.9%
- E. 2.0%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The number of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) accounts in public sector banks declined by 1.8% year-on-year to 22.5 million in FY25.
- Despite fewer accounts, the outstanding loan amount increased by 2.2% to ₹41,300 crore.
- The KCC scheme, introduced in 1998, provides short-term crop loans at a benchmark 9% interest rate.
- Farmers receive a 3% prompt repayment incentive for timely repayment.
- In the FY26 Budget, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman raised the KCC loan limit from ₹3 lakh to ₹5 lakh.

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How many BSF soldiers were awarded gallantry medals for valour during Operation Sindoor?

- A. 12
- B. 14
- C. 16
- D. 18
- E. 20

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- During Operation Sindoor against Pakistan, a total of 16 BSF soldiers were awarded gallantry medals for their exceptional bravery and courage.
- These honours were part of the 127 gallantry awards approved by President Droupadi Murmu on the eve of Independence Day 2025.
- Among them, BSF Sub-Inspector Mohd Imteyaz and Constable Deepak Chingakhwam were posthumously awarded Vir Chakra.
- The awards announced included Kirti Chakras, Vir Chakras, Shaurya Chakras, Sena Medals, Nao Sena Medals, Vayu Sena Medals, and Yudh Seva Medals.
- In total, 233 personnel received gallantry awards, 99 received Distinguished Service medals, and 758 received Meritorious Service medals.

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Ques: On the 79th Independence Day (2025), Prime Minister Narendra Modi broke whose record for the most consecutive Independence Day addresses from the Red Fort?

- A. Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- B. Indira Gandhi
- C. Jawaharlal Nehru
- D. Manmohan Singh
- E. Lal Bahadur Shastri

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- PM Narendra Modi delivered his 12th consecutive Independence Day speech from the Red Fort on 15 August 2025, marking the 79th Independence Day.
- With this, he surpassed Indira Gandhi's record of 11 successive August 15 addresses.
- Modi first addressed the nation from the Red Fort in 2014 and has continued uninterrupted till 2025.
- He became the second Prime Minister after Jawaharlal Nehru (who delivered 17 consecutive speeches) to cross the 12-mark.
- Modi also delivered the longest-ever Independence Day speech in Indian history in 2025, lasting 103 minutes, breaking his own 98-minute record set in 2024.

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Ques: What is the total outlay of the newly launched PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY)?

- A. ₹50,000 crore
- B. ₹75,000 crore
- C. ₹1 trillion
- D. ₹1.5 trillion
- E. ₹2 trillion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- PM Narendra Modi launched the PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) during his Independence Day speech (2025).
- Scheme provides ₹15,000 financial support for youth entering their first private sector job.
- Outlay: ₹1 trillion (₹1 लाख करोड़) → Targeting 3.5 crore youth beneficiaries.
- Scheme was earlier called the Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme.
- It was first announced in the Union Budget (2024) by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

EXAM
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Ques: Which authority launched India's first Property Rating Framework for Digital Connectivity?

- A. SEBI
- B. TRAI
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. DoT
- E. MeitY

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) launched India's first voluntary star-based property rating system focused on digital connectivity.
- It evaluates how well a building supports modern digital needs.
- A manual has been issued under the "Rating of Properties for Digital Connectivity Regulations, 2024."
- Digital Connectivity Rating Agencies (DCRAs) will conduct assessments using a unified methodology.
- Importance: 70–80% of mobile data is consumed indoors, but connectivity is often poor due to infrastructure and building materials.
- This framework embeds Digital Connectivity Infrastructure (DCI) into early urban planning and incentivizes developers to provide high-quality digital access.
- TRAI: Statutory body established on 20 February 1997 under the TRAI Act, headquartered in New Delhi.

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Ques: India recently achieved its first-ever deep ocean human expedition with aquanauts reaching 4,025 m and 5,002 m in the Atlantic Ocean. The mission was conducted in collaboration with which institute?

- A. Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (USA)
- B. IFREMER, France
- C. CSIR – National Institute of Oceanography (India)
- D. JAMSTEC, Japan
- E. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (USA)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh announced that two Indian aquanauts – Raju Ramesh (Senior Scientist) and Cdr. Jatinder Pal Singh (Retd) – successfully dived to 4,025 m and 5,002 m in the Atlantic Ocean.
- The expedition was a collaborative mission with IFREMER (French Marine Research Institute), using IFREMER's submersible Nautille.
- It marks the first time India has achieved such ocean depths, gathering valuable experience for the Samudrayan Mission.
- The upcoming MATSYA-6000, being developed by NIOT (Chennai) under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, aims to reach 6,000 m by 2027.
- With this, India will become the 6th nation to develop its own deep-ocean human submersible.
- MATSYA-6000 has an operational endurance of 12 hours and emergency capacity of 96 hours, with shallow-water trials planned in 2026





Ques : The Government has recently approved a ₹47,000 crore capex plan for which telecom company?

- (a) Jio
- (b) Airtel
- (c) Vodafone Idea
- (d) BSNL
- (e) MTNL

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Government has announced a ₹47,000 crore capital expenditure (capex) plan to strengthen BSNL's telecom network.
- Last year, BSNL spent ₹25,000 crore to install 1 lakh 4G towers, its highest-ever yearly capex.
- The project was largely handled by a TCS and C-DoT-led consortium.
- Union Telecom Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has urged BSNL to improve its ARPU (Average Revenue Per User) to enhance financial performance.
- This new investment aims to upgrade BSNL's infrastructure and boost its competitiveness in India's telecom sector.

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Ques: Who has retained the post of General Secretary (Administration) of the Constitution Club of India (CCI)?

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Jagat Prakash Nadda
- C. Venkaiah Naidu
- D. Rajiv Pratap Rudy
- E. Piyush Goyal

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- BJP leader Rajiv Pratap Rudy has retained the post of General Secretary (Administration) of the Constitution Club of India (CCI).
- The CCI, founded in February 1947, serves as a social and professional hub for current and former Members of Parliament.
- The present-day CCI was inaugurated in 1965 by then President Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and is registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- By structure: The Lok Sabha Speaker is the ex-officio President, the Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha is the General Secretary, and the Union Urban Affairs Minister serves as the Vice President

EXAM
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Ques: The mascot of the first-ever Khelo India Water Sports Festival 2025 is?

- A. Snow Leopard
- B. Himalayan Kingfisher
- C. Black-necked Crane
- D. Blue Pigeon
- E. Himalayan Monal

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The mascot of the first-ever Khelo India Water Sports Festival (KIWSF) 2025 is the Himalayan Kingfisher.
- The event will be held at Dal Lake, Srinagar, from 21–23 August 2025.
- This will be the second Khelo India event in Jammu & Kashmir, after Gulmarg hosted the Khelo India Winter Games (March 2025).
- The festival will feature rowing, canoeing, and kayaking as medal events, along with water skiing, shikara race, and dragon boat race demonstrations.
- More than 400 athletes from 36 states & UTs are expected to participate.

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Ques: Which bill did Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman recently introduce in the Lok Sabha to amend India's insolvency law?

- A. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2023
- B. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2024
- C. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2025
- D. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2021
- E. Corporate Insolvency and Resolution Bill, 2025

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2025 in the Lok Sabha.
- After introduction, it was referred to a select committee of the House on the minister's request.
- The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) was originally introduced in 2016, and has undergone six amendments so far, the last in 2021.
- The insolvency law is implemented by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, also headed by Sitharaman.

Key Reforms in the Bill:

- Faster Admission of Insolvency Cases – Mandatory admission of creditor-filed applications if default is proven and compliance is met.
- Creditor-Initiated Insolvency Resolution Process (CIIRP) – Out-of-court initiation for genuine business failures; requires 51% creditor consent; timeline of 150 days.
- Group Insolvency Framework – Coordinated insolvency proceedings for corporate groups.
- Cross-Border Insolvency Framework – Mechanism for recovery of foreign assets and dedicated benches for cross-border cases.





Ques: Bihar's Road Construction Department has partnered with which institution to launch an AI-driven bridge management system?

- A. IIT Bombay
- B. IIT Delhi
- C. IIT Kanpur
- D. IIT Madras
- E. NIT Patna

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Bihar's Road Construction Department has collaborated with IIT Delhi to develop an AI-powered bridge management system.
- An advanced certification programme will be launched for engineers to enhance their skills in AI-based infrastructure management.
- The system will enable real-time structural health monitoring of bridges, improving safety, durability, and smart infrastructure.
- The partnership aims at modernizing Bihar's public infrastructure using artificial intelligence.

EXAM
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Ques: Who launched the AI-powered tool 'SabhaSaar' for Gram Sabha meetings?

- A. Amit Shah
- B. Dharmendra Pradhan
- C. Nitin Gadkari
- D. Anurag Thakur
- E. Rajiv Ranjan Singh 'Lalan'

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Union Panchayati Raj Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh 'Lalan' launched 'SabhaSaar', an AI-powered tool.
- It automatically generates structured minutes from Gram Sabha meeting videos and audio using AI & Natural Language Processing (NLP).
- Initially rolled out in Tripura, and later to be expanded to other states.
- Developed by the Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj and integrated with Bhashini (National Language Translation Mission).
- Objective: Streamline & standardize Gram Sabha, improve governance efficiency, reduce manual workload, and promote transparency in Panchayat functioning.

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Ques: Who recently became India's 89th Chess Grandmaster (GM) in July 2025?

- A. Divya Deshmukh
- B. A. Harikrishnan
- C. S. Rohith Krishna
- D. R. Praggnanandhaa
- E. Arjun Erigaisi

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- S. Rohith Krishna (19-year-old engineering student from Chennai) became India's 89th Chess GM and the 85th male GM.
- He achieved his final GM norm at the Almaty Masters Qonaev Cup in Kazakhstan (July 2025), scoring 6/9 points and crossing the 2500 Elo rating mark (FIDE rating 2516).
- He earlier earned the International Master (IM) title in 2022.
- A. Harikrishnan became India's 87th GM at the La Plagne International Chess Festival (France).
- Divya won the 2025 Women's World Cup, becoming the 4th Indian woman Grandmaster and India's 88th GM overall.

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Ques : India and the U.S. will hold the 21st edition of which joint military exercise in Alaska this month?

- A. Vajra Prahar
- B. Yudh Abhyas
- C. Malabar
- D. Garuda Shakti
- E. Shakti

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The 21st edition of Yudh Abhyas (a joint military exercise between India and the U.S.) will be held in Alaska this month.
- The exercise aims to strengthen defence cooperation and interoperability between the two countries.
- Alongside, a U.S. Defence Policy team will visit Delhi in mid-August, and both nations will also hold a 2+2 intersessional meeting at the working level.

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Ques: Dr Vece Paes, who recently passed away, was associated with which sport?

- A. Hockey
- B. Tennis
- C. Football
- D. Rugby
- E. Athletics

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Dr Vece Paes, father of tennis legend Leander Paes, was an Olympic hockey medallist.
- He won a bronze medal with the Indian hockey team at the 1972 Munich Olympics and also at the 1971 Hockey World Cup in Barcelona.
- Apart from hockey, he also contributed to other sports administration, serving as the President of the Indian Rugby Football Union (1996–2002).
- His legacy lies in being both a successful player and a sports administrator in India.

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Indian Actor, Producer and Investor, H.E. Zeenat Kureshi Appointed as 1st woman from India to be appointed as the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)-India Trade Commissioner

The government has announced the formation of the Higher Education Commission of India (HECI) to replace UGC, AICTE, and NCTE with a unified, tech-driven regulator.

Tamil Nadu International Kite Festival 2025 to be held from August 14-17

Adani Defence Systems and Technologies Limited and Prime Aero Services LLP have signed a definitive agreement to acquire a 100% share in Indamer Technics Private Limited, a private sector Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul company.

On India's 79th Independence Day, PM Narendra Modi announced that India will launch the 'Sudarshan Chakra' air defence system by 2035.

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Ques: Which bank received the highest number of customer complaints in FY25 among public sector banks?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- In FY25, the State Bank of India (SBI) received the highest number of customer complaints among all public sector banks.
- Among private sector banks, Axis Bank recorded the highest complaints.
- The data reflects growing concerns over service quality in both public and private sector banks.
- It also underlines the need for better grievance redressal mechanisms in the banking sector.

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Ques: Which bank has launched a special personal loan scheme for Agniveers on India's 79th Independence Day?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- A unique personal loan program designed especially for Agniveers has been introduced by State Bank of India (SBI).
- To commemorate India's 79th Independence Day, the program was launched.
- Agniveers with an SBI salary account are eligible for loans up to ₹4 lakh under the scheme;
- these loans are provided without collateral and with a full waiver of processing fees. Until
- September 30, 2025, SBI is also giving all defense personnel a flat interest rate of 10.50% on personal loans.

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Ques: From which date has NPCI directed banks and payment apps to stop peer-to-peer (P2P) UPI “collect requests” to curb frauds?

- A. September 1, 2025
- B. October 1, 2025
- C. November 1, 2025
- D. December 1, 2025
- E. January 1, 2026

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has directed banks and payment apps to halt all P2P UPI collect requests starting October 1, 2025.
- The UPI Collect feature lets one UPI user request money from another by sending a payment request.
- Current rules includes Maximum collection per transaction: ₹2,000. Daily cap : 50 successful P2P credit transactions
- This step aims to reduce online frauds and scams that exploit the “collect request” feature.

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Ques: Which bank will manage the online payment services for India's first barrier-less toll collection system?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- ICICI Bank will manage the online payment services for India's first barrier-less toll collection system.
- This system is being implemented at the Choryasi Toll Plaza on NH-48 in Gujarat.
- The project is an initiative of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to modernize road infrastructure.
- It uses Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) technology, which includes RFID scanners and AI-based Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras
- The toll collection system will be applied on the 246-km Bharuch–Surat stretch of NH-48 in Gujarat.

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Ques: The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) recently held an interactive session with northeastern states on which theme?

- A. Digital Skilling Mission
- B. National Scheme for ITI Upgradation
- C. Startup India Skill Drive
- D. Skill India 2.0 Initiative
- E. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Samvardhan Yojana

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) organised an Interactive Session at Kaushal Bhawan, New Delhi with senior officers from Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Sikkim, Tripura and West Bengal.
- The session's theme was the National Scheme for ITI Upgradation, approved in May 2025 after being announced in the Union Budget 2024-25.
- Under this scheme 1000 Government ITIs will be upgraded using a hub & spoke model, 200 ITIs will serve as hub institutions and 800 ITIs will function as spokes.
- The goal is to create state-led, industry-managed skilling institutions for better training and employability.

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Ques : As per the Digital Agriculture Mission, how many farmers currently have digital IDs linked to land records?

- A. 50 million
- B. 70 million
- C. 90 million
- D. 100 million
- E. 110 million

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Under the Digital Agriculture Mission, more than 70 million unique farmer IDs have been generated in 14 states.
- These IDs are known as Kisan Pehchaan Patra, containing details of farmers' landholdings, crops, and related data.
- Major contributors: Uttar Pradesh (14.4 mn), Maharashtra (11.3 mn), Madhya Pradesh (8.7 mn), Rajasthan (7.8 mn), Gujarat (5.6 mn).
- Targets : FY25 → 90 million farmers and FY27 → 110 million farmers
- This is part of a ₹2,817 crore project (AgriStack, Krishi Decision Support System, Soil Mapping).
- Uses: PM-Kisan DBT, Kisan Credit Cards, PMFBY (crop insurance), Soil Health Cards.

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Ques: Which facility was launched by NHAI on 15th August 2025 to streamline toll payments?

- A. One Nation One Toll Card
- B. FASTag Annual Pass
- C. Digital Toll Wallet
- D. MLFF System
- E. Bharat e-Toll

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- On August 15, 2025, the FASTag Annual Pass service was introduced by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).
- In keeping with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's goal of using technology to improve services, this project seeks to increase the effectiveness, affordability, and usability of toll payments.
- Highway users have responded quite favorably to the instant nationwide rollout across 1,150 toll plazas.
- The pass costs ₹3,000 and is good for 200 toll crossings or one year, whichever comes first.

Eligibility and Activation :

- Applicable to all non-commercial vehicles with a valid FASTag.
- Can be activated through the Rajmargyatra App or NHAI website.
- Activation happens within two hours of payment confirmation.





Ques: Who has been announced as NDA's candidate for the Vice-Presidential election 2025?

- A. Jagdeep Dhankhar
- B. C.P. Radhakrishnan
- C. Venkaiah Naidu
- D. Ram Nath Kovind
- E. Anurag Thakur

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- BJP has declared Maharashtra Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan as the NDA's candidate for the Vice-Presidential elections 2025, scheduled on 9 September 2025.
- He is a former Lok Sabha MP, ex-Governor of Jharkhand, and a senior RSS leader.
- Radhakrishnan also served as BJP Tamil Nadu president (2004–2007), credited with strengthening the party in South India.
- This announcement comes after Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar resigned last month due to health reasons.

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Ques: Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh recently interacted with 30 meritorious tribal students from the Andaman & Nicobar Islands under which initiative?

- A. Aarohan: Dweep to Delhi
- B. Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
- C. Bharat Darshan Yatra
- D. Mission Samrasta
- E. Yuva Sangam

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh interacted with 30 meritorious higher secondary students from tribal communities of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- The event was part of Aarohan: Dweep to Delhi, a 7-day National Integration Tour organised by the Andaman & Nicobar Command (ANC).
- Objective: To provide exposure to youth from remote island communities to India's cultural heritage, modern infrastructure, and academic opportunities.
- The tour itinerary included visits to Red Fort, India Gate, National War Memorial, Taj Mahal, and premier institutions like Delhi Technological University and the National Science Centre.

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Ques: Where was the ISRO–Muskaan Foundation space lab inaugurated in Arunachal Pradesh?

- A. Itanagar
- B. Pasighat
- C. Tawang
- D. Mechuka
- E. Ziro

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- A state-of-the-art space lab was inaugurated at Mechuka Government Higher Secondary School, Shi-Yomi district, Arunachal Pradesh.
- The lab was established through collaboration between ISRO and Muskaan Foundation.
- The initiative aims to provide students with hands-on learning in space science and technology.
- The facility will foster curiosity, innovation, and scientific thinking among youth.
- This effort is part of ISRO's broader vision to encourage STEM education in remote and border regions.

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Ques: Which organisation published the Top 500 Global Brands List 2025?

- A. Interbrand
- B. TopBrand Union
- C. Brand Finance
- D. World Economic Forum
- E. Fortune Global Insights

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Top 500 Global Brands List 2025 was published by TopBrand Union.
- It was released during the 19th China Brand Festival held in Shenzhen.
- The festival had the theme – “AI and Global Expansion”, reflecting the growing role of artificial intelligence in global branding.
- The event attracted 10,000+ participants, including entrepreneurs, policymakers, and brand leaders.

Top 5 Global Brands of 2025 :

- 1 Microsoft
- 2 NVIDIA
- 3 Apple
- 4 Amazon
- 5 Alphabet

EXAM
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Ques: In the proposed new GST structure, what will be the highest tax rate?

- A. 28%
- B. 30%
- C. 35%
- D. 40%
- E. 18%

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Centre has proposed a 2-tier GST structure by retaining 5% and 18% slabs as the main rates.
- The 12% and 28% slabs will be abolished.
- 99% of items in the 12% slab will move to 5%, while 90% of items in the 28% slab will shift to 18%.
- A new 40% “sin tax” slab will apply to around 5–7 items (like tobacco, gutka, cigarettes).
- A concessional rate (<1%) will continue for precious metals (gold, silver – 3%) and semi-precious stones (0.25%).

Revenue share of slabs (before change):

- 28% slab → 11% of GST revenue
- 12% slab → 5% of GST revenue
- 5% slab → 7% of GST revenue
- 18% slab → 67% of GST revenue (largest share)





Ques : When was the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) launched?

- A. 2018
- B. 2019
- C. 2020
- D. 2021
- E. 2022

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- On August 15 2020, Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) or Drugs-Free India Campaign, a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJE) has successfully completed 5 years.

About Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) :

- Launched : August 15, 2020
- Launched under : National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR)
- Nodal ministry : Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJE)
- Initial coverage : 272 districts across 32 States/Union Territories (UTs)

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Ques: Who has been chosen for the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 17th International Documentary and Short Film Festival of Kerala (IDSFFK)?

- A. Anand Patwardhan
- B. Deepa Dhanraj
- C. Shaji N. Karun
- D. Mira Nair
- E. Rakesh Sharma

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Acclaimed documentary filmmaker Rakesh Sharma has been selected for the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 17th International Documentary and Short Film Festival of Kerala (IDSFFK).
- The award carries ₹2 lakh, a certificate, and a statuette.
- Rakesh Sharma is best known for his ground-breaking 2004 documentary Final Solution, which portrayed the 2002 Gujarat pogrom.
- The festival is organised by the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy.

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Ques: Which mission was launched by India in 2025 to ensure supply of critical minerals like lithium, cobalt, and rare earths for self-reliance?

- A. National Mineral Development Mission
- B. National Rare Earths Mission
- C. National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM)
- D. Mineral Security Mission
- E. Clean Energy Mineral Mission

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- India launched NCMM in 2025 to secure critical minerals needed for clean energy technologies and national security.
- Led by the Geological Survey of India (GSI), the mission will conduct 1,200 exploration projects (2024–25 to 2030–31).
- Targeted minerals: Lithium, Cobalt, Rare Earth Elements (REEs), Nickel, Manganese.
- 195 exploration projects started in 2024–25 alone, including 35 in Rajasthan.
- NCMM also plans to auction 100 mineral blocks and promote offshore exploration.
- By 2030–31, goals include 1,000 patents, 10,000 skilled workers, 4 mineral processing parks and 3 Centres of Excellence
- Objective: Reduce import dependency and support India's global energy transition.

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Ques: Which two organisations signed an MoU to roll out the e-Sushrut@Clinic platform?

- A. NHA & C-DAC
- B. NITI Aayog & NIC
- C. ICMR & AIIMS
- D. Ministry of Health & IIT Delhi
- E. DRDO & DGHS

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The National Health Authority (NHA) and the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) signed an MoU to launch e-Sushrut@Clinic.
- It is a lightweight, cloud-based Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) tailored for small and medium healthcare providers.
- The application is a simplified version of C-DAC's flagship e-Sushrut HMIS, which is already in use at 17 AIIMS and 4000+ health facilities nationwide.
- This step is part of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), launched in September 2021 to build an integrated digital health infrastructure in India.

Features:

- Designed for outpatient management, pharmacy, and nursing modules.
- Enables digitization of patient records, prescriptions, billing, and telemedicine services.
- Simple onboarding via Health Facility Registry (HFR) and Health Professional Registry (HPR).





Ques : Which two highway projects worth ₹11,000 crore will PM Modi inaugurate in Delhi?

- A. Delhi–Meerut Expressway & Eastern Peripheral Expressway
- B. Dwarka Expressway (Delhi section) & UER-II (Alipur–Dichau Kalan stretch)
- C. Delhi–Mumbai Expressway & Western Peripheral Expressway
- D. Yamuna Expressway & Agra–Lucknow Expressway
- E. Delhi–Jaipur Expressway & Delhi–Amritsar Expressway

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate two major National Highway projects in Delhi worth ₹11,000 crore.
- These include:
 - Dwarka Expressway (Delhi section) – 10.1 km, costing ₹5,360 crore.
 - Urban Extension Road-II (UER-II), Alipur–Dichau Kalan stretch – costing ₹5,580 crore.
- The projects will decongest Delhi, reduce travel time, and improve seamless mobility.
- Intermodal transit connectivity will link Yashobhoomi, Delhi Metro (Blue & Orange Line), Bijwasan railway station, and Dwarka Cluster Bus Depot.
- UER-II will provide direct access to Bahadurgarh & Sonipat, reduce city traffic, and boost industrial connectivity in NCR.





Ques : Which institute's researchers have developed a low-power miniaturised technology to detect trace leakage of hydrogen and nitrogen dioxide?

- A. IIT Madras
- B. IISc Bengaluru
- C. IISER Thiruvananthapuram
- D. IIT Bombay
- E. NIT Trichy

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Researchers from the School of Physics, IISER Thiruvananthapuram developed a low-power, miniaturised sensor.
- It can detect Trace leakage of hydrogen (used as clean fuel) and Small amounts of toxic nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) from burning fossil fuels in stoves/heaters.
- It Works at room temperature, even with very small quantities.
- The project was supported by the Nano Mission Program of the Department of Science and Technology (DST).
- This tech is significant for clean energy safety (hydrogen fuel) and public health (NO_2 exposure).

EXAM
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Ques: Who has been given the additional charge as the Governor of Nagaland after the demise of La. Ganesan in August 2025?

- A. Ajay Kumar Bhalla
- B. Arif Mohammed Khan
- C. Ramesh Bais
- D. Anusuiya Uikey
- E. C. P. Radhakrishnan

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- After the demise of Nagaland Governor La. Ganesan, the President of India appointed Ajay Kumar Bhalla, the Governor of Manipur, with the additional charge of Nagaland.
- The Governor serves as the chief executive head of a state.
- Article 153 of the Constitution states that there shall be a Governor for each state.
- Along with the Chief Minister, Council of Ministers, and Advocate General, the Governor forms part of the State Executive.
- Articles 153 to 167 (Part VI) of the Constitution deal with the structure and functions of the State Executive.

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Ques: Where was the 12th edition of the Sri Lanka–India Naval Exercise (SLINEX-25) conducted in August 2025?

- A. Kochi, India
- B. Colombo, Sri Lanka
- C. Visakhapatnam, India
- D. Trincomalee, Sri Lanka
- E. Chennai, India

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The 12th edition of Sri Lanka–India Naval Exercise (SLINEX-25) was held from 14–18 August 2025 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Harbour Phase: 14–16 August at Colombo Port. Sea Phase: 17–18 August off the Colombo coast.
- Participating Units : Indian Navy – INS Rana (guided missile destroyer), INS Jyoti (fleet tanker).
- Sri Lanka Navy – SLNS Gajabahu, SLNS Vijayabahu (Advanced Offshore Patrol Vessels), SLNS Sayura.
- Supported by Sri Lanka Air Force BEL 412 helicopters and Special Forces from both nations.
- SLINEX is a bilateral naval exercise conceptualised in 2005.
- The previous edition (2024) was held at Visakhapatnam, India.

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Ques: Who is the author of the book “The Weight Loss Revolution – Weight Loss Drugs and How to Use Them”?

- A. Dr. Devi Shetty & Rujuta Diwekar
- B. Dr. Ambrish Mithal & Shivam Vij
- C. Dr. Naresh Trehan & Shiv Khera
- D. Dr. Sudhanshu Bhattacharya & Piyush Pandey
- E. Dr. Randeep Guleria & Chetan Bhagat

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the book “The Weight Loss Revolution – Weight Loss Drugs and How to Use Them”.
- The book has been authored by Dr. Ambrish Mithal, an eminent endocrinologist, along with Mr. Shivam Vij.
- It provides detailed insights into the latest weight loss medicines and their correct usage.
- The book also aims to spread awareness about healthy and scientific approaches to weight management.
- This work highlights the role of modern medicine in safe and effective weight loss.

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BSNL announced the nationwide roll-out of its network-side AntiSpam and Anti-Smishing protection for mobile customers—no app to install, no settings to change.

Fresh apricots from Kargil, Ladakh, have been introduced to Saudi Arabia for the first time during India's 79th Independence Day celebrations in Riyadh, under the One District One Product initiative.

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) declared that India has surpassed 2.3 GW in 2014 by reaching a historic milestone of 100 GW of solar Photo Voltaic (PV) module manufacturing capacity under the Approved List of Models and Manufacturers (ALMM).

This achievement bolsters Government of India (GoI)'s commitment towards Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliance) and the target of 500 GW non-fossil capacity by 2030.

Senior Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi began his 16-day-long 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' from Sasaram in poll-bound Bihar

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Ques: LIC's special revival campaign for lapsed policies will run between which dates?

- A. 1 July – 31 August
- B. 15 August – 15 October
- C. 18 August – 17 October
- D. 1 September – 31 October
- E. 10 August – 10 October

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched a 2-month nationwide campaign to revive lapsed individual insurance policies.
- The campaign will run from 18 August to 17 October.
- LIC is offering concession on late fees up to 30%, subject to a maximum of ₹5,000, for all non-linked insurance plans.
- Policies can be revived within 5 years from the date of the first unpaid premium, subject to terms & conditions.
- Only policies that lapsed during the premium-paying term but have not completed the policy term are eligible.

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Ques: Which bank partnered with IndiGo to launch the IndiGo IDFC FIRST Credit Card offering Mastercard and RuPay networks?

- A. HDFC Bank
- B. ICICI Bank
- C. IDFC FIRST Bank
- D. Axis Bank
- E. Yes Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- IndiGo and IDFC FIRST Bank jointly launched the IndiGo IDFC FIRST Credit Card.
- The card provides access to both Mastercard and RuPay networks through a single application.
- It comes with two application options : ₹4,999 joining fee and Zero joining fee with a ₹1 lakh fixed deposit backing.

About IDFC First Bank :

- Established : 2015
- HQ : Mumbai
- MD & CEO : V Vaidyanathan
- Tagline : Always You First

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Ques: Which state received the highest SASCI fund allocation in FY26 (till 11 Aug 2025)?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The SASCI scheme (Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure and Investment) was launched in FY21 with an initial allocation of ₹12,000 crore (COVID pandemic support).
- By FY25, allocation increased sharply to ₹1,50,000 crore, almost fully utilised.
- Till 11 Aug 2025 (FY26), the Centre released ₹36,027 crore to states and UTs.

Top recipients (FY26 so far):

1. Uttar Pradesh (highest share)
2. Bihar
3. Rajasthan
4. Madhya Pradesh
5. Maharashtra

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Ques: Which Indian firm became the first to receive a UAE licence to sell investment funds and portfolios to retail investors?

- A. HDFC International
- B. Kotak International
- C. ICICI International
- D. Axis Global
- E. SBI Global

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Kotak International, the global arm of Kotak Mahindra Bank (India's 3rd largest private lender), has received a licence from the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- The licence, granted by the Securities & Commodities Authority (SCA) of UAE, allows it to sell investment funds and portfolios to onshore retail investors.
- This makes Kotak International the first Indian firm to receive such approval in the UAE.
- The funds can be accessed with a minimum investment of approximately USD 500.

About Kotak Mahindra Bank :

- Established : 2003
- HQ : Mumbai
- MD & CEO : Ashok Vaswani
- Tagline : Let's make money simple

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Ques : Who won the Best Film & Best Director Award at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2025?

- A. Sanjay Leela Bhansali
- B. Neeraj Ghaywan
- C. Rajkumar Hirani
- D. Anurag Kashyap
- E. None of these

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Best Film & Best Director Awarded at Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2025
- Filmmaker Neeraj Ghaywan's drama Homebound dominated the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2025 awards night, bagging the coveted honours of best film and best director.

Complete list of IFFM 2025 Award Winners:

- Best Film: Homebound
- Best Director: Neeraj Ghaywan (Homebound)
- Best Indie Film: Angammal
- Best Actor (Male) – Film: Abhishek Bachchan (I Want to Talk)
- Best Actor (Female) – Film: Geetha Kailasam (Angammal)
- Best Series: Black Warrant
- Best Actor (Male) – Series: Jaideep Ahlawat (Paatal Lok Season 2)
- Best Actor (Female) – Series: Nimisha Sajayan (Dabba Cartel)
- Excellence in Cinema: Aamir Khan
- Leadership in Cinema: Arvind Swamy
- Disruptor Award: Vir Das





Ques: Which country is hosting the Asian Open Short Track Speed Skating Trophy 2025 for the first time?

- A. China
- B. Japan
- C. India
- D. Indonesia
- E. Thailand

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- India will host the Asian Open Short Track Speed Skating Trophy 2025 for the first time.
- Venue: Maharana Pratap Sports College, Raipur, Dehradun (Uttarakhand) started from 20–23 August 2025
- Organized under the Ice Skating Association of India (ISAI), headed by Amitabh Sharma (President).
- Participation: More than 11 Asian countries including China, Japan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Chinese Taipei, Vietnam, Malaysia, Philippines, and India.
- It is the biggest international winter sports event hosted by India.

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Ques: Recently, Union Minister of State Kirti Vardhan Singh launched a customized version of the Hostile Activity Watch Kernel (HAWK) wildlife crime management system for which state?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Union Minister of State Kirti Vardhan Singh launched a customized version of HAWK (Hostile Activity Watch Kernel), a digital-cum-centralized forest and wildlife crime management system, for the Tamil Nadu Forest Department.
- With this, Tamil Nadu became the 3rd state in India, after Kerala and Karnataka, to implement the system.
- The system was developed by Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) in collaboration with Nippon Telegraph and Telephone (NTT), a Japanese IT services provider.
- Objective: To strengthen monitoring and curb forest and wildlife crimes through a centralized digital platform.

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Ques: What is the purpose of the newly unveiled Golden Dome Missile Defense System by the United States?

- A. To enhance nuclear submarine capabilities
- B. To shield the U.S. from foreign missile threats
- C. To develop offensive hypersonic missiles
- D. To control military satellites
- E. To expand NATO's joint defense operations

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Golden Dome Missile Defense System is a \$175 billion next-generation U.S. missile defense program.
- It uses space-based satellites and multiple ground-based layers (THAAD, Patriot, Next Generation Interceptors) to counter ballistic, hypersonic, and cruise missile threats.
- The system aims to neutralize intercontinental ballistic missiles during the boost phase and provide a multi-layered shield against advanced threats.
- General Michael A. Guetlein (U.S. Space Force) has been appointed to lead the project.
- Key collaborators: SpaceX, Palantir, Anduril, L3Harris, Lockheed Martin, RTX.
- The U.S. targets operational readiness by 2028, with a large-scale test scheduled for late 2028.

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Ques: Which railway zone has become the first in India to shift to compostable bio-plastic on trains?

- A. Eastern Railway
- B. Northeast Frontier Railway
- C. Northern Railway
- D. South Central Railway
- E. Western Railway

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has become India's first railway zone to adopt compostable bio-plastic on trains.
- The initiative was launched on the 79th Independence Day, when biodegradable bags were introduced for distributing linen to passengers.
- The ISO 17088-compliant bioplastic used in the project was developed by IIT Guwahati.
- Under the project, 40,000 bioplastic bags will be distributed across 25 trains originating from terminals in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bengal, Bihar, Tripura, and West Bengal.

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Ques: Russia has planned to launch its Venera-D mission to Venus between which years?

- A. 2028 – 2030
- B. 2030 – 2032
- C. 2032 – 2034
- D. 2034 – 2036
- E. 2036 – 2038

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Russia is planning to launch the Venera-D Venus Mission between 2034 and 2036.
- The mission will include a lander, a balloon probe, and an orbital spacecraft.
- This will mark Russia's return to Venus exploration after decades, as the Soviet Union's Venera probes (1975 & 1982) were the only ones to capture images of Venus' surface.
- The mission design is being developed in collaboration with the Lavochkin Association, with a two-year design phase.
- The word "Venera" means "Venus" in Russian.

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Ques: On 14 August 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi marked the completion of how many years of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)?

- A. 4 years
- B. 5 years
- C. 6 years
- D. 7 years
- E. 10 years

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- On 14 August 2025, Prime Minister (PM) of India Narendra Modi marked the completion of six years of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)
- The Government of India (GoI) has proposed to extend the JJM till 2028 with higher funding as announced in the Union Budget for the financial year 2025-26 (FY26).

About Jal Jeevan Mission :

- Launched : August 15, 2019
- Ministry in responsible : Ministry of Jal Shakti
- Objective : supply potable tap water 55 liters per person per day (LPCD) to every rural household of the country by 2024
- Funding : Center and the states under the mission are 90:10 for Himalayan and North-Eastern states and 50:50 for other states
- Over 15.69 crore households connected (81% coverage); 2.63 lakh villages & 191 districts declared Har Ghar Jal
- States and UTs like Goa, Telangana, Haryana, Punjab, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, and A&N Islands have been certified as 100% 'Har Ghar Jal', achieving full rural coverage





Ques: Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy recently launched the official logo, brochure, and website of Bharat Steel 2026. What is its primary objective?

- A. To promote foreign investment in Indian mining sector
- B. To conduct the largest steel exhibition in India and position India as a global hub for advanced steel production
- C. To enhance exports of iron ore from India
- D. To attract private participation in coal mining
- E. To boost aluminium and copper production in India

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Bharat Steel 2026 is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Steel (MoS), launched by Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy.
- It is an international conference-cum-exhibition dedicated to the entire steel ecosystem.
- Its aim is to organize the largest steel exhibition in India and make India a global hub for sustainable & technologically advanced steel production.
- At the launch of the National Steel Policy 2017, India's per capita steel consumption was around 60 Kg. In 2025, it has crossed 100 Kg for the first time.
- The target for 2030-31: ~160 Kg per capita consumption, 300 MT crude steel capacity, and 255 MT production.
- The Government of India allocated ₹3,362 crore to the Ministry of Steel under Union Budget 2025-26.





Ques: The Government has proposed to establish a National Veterinary Blood Bank Network (N-VBBN) under which department?

- A. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- B. Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
- C. Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying
- D. Ministry of Rural Development
- E. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying has released the draft Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Blood Transfusion & Blood Bank for Animals.
- A National Veterinary Blood Bank Network (N-VBBN) will be set up under this department.
- India has 536.76 million livestock as per the 20th Livestock Census (2019).
- Veterinary Blood Banks will be hosted at veterinary colleges, universities, referral hospitals, polyclinics, and large diagnostic centres.

The N-VBBN will provide 4 core services:

- Digitally integrated donor registries.
- Real-time inventory management system.
- Helpline & online portal for emergencies.
- Standardised practices & reports.





Ques: Who won the Quantbox Chennai Grand Masters 2025 (Masters Section) title?

- A. GM Vincent Keymer
- B. GM Viswanathan Anand
- C. GM Magnus Carlsen
- D. GM R Praggnanandhaa
- E. GM D Gukesh

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Quantbox Chennai Grand Masters 2025 was the third edition of India's premier classical super chess tournament.
- It carried a record prize pool of ₹1 crore (~\$85,600) – ₹75 lakh for the Masters and ₹25 lakh for the Challengers.
- In the Masters Section, German GM Vincent Keymer clinched the title with one round to spare, becoming the first sole champion in the tournament's history.
- In the Challengers Section, Indian GM M Pranesh emerged winner, earning a promotion to the 2026 Masters.

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Ques: Which state is hosting the 12th Men's Asia Cup Hockey 2025 for the first time?

- A. Odisha
- B. Punjab
- C. Bihar
- D. Haryana
- E. Uttar Pradesh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Bihar is hosting the 12th Men's Asia Cup Hockey for the first time.
- The tournament will be held from 29th August to 7th September 2025 at the Rajgir International Stadium, Rajgir (Bihar).
- Logo, mascot, and trophy of the tournament were unveiled by Bihar CM Nitish Kumar.
- The mascot is named "Chand", inspired by both the majestic tiger of Bihar's Valmiki Tiger Reserve and Hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand.
- The event starts on 29th August, which coincides with National Sports Day (birth anniversary of Dhyan Chand).
- Participating teams: India, China, Japan, Chinese Taipei, Malaysia, South Korea, Oman, and Bangladesh.
- The winner of the Asia Cup will get direct qualification for the Hockey World Cup.





Ques: Who won the Women's Singles title at the Saipan International 2025 Badminton Tournament?

- A. Tanya Hemanth
- B. PV Sindhu
- C. Saina Nehwal
- D. Malvika Bansod
- E. Tasnim Mir

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Tanya Hemanth from Bangalore clinched the Women's Singles title at the Saipan International 2025 Badminton Tournament.
- Venue: Northern Mariana Islands.
- Tournament was part of BWF's 3×15 scoring system test events (each game played to 15 points instead of the conventional 21).
- This was Tanya Hemanth's fourth international series title - She won the India International 2022 tournament, the Iran Fajr International in 2023 and the Bendigo International in 2024

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Ques: Infosys announced the acquisition of a 75% stake in which Telstra subsidiary to form a Joint Venture focused on AI-powered cloud and digital services?

- A. TPG Telecom
- B. Optus Digital
- C. Versent Group
- D. Telstra Purple
- E. Cloud Access

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Infosys announced its plan to acquire 75% stake in Versent Group, a telecommunications company and wholly owned subsidiary of Australia's Telstra, for USD 153 million.
- Under the deal Telstra will retain a 25% stake in Versent. Infosys will assume operational control of Versent, Epicon, Telstra Purple Digital, and Cloud Access products.
- The Joint Venture will combine Infosys Topaz (AI platform), Infosys Cobalt (cloud suite), Missing Link (Infosys cybersecurity arm), with Telstra's connectivity infrastructure and Versent's local digital transformation strengths.
- Its aim is to build AI-powered cloud and digital services in global markets.

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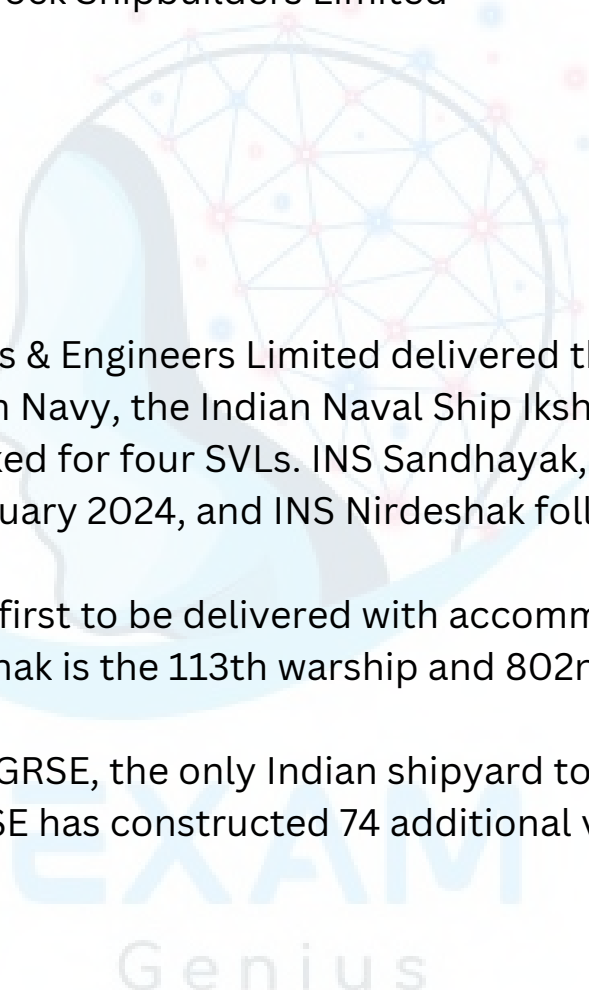
Ques: The Indian Navy recently received 'INS Ikshak (Yard 3027)'. Which of the following statements is correct about it?

- A. It is the 1st ship of the Survey Vessel (Large) class
- B. It is the 3rd ship of the Survey Vessel (Large) class built by GRSE
- C. It was commissioned in 2022 as India's first indigenous survey vessel
- D. It is the only SVL ship without accommodation for women officers
- E. It was built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited delivered the third of four Survey Vessels (Large) to the Indian Navy, the Indian Naval Ship Ikshak (Guide) (Yard 3027).
- In 2018, a contract was inked for four SVLs. INS Sandhayak, the class's first ship, was put into service in February 2024, and INS Nirdeshak followed in December 2024.
- The SVL Ship Ikshak is the first to be delivered with accommodations for female sailors and officers. The Ikshak is the 113th warship and 802nd ship that GRSE will construct.
- It is the 75th warship that GRSE, the only Indian shipyard to accomplish this feat, has delivered to the IN. GRSE has constructed 74 additional vessels since 1961.





Ques: Former Australia captain and coach Bob Simpson, who recently passed away at the age of 89, was associated with which sport?

- A. Football
- B. Hockey
- C. Tennis
- D. Cricket
- E. Rugby

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Bob Simpson represented Australia in 62 Tests and 2 ODIs between 1957 and 1978.
- From 1986 to 1996, he also served as Australia's coach. Under his leadership, the country won the 1987 World Cup, four Ashes tournaments, and the Frank Worrell Trophy in 1995, snapping a 17-year losing streak to the West Indies.
- In addition to being inducted into the Australian Cricket Hall of Fame in 2006 and the Sport Australia Hall of Fame in 1985, Simpson was named an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2007 and a Member of the Order of Australia in 1978.

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Ques: World Humanitarian Day is observed every year on which date?

- A. 10 August
- B. 15 August
- C. 19 August
- D. 21 August
- E. 25 August

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Humanitarian Day is observed every year on 19 August to honour humanitarian workers who risk their lives to help people in crises.
- Theme 2025: “Strengthening Global Solidarity and Empowering Local Communities” with the call to #ActForHumanity.
- The day was designated by the United Nations General Assembly in 2009, in memory of the 2003 bombing of the UN headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq, which killed 22 people.

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The government is set to establish two new Defence Industrial Corridors—one in Maharashtra and the other in Assam—in the coming months.

The first Atlantic hurricane of 2025, Erin ramped up from a tropical storm to a Category 5 hurricane in a mere 24 hours

'Waterways to Wonder: Unlocking Cruise Tourism' Held at Mumbai. It is Organised by Mumbai Port Trust, in association with Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) and the Indian Ports Association (IPA)

India's iconic film Sholay, directed by Ramesh Sippy, marked its 50th anniversary on August 15, 2025, coinciding with the nation's Independence Day.

For the production of Sustainable Aviation Fuel at its refinery in Panipat, Indian Oil Corporation Limited has become the first Indian oil refinery company to obtain the International Sustainability and Carbon Certification created under the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA).

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Ques: By how much did the foreign liabilities of India's mutual fund industry rise in FY25 as per RBI survey?

- A. 15.5%
- B. 18.2%
- C. 19.9%
- D. 21.5%
- E. 25.0%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- RBI survey revealed that foreign liabilities of India's mutual fund (MF) industry rose 19.9% in FY25, reaching \$30.5 billion.
- The surge was mainly due to increase in units issued to non-residents.
- UAE non-residents held the largest share: 21.2% (face value) & 20.2% (market value).
- In value terms, liabilities of UAE residents rose 32.8% to ₹3,305 crore in FY25.
- Other major holders: USA (11.2%), UK (10.8%), Singapore (6.6%).
- Meanwhile, overseas assets of MFs declined 5.6% to \$8.3 billion due to lower foreign equity holdings.

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Ques: As per the RBI's Financial Stability Report (June 2025), what was India's Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) ratio at the end of March 2025?

- A. 3.8%
- B. 3.0%
- C. 2.6%
- D. 2.3%
- E. 2.0%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) has been a major reform in India's insolvency resolution framework, enabling timely resolution of distressed companies.
- As of March 31, 2025 → 1,194 companies were successfully resolved under IBC.
- Creditors realised ₹3.89 lakh crore through these resolutions.
- According to RBI's Financial Stability Report (June 2025) → GNPA ratio fell to 2.3%, the lowest in decades.

As per RBI's Report on Trends and Progress of Banking in India 2023–24 (released Dec 26, 2024):

- SCBs recovered ₹96,325 crore through various channels.
- Out of this, the IBC channel contributed ₹46,340 crore (48.1%), making it the single largest contributor.





Ques: Recently SEBI proposed flexibility in which two key norms for companies aspiring to list?

- A. FDI & FPI Norms
- B. CRR & SLR Norms
- C. MPS & MPO Norms
- D. GST & Income Tax Norms
- E. FDI & ECB Norms

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has released a consultation paper proposing greater flexibility in Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) and Minimum Public Offer (MPO) norms.
- Objective: To simplify fundraising for issuers in India.
- For issuers with m-cap between ₹50,000 crore & ₹1 lakh crore, the timeline to achieve 25% MPS has been extended from 3 years to 5 years.
- Proposed timeline: 15% shareholding in 5 years & 25% MPS in 10 years post-listing.

Revised threshold buckets of post-issue market capitalization have been suggested:

- ₹4,000 crore – ₹50,000 crore
- ₹50,000 crore – ₹1 lakh crore
- ₹1 lakh crore – ₹5 lakh crore
- Above ₹5 lakh crore





Ques : The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved construction of a 6-Lane Capital Region Ring Road (Bhubaneswar Bypass) in which state at a cost of ₹8,307.74 crore?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Odisha
- C. West Bengal
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. Jharkhand

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the construction of a 6-Lane Access-Controlled Capital Region Ring Road (Bhubaneswar Bypass – 110.875 km) in Odisha at a cost of ₹8,307.74 crore under Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM).
- The project aims to reduce traffic congestion between Rameshwar to Tangi, divert heavy traffic from Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, and Khordha, and boost logistics efficiency & socio-economic growth.
- It will connect 3 National Highways (NH-55, NH-57, NH-655) and 1 State Highway (SH-65), linking 10 Economic Nodes, 4 Social Nodes, 5 Logistic Nodes, 1 Railway Station, 1 Airport, 1 Multi-Modal Logistics Park, and 2 Major Ports.
- The project is expected to generate 74.43 lakh person-days of direct employment and 93.04 lakh person-days of indirect employment, enhancing regional connectivity, trade, and industrial growth.

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Ques: The Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism and Hospitality (FAITH) recently unveiled its 'Tourism Vision 2047'. What is the targeted size of India's tourism economy by 2047 under this roadmap?

- A. USD 1 trillion
- B. USD 1.5 trillion
- C. USD 2 trillion
- D. USD 3 trillion
- E. USD 4 trillion

Answer: Option D.

Explanation :

- The "Tourism Vision 2047," a plan to increase India's tourism economy to USD 3 trillion by 2047, was launched by the Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism and Hospitality (FAITH), the leading organization for the country's travel and hospitality sector.
- It was unveiled during its FAITH Conclave 2025 held under the subject 'Indian Tourism-Invincible Spirit', at Taj Palace in New Delhi
- In addition, the recently released strategy seeks to create 200 million tourism-related jobs, 20 billion domestic visits, 100 million inbound tourists, and USD 400 billion in foreign exchange profits.
- The roadmap is based on the 4 main pillars: Policy Reforms, International and Domestic Marketing, Infrastructure Development and Sustainability
- Objective is to make tourism a national priority, doubling its contribution from 5 percent to 10 percent of India's GDP by 2047





Ques: Which railway unit has commissioned India's first removable solar panel system installed between railway tracks?

- A. Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai
- B. Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW), West Bengal
- C. Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW), Varanasi
- D. Modern Coach Factory (MCF), Raebareli
- E. Rail Coach Factory (RCF), Kapurthala

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- India's first detachable solar panel system between railway tracks was put into service by Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW), situated in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, marking a significant advancement in green energy innovation, according to the Ministry of Railways (MoR).
- On Independence Day 2025, the prototype experiment was launched at BLW's Line No. 19.
- The 28 panels that make up the 70-meter system have an installed capacity of 15 KWp (Kilowatt Peak).

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Ques: Which institute has developed a silicon photonics-based Quantum Random Number Generator (QRNG)?

- A. IIT Bombay
- B. IIT Delhi
- C. IIT Madras
- D. IISc Bengaluru
- E. DRDO

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- IIT Madras has developed India's first silicon photonics-based high-speed Quantum Random Number Generator (QRNG).
- The technology was developed at the Centre for Programmable Photonic Integrated Circuits and Systems (CPPICS), IIT-M.
- IIT-M signed an MoU worth ₹1 crore with Indrarka Quantum Technologies for technology transfer and commercial deployment.
- Applications include defence, cryptographic algorithms, financial transactions, blockchain, and OTP generation.
- Random number generation is a critical building block for secure computing and communication.

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Ques: Where was the six-day Indian film festival recently inaugurated in Sri Lanka?

- A. Colombo
- B. Kandy
- C. Trincomalee campus of Eastern University
- D. Jaffna
- E. None of these

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- A six-day Indian film festival commenced at the Trincomalee campus of Eastern University, Sri Lanka.
- It was formally inaugurated by Prof. Jayantha Lal Ratnasekera, Governor of Sri Lanka's Eastern Province.
- The festival features six Indian films in different languages, showcasing regional diversity and cinematic styles of India.

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Ques: Stand-Up India Scheme was launched in which year?

- A. 2014
- B. 2015
- C. 2016
- D. 2017
- E. 2019

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Stand-Up India Scheme was launched on 5 April 2016.
- The scheme aims to promote entrepreneurship among SC/ST and women borrowers.
- It facilitates bank loans between ₹10 lakh and ₹1 crore for setting up greenfield enterprises in trading, manufacturing, services, and allied agriculture sectors.
- Since its launch, banks have sanctioned ₹62,791 crore to 2,75,291 loan accounts under the scheme.
- Each scheduled commercial bank branch is required to sanction loans to at least one SC/ST borrower and one woman borrower.

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Ques: Which ministry, in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, organized a two-week International Certificate program on “Heritage and Indigenous Textiles” under the ITEC Programme?

- A. Ministry of Culture
- B. Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- C. Ministry of Textiles
- D. Ministry of Tourism
- E. Ministry of Education

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Office of Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), organized a two-week International Certificate Program on “Heritage and Indigenous Textiles”.
- This is the first-ever collaboration between the Ministry of Textiles and MEA in this domain.
- The program was conducted under the Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme.
- ITEC Programme is one of India’s oldest and leading capacity-building initiatives, started in 1964, and has trained over 2,00,000 officials from 160+ countries in civilian as well as defense sectors.

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Ques: According to Brand Finance Football 50–2025 report, which club has been ranked as the world’s most valuable football club?

- A. FC Barcelona
- B. Real Madrid
- C. Manchester City
- D. Bayern Munich
- E. Paris Saint-Germain

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Real Madrid has been crowned the world’s most valuable football club in the Brand Finance Football 50–2025 report.
- Brand value: €1.921 billion with a brand strength score of 94.9 (AAA+ rating).
- Recorded a 14% year-on-year growth in brand value.
- The Spanish powerhouse continues to dominate both on-field success and commercial strength.

Ranking of top 5 in the Brand Finance Football 50–2025 :

- 1 Real Madrid CF
- 2 FC Barcelona
- 3 Manchester City FC
- 4 Liverpool FC
- 5 Paris Saint-Germain

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Ques: What is the name of the new scheme launched by West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee for migrant workers facing harassment?

- A. Swasthya Sathi
- B. Shramshree
- C. Karmajyoti
- D. Utsah
- E. Shramik Bandhu

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee launched the Shramshree Scheme for migrant workers returning to Bengal after facing harassment in other states.
- Under the scheme, beneficiaries will get ₹5,000 monthly assistance for up to 1 year till they secure a job.
- They will also receive ration cards, Swasthya Sathi health cards, and other state welfare scheme benefits.
- Registration will be done via the Shramshree Portal, and beneficiaries will be given a special card to avail government facilities.
- Currently, about 22.40 lakh workers from Bengal are outside the state, and nearly 10,000 have returned in recent months after harassment.

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Ques: Who was crowned Miss Universe India 2025 at a glittering event held in Jaipur?

- A. Tanya Sharma
- B. Manika Vishwakarma
- C. Mehak Dhingra
- D. Amishi Kaushik
- E. Rhea Singha

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Manika Vishwakarma, a model from Ganganagar, Rajasthan wins Miss Universe India 2025 at A glittering event held in Jaipur
- With this victory, Manika will now represent India at the 74th Miss Universe competition, scheduled to take place later this year in Thailand
- Former Miss Universe India 2024 Rhea Singha presented her with the crown.
- Out of 48 competitors, Manika Vishwakarma was selected as Miss Universe India.
- Tanya Sharma from Uttar Pradesh finished first runner-up, followed by Mehak Dhingra from Haryana in second place and Amishi Kaushik in third.

Indian Miss Universe :

1. Sushmita Sen (1994) – the first Indian to win Miss Universe.
2. Lara Dutta (2000) – second Indian Miss Universe.
3. Harnaaz Sandhu (2021) – third crown for India after two decades





Ques: By which year has the Government of India announced that an Indian astronaut will step on the Moon?

- A. 2027
- B. 2035
- C. 2040
- D. 2047
- E. 2050

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh informed the Lok Sabha that an Indian astronaut will step on the Moon by 2040.
- India's space economy has already reached \$8 billion and is projected to touch \$45 billion in the next decade.
- This announcement aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to make India a global space leader by 2047.

Timeline of India's space roadmap:

- 2026 – Uncrewed space mission Vyommitra
- 2027 – First human spaceflight (Gaganyaan)
- 2035 – Bharat Antariksh Station
- 2040 – Indian astronaut on the Moon





Ques: Which organisation launched a new Medical Application Portal for ISO 15189:2022 applicant laboratories to enhance transparency and efficiency in the accreditation process?

- A. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- B. National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL)
- C. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
- D. National Board of Examinations (NBE)
- E. NITI Aayog

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL), a constituent board of the Quality Council of India (QCI), launched a Medical Application Portal for ISO 15189:2022 applicant laboratories.
- The launch took place during a virtual event titled “GOING LIVE”.
- This portal is designed to ensure ease, efficiency, and transparency in the accreditation process.
- It will benefit hundreds of medical laboratories across India, providing them with a user-friendly digital platform for accreditation under ISO 15189:2022 (Medical laboratories – Requirements for quality and competence).

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Ques : As per the Cabinet approval, what is the estimated cost of the Green Field Airport at Kota-Bundi (Rajasthan)?

- A. ₹1200 crore
- B. ₹1507 crore
- C. ₹2000 crore
- D. ₹2500 crore
- E. ₹3500 crore

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by PM Narendra Modi approved the proposal of Airports Authority of India (AAI) to develop a Green Field Airport at Kota-Bundi (Rajasthan) at a cost of ₹1507 crore.
- The airport will be built on 440.06 hectares of land provided by the Rajasthan Government, with facilities like a 20,000 sqm terminal building (capacity of 1000 peak hour passengers), 3200m runway, 7 parking bays for A-321 aircraft, ATC tower, fire station, etc.
- It will have an annual capacity of 2 million passengers and will support Kota's importance as an industrial capital of Rajasthan and an educational coaching hub.

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Ques: Which airport has launched the world's first AI-powered passenger corridor under the "Travel without Borders" initiative?

- A. Singapore Changi Airport
- B. London Heathrow Airport
- C. Hamad International Airport, Doha
- D. Dubai International Airport (DXB)
- E. Hong Kong International Airport

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- With the opening of its AI-powered passenger corridor, Dubai International Airport (DXB), which is already known as the biggest international travel hub in the world, has made a significant advancement in airport innovation.
- This new method enables travelers to pass immigration in just 14 seconds—without presenting any documentation—under the "Travel without Borders" campaign.
- The technology is seamless and efficient, allowing up to 10 customers to travel through at once.
- The airport, which handles more than 80 million people a year, has been named the busiest in the world for international travel for the eleventh consecutive year

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Ques: Which of the following countries was not among the top 5 sources of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India in the last 5 years?

- A. United States
- B. Bangladesh
- C. United Kingdom
- D. Australia
- E. France

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat shared FTA data in the Lok Sabha.
- The top 5 source countries for FTAs in India over the last five years were: United States, Bangladesh, United Kingdom, Australia, and Canada.
- In 2024, India recorded 99.52 lakh FTAs, showing strong post-COVID recovery with international arrivals exceeding pre-pandemic levels.
- France was not among the top 5 source countries for FTAs in India.

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Ques: Njattiyela Sreedharan, who recently passed away, was best known for his work in which field?

- A. Classical Dance
- B. Linguistics
- C. Ayurveda
- D. Carnatic Music
- E. Archaeology

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Njattiyela Sreedharan, a renowned self-taught linguist, passed away recently.
- He was famous for compiling the “Chathur Dravida Bhasha Padhaparichayam”, an 860-page dictionary linking four major Dravidian languages – Malayalam, Kannada, Tamil, and Telugu.
- The project took 25 years and included over 1 lakh words.
- The first edition was published in November 2020, while the second edition was published in May 2023 by the Kerala Language Institute.
- His life and work were portrayed in the National Film Award-winning documentary “Dreaming of Words” (2021) directed by Nandan.
- He received several honors, including Dr. T.P. Sukumaran Master Award, Dr. Hermann Gundert Award and India Reading Olympiad Special Jury Award

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Ques: Indian Akshay Urja Day, observed on 20 August every year, is dedicated to which theme?

- A. Energy Conservation
- B. Renewable Energy
- C. Nuclear Power
- D. Fossil Fuel Usage
- E. Electric Mobility

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indian Akshay Urja Day is observed on 20 August to highlight the importance of renewable energy and showcase India's progress in this sector.
- The word 'Akshay' comes from Sanskrit, meaning "eternal", "imperishable".
- It was initiated in 2004 by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).
- The day underscores India's commitment to energy transition, aiming for 500 GW of installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030

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Ques: Which two companies have partnered to launch the affordable health insurance plan ‘Suraksha Sankalp’?

- A. HDFC ERGO & Paytm
- B. ICICI Lombard & Google Pay
- C. SBI General & Amazon Pay
- D. HDFC ERGO & PhonePe
- E. Bajaj Allianz & PhonePe

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- HDFC ERGO General Insurance partnered with PhonePe to launch ‘Suraksha Sankalp’, an affordable health insurance scheme.
- Premiums start at ₹12/day (₹4,380 annually) with ₹3 lakh coverage.
- Policy can be purchased directly through the PhonePe app.
- The product is designed for the ‘Missing Middle’ segment, especially 18–30-year-olds, many of whom are first-time insurance buyers.

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Ques: During FY 2024–25, NABARD and NCDC together infused more than Rs 42,000 crore into cooperative banks. Which state was the top beneficiary of NABARD disbursements?

- A. Odisha
- B. Karnataka
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Tamil Nadu
- E. Rajasthan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Union Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary announced that NABARD and NCDC together infused over Rs 42,000 crore into cooperative banks during FY 2024–25.
- Within NABARD's disbursements, Madhya Pradesh emerged as the leading beneficiary with Rs 4,430 crore, followed by Odisha (Rs 4,113 crore) and Karnataka (Rs 3,655.52 crore).
- Tamil Nadu received Rs 2,946.49 crore, and Rajasthan got Rs 2,760.75 crore.
- NCDC also extended financial support, with Andhra Pradesh (Rs 3,730 crore) and Telangana (Rs 2,000 crore) being the top beneficiaries.
- As of March 31, 2025, India's cooperative banking system comprised 34 State Cooperative Banks, 352 District Central Cooperative Banks, and 1,457 Urban Cooperative Banks, almost all operating on the Core Banking Solution (CBS) platform.





Ques: India Exim Bank recently signed a \$40 million credit line agreement with which bank?

- A. African Development Bank (AfDB)
- B. World Bank
- C. ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID)
- D. Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- E. IMF

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- India Exim Bank signed a \$40 million commercial credit line agreement with ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID).
- Aim: To create new opportunities for Indian businesses in Africa.
- It will help Indian businesses contribute to Africa's growth story.
- This will also strengthen India-Africa economic relations.

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Ques: Which Public Sector Bank became the first in India to migrate its corporate website to the secure '.bank.in' domain?

- A. State Bank of India (SBI)
- B. Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- C. Bank of Baroda (BoB)
- D. Union Bank of India
- E. Canara Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Punjab National Bank (PNB) migrated its official corporate website from www.pnb.co.in → www.pnb.bank.in.
- This is in line with the RBI circular (April 22, 2025) on migration to '.bank.in' domain.
- The domain is managed by IDRBT (Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology) as the exclusive registrar.
- The '.bank.in' domain is reserved only for banks in India to strengthen digital security & prevent online fraud.
- With this move, PNB became the first Public Sector Bank in India to adopt the '.bank.in' domain.

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Ques: Which institute, recently declared India's Best Ayurvedic Institution by NCISM, is the first Deemed University in the Ayush sector?

- A. All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi
- B. Kerala Ayurveda Academy, Kochi
- C. Gujarat Ayurved University, Jamnagar
- D. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
- E. National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Union Minister of Ayush chaired the 2nd meeting of the Society of NIA, Jaipur in New Delhi.

National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur) –

- First Deemed University in the Ayush sector in India.
- Annually treats 4+ lakh OPD patients and 25,000+ IPD patients.
- Conducts free healthcare camps in 12 districts under SC, SP, and STP schemes.
- Has a GMP-certified pharmacy producing over 100 Ayurvedic medicines.
- Accredited with NAAC 'A' Grade, NABH, and NABL recognition.
- Students from 15 countries are pursuing education here.
- Recently declared India's Best Ayurvedic Institution by NCISM.





Ques: How many LCA Tejas Mark 1A fighter jets were approved for procurement by the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) in 2025?

- A. 73
- B. 83
- C. 97
- D. 110
- E. 150

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the procurement of 97 LCA Tejas Mark 1A fighter jets for the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- This marks the second major order for the Tejas aircraft after the earlier procurement.
- The aircraft will be manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) under the Make in India initiative.
- Defence officials described the decision as a major boost to indigenous defence manufacturing.
- LCA Tejas is a lightweight, multirole, supersonic fighter aircraft, developed to replace the ageing MiG-21 fleet of the IAF.

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Ques: The Centre has implemented the “Anna-Chakra” Supply Chain Tool in 30 States/UTs to optimise which system?

- A. National Food Security Mission
- B. Public Distribution System (PDS)
- C. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana
- D. National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme
- E. Mid-Day Meal Scheme

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Centre rolled out the “Anna-Chakra” Supply Chain Optimisation Tool in 30 States/UTs under the Public Distribution System (PDS).
- It is a digital optimisation platform designed to ensure efficient movement of foodgrains.
- Aim: Minimise costs, reduce leakages, and ensure timely delivery of foodgrains.

Key Features:

- Route Optimisation: Uses algorithms to reduce fuel consumption and delivery time.
- Cost Efficiency: Estimated savings of ₹250 crore annually in transport.
- Climate Alignment: Reduces carbon emissions, supporting India’s climate commitments.

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Ques: IndianOil recently signed an MoU with which airline for the supply of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) and Air India signed an MoU in Gurugram for the supply of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF).
- The MoU was signed by Shailesh Dhar (Executive Director, Aviation, IOCL) and P. Balaji (Group Head, Air India).
- The signing was witnessed by AS Sahney (Chairman, IOCL) and Campbell Wilson (CEO, Air India).
- This partnership builds on IndianOil's achievement of becoming the first Indian company to get ISCC CORSIA certification for SAF production at its Panipat Refinery.
- The certification confirms IOCL's capability to produce globally compliant sustainable aviation fuel, supporting aviation sector decarbonisation.

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Ques: Who launched the Press Sewa Portal, a single-window digital platform to simplify newspaper and periodical registration, at the 'Vartalap' workshop in Hyderabad?

- A. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
- B. Press Registrar General of India Yogesh Baweja
- C. PIB Director General
- D. Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting
- E. Chief Information Officer, Hyderabad

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Press Sewa Portal was launched by Press Registrar General of India (PRGI) Yogesh Baweja.
- The launch took place at a workshop named 'Vartalap', organized by Press Information Bureau (PIB), Hyderabad.
- The portal aims to act as a single-window digital platform to simplify and speed up the registration process for newspapers and periodicals across India.

EXAM
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Ques: India's first Hydrogen-powered train, developed under the "Hydrogen for Heritage" initiative, is slated for trial runs on which route?

- A. Chennai – Bengaluru
- B. Mettupalayam – Ooty
- C. Shimla – Kalka
- D. Delhi – Agra
- E. Jind – Sonipat

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India's first Hydrogen (H_2) powered train has cleared load tests under the Research Designs & Standards Organization (RDSO) at Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai.
- Valued at ₹136 crore, the train was developed under the "Hydrogen for Heritage" initiative to reduce emissions on heritage and hill routes.
- The programme targets deployment of 35 hydrogen-powered trains across heritage and hill routes.
- Trial run: Between Jind and Sonipat (Haryana) covering 89 km.

Specifications:

- 3,000 kg hydrogen capacity
- Maximum speed: 110 km/h
- Passenger capacity: 2,638
- Engine power: 1,200 horsepower





Ques: The recently proposed bills suggest that the Prime Minister, Chief Ministers, Union Ministers, and State Ministers must automatically lose their positions if they are arrested and held in judicial custody for how many consecutive days on charges of serious crimes?

- A. 15 days
- B. 30 days
- C. 45 days
- D. 60 days
- E. 90 days

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The bills propose that the Prime Minister, Chief Ministers, Union Ministers, and State Ministers will automatically cease to hold office if they are arrested and held in judicial custody for 30 consecutive days on charges of serious crimes punishable by at least 5 years.
- No conviction is required for removal.

The three bills addressing this are:

- The Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill 2025 – Applies to Union Ministers, State CMs, State Ministers, and Delhi under Articles 75, 164, 239AA. (Constitutional Amendment Bill)
- Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill, 2025 – Applies same 30-day rule to UT Ministers under the 1963 Act. (Ordinary Bill)
- J&K Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill 2025 – Applies the 30-day framework to CM and Ministers of Jammu & Kashmir by amending Section 54 of the 2019 Act. (Ordinary Bill)

Important Law Reforms by the 130th Amendment :

immediately lose their position.





- After 30 days of detention, the President may remove Union Ministers, including the Prime Minister, under Article 75. The Minister will automatically leave office if they don't step down by the 31st day.
- Article 164: Applying the same rule to Chief Ministers and State Ministers, the Governor may remove them on the CM's recommendation.
- Article 239AA: Concerns the elected government of Delhi. If someone is detained for 30 days, they risk being dismissed or forced to quit; if they don't, they will. The governor of each state would be acting. While the Lieutenant Governor is the authority that takes action in Jammu and Kashmir, the President will take action in Delhi and other union territories.



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Ques: What is the payload capacity of ISRO's upcoming Next Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV) into Low Earth Orbit (LEO)?

- A. 25,000 kg
- B. 40,000 kg
- C. 50,000 kg
- D. 75,000 kg
- E. 1,00,000 kg

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- ISRO is developing a Next Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV) that can carry 75,000 kg payload into Low Earth Orbit (LEO).
- The rocket will be as tall as a 40-storey building and will feature a recoverable first stage.
- The announcement was made by ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan at Osmania University's 84th convocation.
- Alongside this, ISRO is preparing major upcoming projects like Chandrayaan-4 (sample return mission), Gaganyaan (human space mission), Bharatiya Antariksh Station (by 2035), Indigenous Human Moon Mission (by 2040), and Venus Orbiter Mission (VOM).
- India's key milestones include Mars Orbiter Mission success (first attempt, low cost), launch of 104 satellites in one go, development of indigenous cryogenic technology, and becoming the 4th nation to achieve spacecraft docking in space.

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Ques: Karnataka's flagship Shakti Scheme, which recently entered the Golden Book of World Records, was launched in which year?

- A. 2022
- B. 2023
- C. 2024
- D. 2025
- E. 2020

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Shakti Scheme was implemented by the Karnataka Government on June 11, 2023.
- It provides free bus travel for women across all state-run transport corporations.
- Between June 11, 2023 and July 20, 2025, the scheme facilitated over 500 crore ticketed journeys by women passengers.
- The scheme has been recognized by the Golden Book of World Records for serving a record number of passengers.
- It is credited with empowering women socially, economically, and educationally.

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Ques: As per government data, what is the NPA percentage on outstanding Mudra loans under PMMY as of March 2025?

- A. 5.47%
- B. 7.21%
- C. 9.81%
- D. 3.6%
- E. 4.81%

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) on outstanding Mudra loans rose to 9.81% as of March 2025, compared to 5.47% in March 2018.
- This level of stress is nearly 3 times the MSME loan average (3.6%).
- Since its launch in April 2015, more than 51.67 crore loans worth ₹32.61 lakh crore have been sanctioned under PMMY.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman explained that Mudra loans are collateral-free and often given to first-time entrepreneurs, making them more vulnerable to defaults.

EXAM
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Ques: Till which date has the Ministry of Finance suspended the 11% import duty on cotton in 2025?

- A. 30 August
- B. 30 September
- C. 15 October
- D. 31 December
- E. 31 March

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Finance suspended the 11% import duty on cotton from 19 August to 30 September 2025.
- Earlier, cotton imports attracted 11% total duty (5% Basic Customs Duty + 5% Agriculture Infrastructure & Development Cess + 1% Social Welfare Surcharge).
- The waiver is aimed at giving relief to textile mills facing high input costs and ensuring stability in the textile sector.

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Ques: TCL, a global technology company, has appointed which freestyle skier as its global brand ambassador ahead of the 2026 Milano Cortina Winter Olympics?

- A. Eileen Gu
- B. Chloe Kim
- C. Mikaela Shiffrin
- D. Lindsey Vonn
- E. Karen Persyn

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- TCL, a global technology company, appointed Eileen Gu as its global brand ambassador.
- The collaboration highlights TCL's commitment as a Worldwide Olympic Partner, ahead of the 2026 Milano Cortina Winter Olympics, Italy.
- She became the youngest Olympic champion in freestyle skiing by winning three medals (2 Gold, 1 Silver) in the 2022 Winter Olympics held in Beijing, China.
- She was the first person to win three medals at a single Winter Olympics.

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Ques: The Ministry of Defence is hosting the first Tri-Services Seminar “Ran Samwad” at which location to discuss Technology and Future Warfare?

- A. Indian Military Academy, Dehradun
- B. College of Defence Management, Secunderabad
- C. Army War College, Mhow
- D. National Defence Academy, Pune
- E. Military College of Electronics and Mechanical Engineering, Secunderabad

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Defence (MoD) is organising the first-of-its-kind Tri-Services Seminar “Ran Samwad” at the Army War College, Mhow (Dr. Ambedkar Nagar).
- Scheduled from 26th to 27th of this month, the seminar focuses on the Impact of Technology on Warfare.
- There are two sub-themes: Emerging Technologies and Impact on Future Warfare and Reforms in Institutionalised Training to Catalyse Technological Enablement.

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Ques: What is the revised coal & lignite-based thermal power capacity addition target set by the Government of India for FY35?

- A. 80 GW
- B. 90 GW
- C. 97 GW
- D. 100 GW
- E. 110 GW

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Power Ministry revised India's coal & lignite-based thermal capacity addition target to 97 GW by FY35, up from 90 GW by FY32.
- By FY35, India's thermal requirement is projected at ~307 GW, while about 2 GW capacity is expected to retire by FY32.
- Already 11.68 GW commissioned (Apr 2023–Jun 2025) & 38.935 GW under construction.
- Infra support: 1,91,474 ckm transmission lines + 1,274 GVA transformation capacity (by FY32).
- States & CEA have prepared 10-year rolling Resource Adequacy Plans (RAPs) to meet peak demand.

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Ques: The Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize, recently longlisted for 2025, was instituted in which year?

- A. 2016
- B. 2017
- C. 2018
- D. 2019
- E. 2020

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The New India Foundation (NIF) has announced the longlist for the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2025, featuring ten exceptional works of non-fiction on modern and contemporary India.
- The shortlist will be out in October 2025, and the winner will be announced on 6 December 2025 during the Bangalore Literature Festival.
- The prize was instituted in 2018 and is India's largest non-fiction book prize, open to writers of all nationalities working on post-Independence Indian history.
- Last year's award went to Ashok Gopal for A Part Apart: The Life and Thought of B.R. Ambedkar.
- Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay was a freedom fighter, actor, social activist, politician, feminist, and promoter of Indian arts and handicrafts.





Ques: Which bill, passed by the Lok Sabha on 20th August 2025, seeks to promote e-sports and skill-based social games while completely banning harmful online money gaming services?

- A. Online Gaming (Regulation & Prohibition) Bill, 2025
- B. Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill, 2025
- C. Digital Gaming & Safety Bill, 2025
- D. Safe Internet & Gaming Act, 2025
- E. E-Sports Development and Prohibition of Gambling Bill, 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Lok Sabha passed the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill, 2025 on 20th August 2025, moved by Electronics & IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.

Key Provisions:

- Encourages e-Sports, social & educational games without monetary stakes.
- Imposes a complete ban on real-money games, advertisements, and related financial transactions.
- Covers major gaming platforms like Dream11, Winzo, MPL etc.
- Ban justified on grounds of addiction, fraud, money laundering, terror financing, and mental health risks.

Penalties:

- Up to 3 years jail / ₹1 crore fine for offering banned games.
- Influencers/promoters: up to 2 years jail / ₹50 lakh fine.





- Repeat offenders: up to 5 years jail / ₹2 crore fine.
- Banks/payment platforms may also face penalties.
- Offences will be cognizable & non-bailable.



EXAM
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Ques: Sadbhavana Diwas or Communal Harmony Day is observed on 20 August to commemorate the birth anniversary of which Indian Prime Minister?

- A. Indira Gandhi
- B. Rajiv Gandhi
- C. Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- D. Jawaharlal Nehru
- E. Manmohan Singh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sadbhavana Diwas (Communal Harmony Day) is observed on 20 August to commemorate the 81st birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi, who was India's youngest Prime Minister, born on 20 August 1944.
- Rajiv Gandhi became India's sixth Prime Minister in 1984 at the age of 40, following the assassination of Indira Gandhi.
- His death anniversary (21 May) is observed as Anti-Terrorism Day in India.

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IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

NCERT has introduced two new modules on 'Operation Sindoor – A saga of valour' for Classes 3 to 8 and 'Operation Sindoor – A mission of honour and bravery,' for Classes 9 to 12.

Bihar Cabinet Cuts BPSC Preliminary Exam Fee to ₹100. The fee for main examinations has been completely waived.

After the EU imposed sanctions on the Russian-owned, India-based refiner Nayara Energy, the State Bank of India has decided to stop handling international transactions on Nayara's behalf.

Ex-Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal Launches AI Startup 'Parallel' to Build a Web for Machines

Starlink Satellite Communication Pvt Ltd, a satellite-based internet service, has been onboarded by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI). For customer verification, Starlink will adopt Aadhaar Authentication, which will streamline, secure, and simplify the procedure.

The Rajya Sabha on (August 20, 2025) passed a bill to set up an IIM in Guwahati with the Union government providing a capital support of ₹555 crore over 5 years.

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