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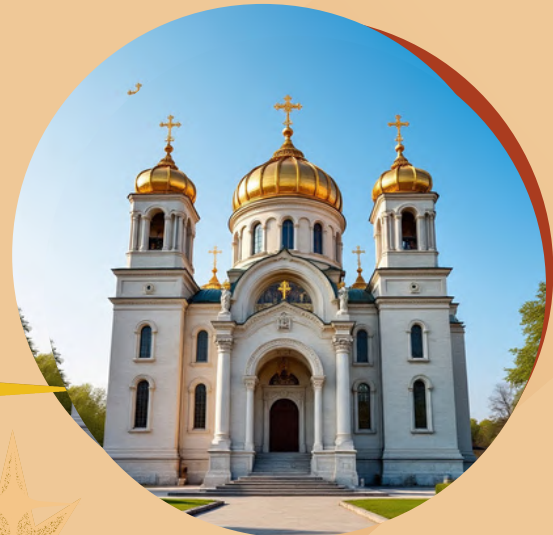


WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS

24 - 30 AUGUST

4TH WEEK OF AUGUST

150+ MCQ
with detailed
explanation



- Banking & finance
- National
- International
- Sports





Ques: Which satellite-based internet provider has been onboarded by UIDAI to use Aadhaar Authentication for customer verification?

- A. OneWeb
- B. Starlink Satellite Communication Pvt Ltd
- C. HughesNet
- D. Viasat
- E. BSNL Satellite

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has onboarded Starlink Satellite Communication Pvt Ltd, a satellite-based internet provider.
- Starlink will use Aadhaar Authentication for customer verification, making the process smooth, secure, and easy.
- The appointment was done in the presence of Sh. Bhuvnesh Kumar, CEO UIDAI, Sh. Manish Bhardwaj, Deputy Director General UIDAI and Parnil Urdhwareshe, Director, Starlink India

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Ques: Recently, AU Small Finance Bank launched UPI services for NRE/NRO account holders using international mobile numbers. How many countries' NRIs can benefit from this feature?

- A. 8 countries
- B. 10 countries
- C. 12 countries
- D. 15 countries
- E. 20 countries

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) has launched UPI services for its NRE and NRO account holders using foreign/international mobile numbers.
- This initiative follows the NPCI directive allowing UPI transactions through international numbers.
- With this rollout, NRIs in 12 countries can now make UPI transactions using their international mobile numbers.
- The move aims to strengthen digital banking access for NRIs and promote cross-border convenience

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Ques: According to the latest report by SBI Economic Research Department, which bank emerged as the top beneficiary bank in UPI transactions?

- A. State Bank of India (SBI)
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. ICICI Bank
- D. Yes Bank Limited
- E. Punjab National Bank (PNB)

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The SBI Economic Research Department (ERD) report on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions shows a significant increase in UPI adoption.
- Average daily transaction value rose from ₹75,743 crore in January 2025 to ₹90,446 crore in August 2025.
- Average daily transaction volume increased by 127 million, reaching 675 million in August 2025.
- Top 5 states by UPI usage (volume %): Maharashtra (9.8%), Karnataka (5.5%), Uttar Pradesh (5.3%), Telangana (4.1%), Tamil Nadu (4%).
- Top 5 states by transaction value: Maharashtra (9.2%), Karnataka (5.8%), Uttar Pradesh (5.3%), Telangana (5.1%), Tamil Nadu (4.7%).
- Top remitter bank: SBI (handling 5.2 billion transactions).
- Top beneficiary bank: Yes Bank Limited, with nearly 8 billion transactions.
- The report highlights the structural shift from cash and debit cards to UPI, with UPI's share in transaction value increasing from 40% in Nov 2019 to 91% in May 2025.





Ques: Which authority has introduced a new framework to onboard Cooperative Banks and enable Aadhaar-based authentication services in India?

- A. RBI
- B. SEBI
- C. UIDAI
- D. NABARD
- E. Ministry of Finance

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- To mark the International Year of Cooperatives, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) launched a framework for Cooperative Banks to provide Aadhaar-based authentication services.
- The framework was developed in consultation with the Ministry of Cooperation, NABARD, NPCI, and cooperative banks.
- It covers all 34 State Cooperative Banks (SCBs) and 352 District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) across India.
- Through this framework, cooperative banks can leverage Aadhaar-enabled services for faster, secure, and hassle-free customer onboarding

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Ques: Which city recently saw the opening of three Niveshak Seva Kendras by IEPFA in collaboration with SEBI, CDSL, NSDL, BSE, and NSE?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Delhi
- C. Chennai
- D. Bengaluru
- E. Hyderabad

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, collaborated with SEBI, CDSL, NSDL, BSE, and NSE to open three Niveshak Seva Kendras in Hyderabad.
- These centres aim to provide faster, easier, and more accessible solutions to investors, particularly for unclaimed dividends and KYC/nomination updates.

Key services include:

- Direct facilitation of unpaid dividend transfers pending for 6–7 years.
- Hassle-free KYC and nomination updates.
- For Physical Folios: Submit ISR-1/ISR-2/ISR-3 forms to update KYC, after which all pending dividends are credited.
- For Demat Accounts: Update bank details with your Depository Participant (DP) to receive unpaid dividends.

About IEPFA :

- Established : September 7, 2016
- HQ : New Delhi
- Chairman : Ms. Deepti Gaur Mukherjee





Ques: Mahesh Babu Foundation, which recently got FCRA approval, is primarily involved in which of the following areas?

- A. Wildlife Conservation
- B. Heart surgeries & child healthcare
- C. Agricultural Development
- D. Space Research & Innovation
- E. Disaster Relief & Management

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Mahesh Babu Foundation focuses on child healthcare, particularly heart surgeries, education for underprivileged children, and smart village development.
- The NGO was inspired by the premature birth of Mahesh Babu's son Gautam, who required NICU treatment.
- It has funded 2000+ heart surgeries in collaboration with Andhra Hospitals and Rainbow Hospitals.
- Recently, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) granted the foundation FCRA registration, enabling it to receive foreign donations to expand its initiatives.

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Ques: Which city has launched the “One Freezone Passport”, a unified licensing system enabling companies to operate across all its free zones under a single license?

- A. Dubai
- B. Riyadh
- C. Abu Dhabi
- D. Doha
- E. Muscat

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Dubai launched the “One Freezone Passport”, a unified licensing system.
- It allows companies to operate across all free zones with a single license.
- The reform, unveiled by the Dubai Free Zones Council, will lower costs, reduce bureaucracy, and boost expansion.
- Earlier, separate licenses were required for each free zone.
- The initiative supports the Dubai Economic Agenda D33, which aims to double Dubai’s GDP by 2033 and make it one of the top three global economic cities.

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Ques: India Post recently launched IT 2.0 – Advanced Postal Technology (APT). Which cloud platform does it run on?

- A. Bharat Cloud
- B. MeghRaj 2.0 Cloud
- C. DigiCloud
- D. National Data Grid
- E. Udaan Cloud

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- India Post launched IT 2.0 – Advanced Postal Technology (APT) to accelerate digital transformation under Digital India.
- The system is developed indigenously by the Centre for Excellence in Postal Technology (CEPT).
- IT 2.0 runs on the MeghRaj 2.0 Cloud and is supported by BSNL's nationwide connectivity.
- Key features include QR-code-based payments, OTP-based delivery, a unified interface, and a 10-digit alphanumeric DIGIPIN for accuracy.
- The initiative is guided under the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia.

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Ques: Rayansh Gupta from Ludhiana recently won 1 Gold and 1 Silver medal for India at the 18th International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO 2025). Where was the event held?

- A. Tokyo, Japan
- B. Jining, China
- C. Seoul, South Korea
- D. New Delhi, India
- E. Paris, France

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The 18th International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO 2025) was held in Jining, China.
- It is an annual global competition in Earth sciences for high school students.
- Subjects tested include geology, meteorology, oceanography, astronomy, and environmental sciences through individual & team events.
- Objective: Promote scientific temper, research skills & international cooperation.
- India's Performance (2025) : Total: 7 medals + 1 special award
- Highlight: Rayansh Gupta (Ludhiana) won 1 Gold + 1 Silver.
- Supported by: Union Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Government of India

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Ques: Which country has been declared free of rubella as a public health problem by the World Health Organization (WHO) on August 18, 2025?

- A. India
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Nepal
- D. Bhutan
- E. Bangladesh

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- On 18 August 2025, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared Nepal free of rubella as a public health problem.
- Nepal became the first country in WHO's Southeast Asia Region to achieve this milestone.
- Rubella (German measles) is a contagious viral disease spread through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- It is especially dangerous during pregnancy, as it may cause miscarriage, stillbirth, or congenital rubella syndrome (CRS) in infants.
- Symptoms: Mild fever, rashes (starting on the face and spreading), swollen lymph nodes, joint pain, conjunctivitis, and general malaise. Many infections remain asymptomatic.
- Treatment: No specific antiviral treatment exists.
- Prevention: Through immunisation with the MMR vaccine (Measles, Mumps, Rubella).





Ques: India recently signed a Terms of Reference (ToR) for FTA negotiations with which regional economic bloc?

- A. ASEAN
- B. European Union
- C. Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)
- D. BRICS Economic Forum
- E. SAARC Economic Alliance

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- India signed the Terms of Reference (ToR) with the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), comprising Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyz Republic, to begin negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA).
- The FTA aims to boost market access for Indian exporters, diversify into new sectors, enhance competitiveness, and benefit MSMEs.
- The EAEU has a combined GDP of \$6.5 trillion, offering significant trade potential for India.
- Earlier FTA talks started in 2020 but were stalled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The ToR provides a framework to unlock untapped trade potential, increase investments, and strengthen India-EAEU economic partnership.

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Ques: Exercise Ulchi Freedom Shield is a joint military exercise conducted annually by which two countries?

- A. South Korea & United States
- B. North Korea & China
- C. Japan & United States
- D. India & United States
- E. South Korea & Japan

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Exercise Ulchi Freedom Shield is an annual large-scale joint military exercise conducted by South Korea and the United States.
- The 11-day exercise is held from August 18–28, 2025, and is the second of two large-scale exercises held annually in South Korea (the first being in March).
- Participation: Around 21,000 soldiers, including 18,000 South Koreans, take part.
- The exercise involves computer-simulated command post operations as well as field training, enhancing coordination and readiness between the two nations' armed forces.

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Ques: Parliament recently passed the Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill, 2025. Where will the new IIM be established?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Parliament passed the Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill, 2025, approving the establishment of a new IIM at Guwahati, Assam.
- With this addition, the total number of IIMs in India becomes 22 (21 already functional).
- IIM Guwahati will receive a corpus fund of ₹555 crore, and admissions will begin in the current academic year.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted that the new IIM will enhance education infrastructure and attract students and researchers from across India.

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Ques: Which ministry/department is leading the “Made in India Label Scheme”, a voluntary certification initiative to establish a trustworthy identity for Indian products?

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- B. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
- C. Ministry of MSME
- D. NITI Aayog
- E. Ministry of Consumer Affairs

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Made in India Label Scheme is a voluntary certification scheme that allows manufacturers to demonstrate their products are manufactured in India with good quality.
- The label will carry a QR code and logo providing details such as manufacturing location, validity of the label, and product-specific information.
- The scheme is being led by DPIIT (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade) with advisory support from Quality Council of India (QCI) and India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF).
- Government has allocated ₹995 crores for 3 years, after which the scheme is expected to become self-sustaining.
- Eligibility: At least 50% value addition in India, wholly or substantially manufactured/assembled domestically, meeting industry-specific quality standards.





Ques: Which footballer has become the first man to win the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) Player of the Year award three times?

- A. Kevin De Bruyne
- B. Erling Haaland
- C. Cristiano Ronaldo
- D. Harry Kane
- E. Mohamed Salah

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Liverpool's Mohamed Salah became the first man to win the PFA Player of the Year award three times (2018, 2022, and 2025).
- In the 2024–25 season, Salah scored 29 goals and provided 18 assists, leading Liverpool to the Premier League title.
- In the women's category, Arsenal's Mariona Caldentey was voted PFA Women's Player of the Year.

Other winners of PFA Player of the Year Award 2025 :

- Women's Player of the Year : Mariona Caldentey (Arsenal & Spain)
- Young Player of the Year (Men's) : Morgan Rogers (Aston Villa & England)
- Women's Young Player of the Year : Olivia Smith (Canada & Liverpool)
- PFA Premier League Team of the Year : Liverpool





Ques: Which global campaign, endorsed by the African Union, aims to replace the Mercator projection map with one showing Africa's true size?

- A. Map Equality Campaign
- B. Correct The Map
- C. Africa First Initiative
- D. True Size Project
- E. Equal Continent Movement

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The African Union (AU) has endorsed the global “Correct The Map” campaign to replace the Mercator projection map with one that accurately depicts Africa's true size.
- Issue: Mercator projection distorts continental sizes, especially near the poles. For example, Greenland appears nearly as large as Africa, although Africa is much bigger.
- The campaign urges a shift to the Equal Earth projection, which preserves area accuracy and better reflects Africa's true scale.

Mercator Projection Map:

- Cylindrical map projection, introduced in 1569 by Gerardus Mercator (1512–1594).
- Designed for navigation; enables straight-line compass bearings for sailors.
- Mathematically projects the spherical Earth onto a flat surface.





Ques: Which state assembly recently cleared amendments to the UCC and Anti-Conversion Bills, along with passing a new Minority Education Law in 2025?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Uttarakhand Assembly passed amendments to UCC (Uniform Civil Code) Bill, 2025, Anti-Conversion Bill, 2025, and introduced the Minority Education Bill, 2025.

UCC Amendment Bill, 2025:

- Extended marriage registration period from 6 months → 1 year.
- Raised penalties for illegal live-in relationships.
- Section 380(2): Married person in a live-in can face up to 7 years jail + fine.
- Section 387: Live-in by force, pressure or fraud → up to 7 years jail + fine.
- Section 390-A: Registrar-General empowered to cancel any registration (marriage, divorce, live-in, inheritance).

Anti-Conversion Bill, 2025 : Increased punishment for forced conversions → from 10 years to life imprisonment in extreme cases.

Minority Education Bill, 2025 :

- Made it mandatory for minority educational institutions (incl. madrasas) to seek affiliation with Uttarakhand Education Board by July 2026.
- Institutions must reapply for minority status recognition.



Ques: Recently, five crucial departments of South-Central Railway (SCR) came under the leadership of women officers. Which of the following is NOT one of those departments?

- A. Operations
- B. Security
- C. Finance
- D. Engineering
- E. Medical

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- For the first time in South-Central Railway (SCR) history, five key departments – Operations, Commercial, Finance, Security, and Medical – are being led by women officers.
- These departments ensure smooth train operations, passenger safety, financial discipline, and healthcare services.
- The Engineering department is not among the five departments currently led by women officers.

Key women officers include:

- K Padmaja – Principal Chief Operations Manager, handling train scheduling and freight operations.
- Ity Pandey – Principal Chief Commercial Manager, managing passenger services and business development.
- Aroma Singh Thakur – IG-cum-Principal Chief Security Commissioner, leading Railway Protection Force initiatives.
- Dr. Nirmala Narasimhan – Principal Chief Medical Director, overseeing hospitals and health units.
- T. Hema Suneetha – Principal Financial Advisor, managing financial growth and revenue.





Ques: India recently test-fired the long-range ballistic missile Agni-5. What is its maximum strike range?

- A. 2,000 km
- B. 3,500 km
- C. 5,000 km
- D. 7,500 km
- E. 10,000 km

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- India successfully test-fired the Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM) Agni-5 from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha, under the Strategic Forces Command.
- Agni-5 has a strike range of up to 5,000 km ($\approx$ 3,100 miles), making it capable of covering the entire Asia and parts of Europe, including China and Turkey.
- The missile can reach a maximum speed of Mach 24 ($\approx$ 29,400 km/h) and has a re-entry speed of Mach 20–24, making interception nearly impossible.
- First tested in 2012 by DRDO, after several developmental trials it was handed over to Strategic Forces Command, which conducted the first user trial in 2021.
- The nuclear-capable missile is 17.5 meters long, weighs 50 tons, and is a three-stage rocket with advanced indigenous technologies.

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IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

The Cabinet has decided to celebrate the birth anniversary of late Upendra Nath Verma, educationist, social reformer, social worker, as “state function” every year on August 23 at a place where his statue has been installed in Gayaji town

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs has officially approved the renaming of Jalalabad town in Shahjahanpur district, Uttar Pradesh, to Parashurampuri.

SMBC Asia Rising Fund, a corporate venture capital fund cofounded by Japan’s Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation picks up 4.99% stake in Shivalik Small Finance Bank worth of \$7 million (approximately ₹60 crore) at Valuation ₹1,200 crore

The Delhi Cabinet chaired by Rekha Gupta, Chief Minister (CM) of Delhi, has approved the launch of ‘Delhi Mitra’ application (app), a unified integrated Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS).

The Arunachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (APSPCB) recently conducted a public hearing for environmental clearance for the proposed 1,200 MW Kalai-II hydroelectric project

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Ques: What is the New Product launched by South Indian Bank ?

- A. SIB Home Xpress
- B. SIB Business Xpress
- C. SIB Gold Xpress
- D. SIB Loan Smart
- E. SIB Credit Plus

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- South Indian Bank has launched a new gold loan product called SIB Gold Xpress.
- Customers can avail loans up to 90% of the value of their gold, with amounts ranging from ₹25,000 to ₹25 lakh.
- Loan tenure is up to 3 years, with zero hidden costs.
- The product targets MSMEs, non-MSMEs, and small businesses for working capital, business expansion, or personal needs.
- The application process is fully digital, simple, and hassle-free, including for first-time borrowers.
- Gold pledged is secured with safety assurance, and the loan is available through South Indian Bank's pan-India network.

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LQues: Which company became the first to file for IPO at GIFT IFSC targeting \$12 million?

- A. Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd
- B. Hindustan Oil Exploration Ltd
- C. XED Executive Development Ltd
- D. JSW Group
- E. ICICI Securities

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Mumbai-based XED Executive Development Ltd, a global executive education provider, became the first company to file for an IPO at GIFT IFSC, Gujarat, targeting \$12 million.
- The IPO comprises a fresh issue of \$9.6 million and an offer-for-sale of \$2.4 million by the promoter selling shareholder.
- Proceeds will be used for technology capex (\$1.8M), working capital (\$2.4M), IPO costs (\$1.2M), and general corporate purposes including acquisitions (\$4.4M).
- The IPO will be listed on NSE IX and India INX, marking the beginning of direct listing of Indian companies on international exchanges.
- In FY25, XED reported revenue of \$4.59 million, a 15% increase from the previous year, with major clients including Cornell University, Government of Maharashtra, JSW, Bank of America, and Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.





Ques: Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) recently increased the ex-gratia benefit under its Death Relief Fund for Central Board employees to what amount?

- A. ₹10 lakh
- B. ₹12 lakh
- C. ₹15 lakh
- D. ₹20 lakh
- E. ₹8.80 lakh

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- EPFO (Employees' Provident Fund Organization) under the Ministry of Labour & Employment announced a hike in the ex-gratia benefit under the Death Relief Fund.
- New benefit: ₹15 lakh (earlier ₹8.80 lakh), effective April 1, 2025.
- The amount will be given to family members/nominees/legal heirs of deceased Central Board employees from the Staff Welfare Fund.
- From April 1, 2026, the ex-gratia amount will increase by 5% annually to adjust for inflation & rising costs.

About EPFO:

- Established: 4 March 1952
- HQ: New Delhi
- CPFC (Central Provident Fund Commissioner): Ramesh Krishnamurthi





Ques: WestBridge Capital acquired 15% stake in which AMC for ₹450 crore?

- A. HDFC AMC
- B. ICICI Prudential AMC
- C. Edelweiss AMC
- D. Nippon India AMC
- E. SBI Mutual Fund

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- WestBridge Capital, a \$7 billion global investment firm focused on India and the US, acquired a 15% stake in Edelweiss Asset Management Company (AMC) for ₹450 crore.
- Edelweiss Mutual Fund has a total AUM of ₹1.52 lakh crore, with a 44% CAGR over the last 5 years, and equity AUM of ₹72,600 crore (53% growth).
- The transaction values Edelweiss AMC at 57x P/E, consistent with industry benchmarks of 30–60x.
- The deal strategically strengthens Edelweiss MF's growth trajectory, bringing WestBridge as a long-term partner, enhancing equity momentum, product innovation, and distribution capabilities.

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Ques: Which ride-hailing platform was recently penalized by the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) for publishing misleading advertisements and engaging in unfair trade practices?

- A. Ola
- B. Uber
- C. Rapido
- D. Meru Cabs
- E. InDrive

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) ordered Rapido (Roppen Transportation Services Pvt. Ltd.) to pay a penalty of ₹10,00,000 for misleading advertisements and unfair trade practices.
- CCPA also directed the platform to reimburse all consumers who availed the “AUTO IN 5 MIN OR GET ₹50” offer but did not receive the promised compensation.
- This action was taken to safeguard consumer rights and ensure fair market practices in the ride-hailing industry.

Data from the National Consumer Helpline (NCH) revealed:

- 575 complaints against Rapido between April 2023 – May 2024.
- 1,224 complaints between June 2024 – July 2025





Ques: Which of the following regions in India is NOT recognized as a GIAHS site by FAO?

- A. Koraput (Odisha)
- B. Kuttanad (Kerala)
- C. Saffron Heritage (Kashmir)
- D. Sundarbans (West Bengal)
- E. None of the above

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) recognizes three Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) sites in India:

- Koraput Region (Odisha): Known for subsistence paddy cultivation, diverse paddy landraces, medicinal plants, and tribal knowledge systems.
- Kuttanad Farming System (Kerala): Unique below-sea-level farming, paddy cultivation, fishery, coconut & food crops, and inland water fishing.
- Saffron Heritage (Kashmir): Rich agro-pastoral system, traditional saffron cultivation, intercropping, and organic farming.

- Sundarbans (West Bengal) is not recognized as a GIAHS site.
- The recognition highlights India's efforts to preserve traditional agricultural practices, biodiversity, and community knowledge systems.





Ques: Recently, simultaneous translation of parliamentary proceedings has been made available in how many languages of the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution?

- A. 18
- B. 20
- C. 21
- D. 22
- E. 25

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla announced during the Monsoon Session that simultaneous translation of parliamentary proceedings is now available in all 22 languages of the Eighth Schedule.
- Newly added: Kashmiri, Konkani, Santali → completing the full list.
- Earlier service covered 18 languages: Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Dogri, Gujarati, Kannada, Maithili, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Odia, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu.
- Technology support is being developed by Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence Center at IIT Madras, Pravartak Technologies Foundation.

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Ques: Engineers India Limited (EIL) recently signed an agreement with NPCIL for the development of which type of nuclear technology?

- A. Fast Breeder Reactors
- B. Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors
- C. Bharat Small Modular Reactors (BSMRs)
- D. Fusion Reactors
- E. Thorium-based Reactors

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- EIL & NPCIL signed an agreement to jointly develop Bharat Small Modular Reactors (BSMRs).
- This initiative is part of the Nuclear Energy Mission for Viksit Bharat, which aims for 100 GW nuclear power capacity by 2047.
- The Union Budget allocated ₹20,000 crore (~USD 2.4–2.5 billion) for this mission.
- Target: At least five indigenously designed SMRs operational by 2033.
- SMRs will play a crucial role in strengthening India's long-term clean energy transition strategy.

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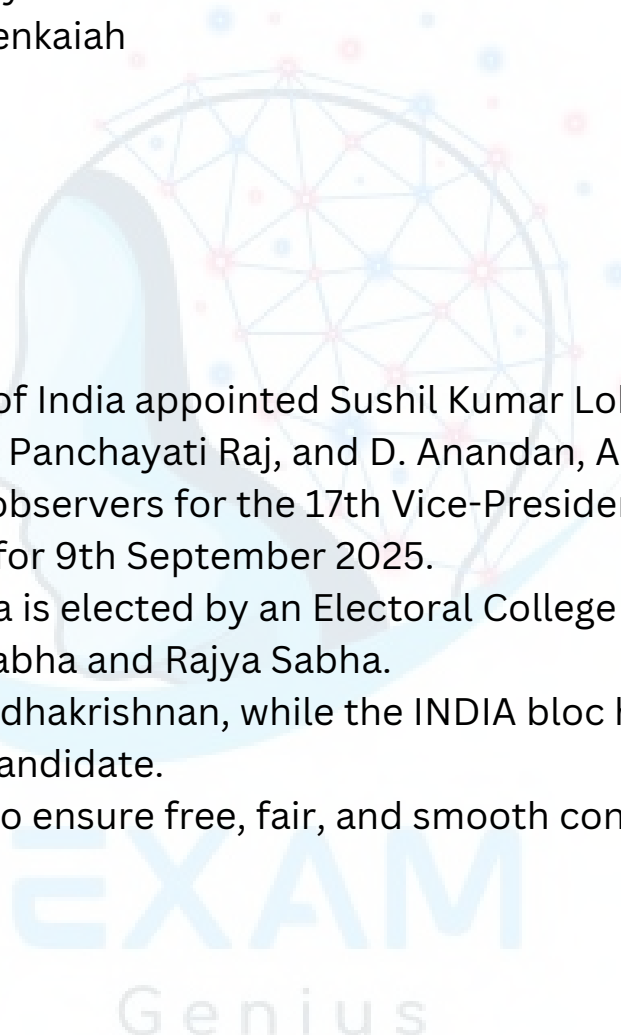
Ques: Who have been appointed as observers for the upcoming 17th Vice-Presidential Election of India 2025?

- A. Sushil Kumar Lohani and D. Anandan
- B. CP Radhakrishnan and B Sudershan Reddy
- C. Rajnath Singh and Nirmala Sitharaman
- D. Amit Shah and Piyush Goyal
- E. Venkaiah Naidu and M. Venkaiah

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Election Commission of India appointed Sushil Kumar Lohani, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, and D. Anandan, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, as observers for the 17th Vice-Presidential Election.
- The election is scheduled for 9th September 2025.
- The Vice-President of India is elected by an Electoral College comprising the members of both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.
- NDA has nominated CP Radhakrishnan, while the INDIA bloc has fielded B Sudershan Reddy as their candidate.
- Observers are appointed to ensure free, fair, and smooth conduct of the election process across states.





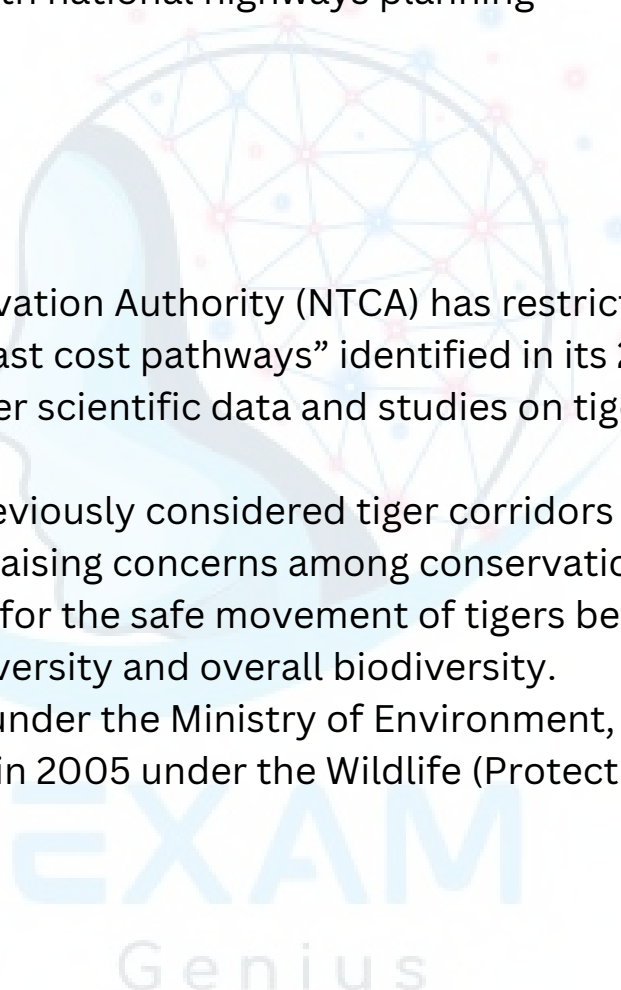
Ques: What recent change has the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) made regarding tiger corridors?

- A. Expanded the definition to include all forest areas
- B. Restricted the definition to the 32 “least cost pathways” from its 2014 report
- C. Declared all tiger habitats as protected zones
- D. Allowed unrestricted industrial development in tiger corridors
- E. Merged tiger corridors with national highways planning

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has restricted the definition of tiger corridors to the 32 “least cost pathways” identified in its 2014 report.
- This change excludes newer scientific data and studies on tiger movement and habitats.
- As a result, some areas previously considered tiger corridors could now be opened for development projects, raising concerns among conservationists.
- Tiger corridors are crucial for the safe movement of tigers between habitats, helping maintain genetic diversity and overall biodiversity.
- NTCA is a statutory body under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), created in 2005 under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (amended in 2006).





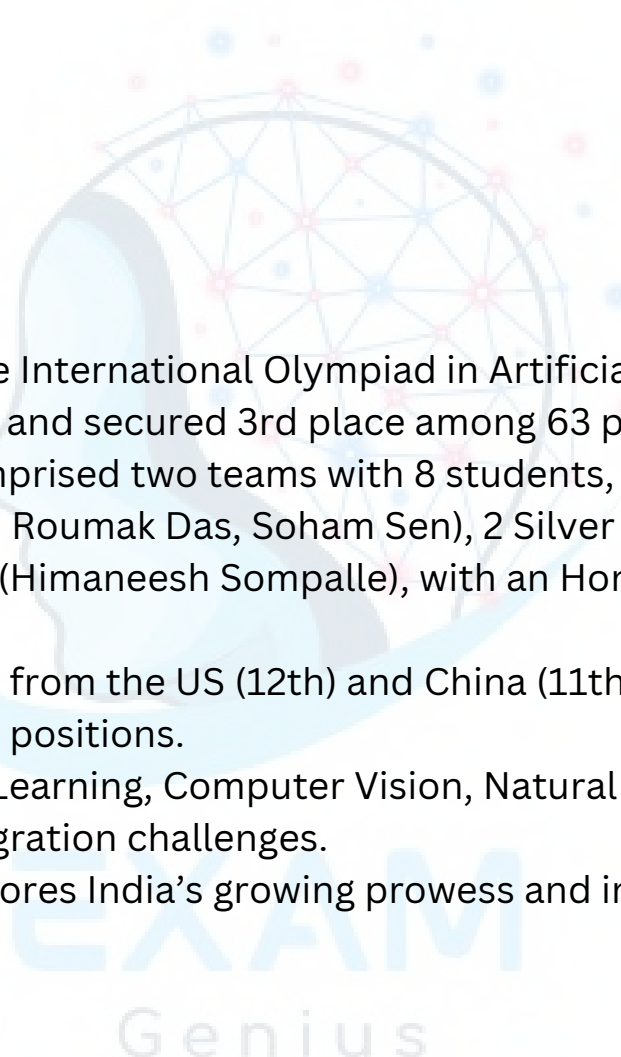
Ques: India secured which position at the International Olympiad in Artificial Intelligence (IOAI) 2025 on its debut?

- A. 1st
- B. 2nd
- C. 3rd
- D. 5th
- E. 10th

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India made its debut at the International Olympiad in Artificial Intelligence (IOAI) 2025, held in Beijing, China, and secured 3rd place among 63 participating countries.
- The Indian contingent comprised two teams with 8 students, winning a total of 6 medals: 3 Gold (Arjun Tyagi, Roumak Das, Soham Sen), 2 Silver (Rayan Banerjee, Samik Goyal), and 1 Bronze (Himaneesh Sompalle), with an Honourable Mention for Ishaan Gangwani.
- India outperformed teams from the US (12th) and China (11th), while Russia and Poland claimed the top two positions.
- Events included Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing, and Robotics-based AI integration challenges.
- This achievement underscores India's growing prowess and innovation in AI/ML research.





Ques: JSW Steel Limited recently signed a non-binding Heads of Agreement with which foreign steel major to jointly explore setting up a 6 MTPA integrated steel plant in India?

- A. Nippon Steel, Japan
- B. POSCO Group, South Korea
- C. Baosteel, China
- D. ArcelorMittal, Luxembourg
- E. Thyssenkrupp, Germany

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- JSW Steel Limited (India) and POSCO Group (South Korea) signed a non-binding Heads of Agreement.
- The plan is to jointly explore setting up a 6 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA) integrated steel plant in India through a 50:50 joint venture.
- Odisha is the preferred location due to its iron ore and coal reserves and strong logistical advantages.
- The estimated investment is about ₹65,000 crore (USD 7.44 billion).

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Ques: NASA recently introduced the ‘Surya Heliophysics Foundational Model (Surya)’. What is its primary purpose?

- A. Study of Exoplanets
- B. Asteroid Mining Research
- C. Human Spaceflight Simulation
- D. Forecasting Space Weather
- E. Deep Ocean Exploration

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- NASA has introduced the ‘Surya Heliophysics Foundational Model (Surya)’, an advanced open-source AI system for understanding and forecasting space weather.
- Developed by NASA’s Interagency Implementation and Advanced Concepts Team (IMPACT) under the Office of Data Science, in collaboration with IBM and other partners.
- Built on the success of Solar Dynamics Observatory (SDO), launched in 2010, which has continuously observed the Sun for ~15 years.
- Surya was trained on 9 years of continuous SDO data (images every 12 seconds in multiple wavelengths + magnetic field measurements).
- Capable of generating visual forecasts up to 2 hours in advance, with higher accuracy than traditional methods.

EXAM
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Ques: What is the target for India-Russia bilateral trade by 2030?

- A. \$50 billion
- B. \$75 billion
- C. \$100 billion
- D. \$150 billion
- E. \$200 billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and Russia have set a target of \$100 billion for bilateral trade by 2030 to reduce the current trade imbalance.
- India aims to boost exports in key sectors such as pharmaceuticals, agriculture, textiles, and IT, while strengthening energy, connectivity, and skilled labour cooperation.
- Both countries are negotiating a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) under the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) to facilitate smoother trade.
- Enhanced connectivity projects like the North-South Transport Corridor, Chennai-Vladivostok Corridor, and Arctic cooperation are part of this strategic partnership.
- The initiative also addresses non-tariff barriers, such as restrictions on marine exports, to promote balanced and sustainable trade growth.

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Ques: Which Indian city is set to host three major international sports events in 2025, including the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship, Asian Aquatics Championship, and AFC U-17 Asian Cup Qualifiers?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Ahmedabad is set to host three big international sporting events in 2025, establishing the city as a growing global sports powerhouse.
- In 2025, Gujarat will host three important competitions: the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship, the Asian Aquatics Championship, and the AFC Under-17 Asian Cup Football Qualifiers.

International Events Scheduled in Ahmedabad (2025) :

- Asian Aquatics Championship
- AFC U-17 Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers at The Arena by TransStadia, Ahmedabad
- Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship at Naranpura Sports Complex, Ahmedabad

Upcoming International Events in Gujarat :

- Asian Weightlifting Championship : 2026 in Ahmedabad
- Archery Asia Para Cup (World Ranking Tournament) : 2026 in Ahmedabad
- World Police and Fire Games : 2029 in Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, and Ekta Nagar
- Commonwealth Games 2030 : Ahmedabad chosen as host city following India's successful bid





Ques: What is the new renewal fee for imported four-wheeler vehicles older than 20 years?

- A. ₹20,000
- B. ₹50,000
- C. ₹80,000
- D. ₹1,00,000
- E. ₹1,50,000

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) has revised the registration renewal fees for vehicles older than 20 years to discourage their continued use.
- For imported four-wheelers or larger vehicles over 20 years old, the renewal fee has been fixed at ₹80,000.
- Fees for other categories include: LMVs – ₹10,000, motorcycles – ₹2,000, three-wheelers & quadricycles – ₹5,000, imported two-/three-wheelers – ₹20,000.
- The draft amendment was issued in February 2025 and finalized on 21 August 2025.
- The move aims to reduce pollution and encourage the replacement of old, polluting vehicles with newer, cleaner alternatives.

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Ques: Recently, who among the following pledged to donate their organs at Army Hospital (Research & Referral), giving a boost to the Armed Forces Organ Retrieval & Transplantation Authority (AORTA)?

- A. General Anil Chauhan (CDS)
- B. Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Raj Shukla
- C. Admiral Dinesh Tripathi & Mrs. Tripathi
- D. Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari & Mrs. Chaudhari
- E. General Upendra Dwivedi (COAS) & Mrs. Sunita Dwivedi

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), along with his wife Mrs. Sunita Dwivedi, President of Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA), pledged to donate their organs at Army Hospital (Research & Referral).
- This step significantly strengthens the Armed Forces Organ Retrieval & Transplantation Authority (AORTA).
- The initiative aims to spread awareness and inspire the Armed Forces community to lead the nation in organ donation.
- AORTA has emerged as a national leader in organ retrieval & transplant efforts.
- The Indian Army already holds a record with 26,000+ personnel pledging organ donations in a single campaign.

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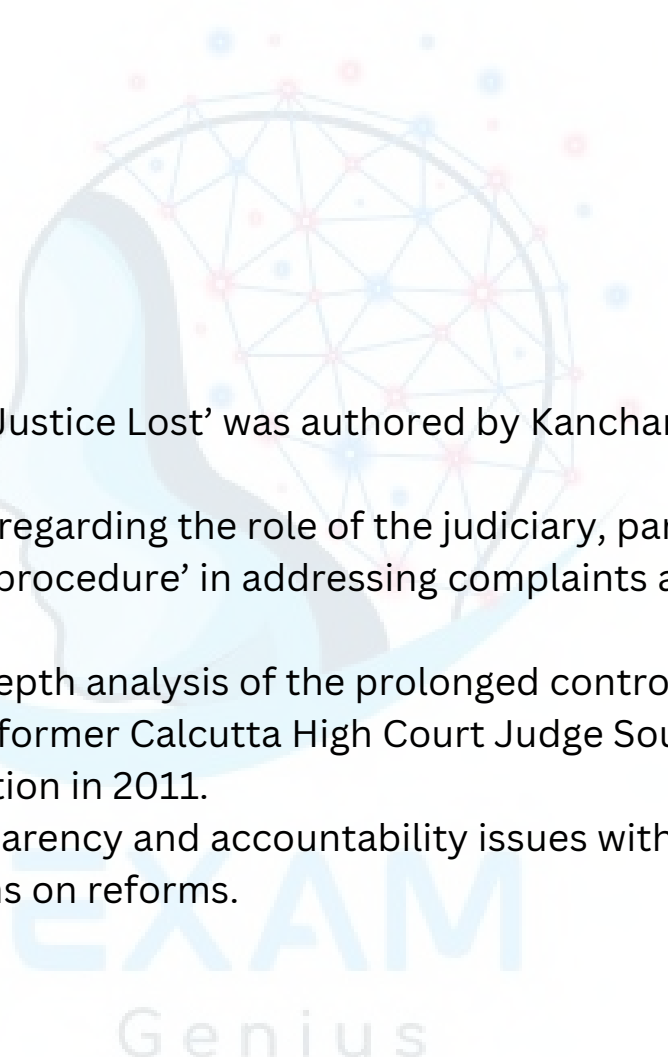
Ques: Who is the author of the book 'Justice Denied Justice Lost' that discusses the judiciary and the Soumitra Sen case?

- A. Arundhati Roy
- B. Kanchan Chakraborty
- C. Ramachandra Guha
- D. Barkha Dutt
- E. Shashi Tharoor

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The book 'Justice Denied Justice Lost' was authored by Kanchan Chakraborty and released in Kolkata.
- It raises critical questions regarding the role of the judiciary, particularly the Supreme Court's 'in-house procedure' in addressing complaints against sitting judges.
- The book provides an in-depth analysis of the prolonged controversy surrounding corruption charges against former Calcutta High Court Judge Soumitra Sen, spanning from 2006 until his resignation in 2011.
- The work highlights transparency and accountability issues within India's judicial system, sparking discussions on reforms.





Ques: What is the purpose of Exercise Samanvay Shakti 2025 inaugurated in Assam?

- A. To conduct joint naval drills
- B. To foster military-civil integration and coordinated regional response
- C. To test new missile systems
- D. To promote international military cooperation
- E. To organize adventure sports for civilians

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Exercise Samanvay Shakti 2025 was inaugurated at Laipuli in Tinsukia district, Assam.
- It is a 10-day military-civil integration exercise initiated by the Indian Army in collaboration with Assam and Manipur state officials.
- The exercise aims to foster synergy, efficient cooperation, cohesion, and mutual understanding between security forces, government departments, and civil institutions.
- The unified approach is intended to address the complex challenges of the region effectively.
- Participants included the Indian Army, Indian Air Force, District Administration, Police, Intelligence Agencies, NDRF, SDRF, Medical Officials, BRO, GREF, Railways, educational institutions, and security officials from OIL India, IOCL, and Coal India.

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Ques: Where will the 28th National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG) 2025 be held?

- A. Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- B. Bengaluru, Karnataka
- C. New Delhi
- D. Jaipur, Rajasthan
- E. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The 28th National Conference on e-Government (NCeG) will take place in Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, on September 22 and 23, 2025.
- The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), and the Government of Andhra Pradesh are collaborating to organize the event.
- The 28th National eGovernance Conference 2025 will have IIM Visakhapatnam as its knowledge partner.
- The conference will be held over two days with the theme "Viksit Bharat: Civil Service and Digital Transformation."

EXAM
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Ques: British-Indian industrialist Lord Swraj Paul, who recently passed away, was the founder of which multinational company?

- A. OneWeb
- B. Starlink Satellite Communication Pvt Ltd
- C. HughesNet
- D. Viasat
- E. BSNL Satellite

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Lord Swraj Paul, a British-Indian industrialist, passed away in London at the age of 94.
- He was the founder of the U.K.-based steel and engineering multinational, Caparo Group, headquartered in London.
- Born in Jalandhar, India, he relocated to the U.K. in the 1960s and established a significant industrial presence.
- Lord Paul was regularly featured in the annual 'Sunday Times Rich List' for his business achievements.
- His contributions spanned across steel, engineering, and philanthropy, marking him as a prominent figure in British-Indian business circles.

EXAM
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Ques: Recently, RBI announced premature redemption of 28 SGBs. What is the fixed repurchase price set by RBI?

- A. ₹8,750 per unit
- B. ₹9,500 per unit
- C. ₹10,070 per unit
- D. ₹10,500 per unit
- E. ₹11,000 per unit

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- RBI has announced premature redemption for 28 Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) issued between May 2018 and March 2021.
- The repurchase price for these SGBs is fixed at ₹10,070 per unit.
- SGB investors receive 2.5% annual interest (paid semi-annually) in addition to capital gains linked to gold prices.
- The redemption price is based on the average closing price of 999 purity gold published by the India Bullion and Jewellers Association (IBJA) for the preceding three working days.
- Earlier, from April 2024, RBI had already opened early redemption for 34 SGBs issued between October 2017 – September 2020.

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Ques: Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) recently invested USD 40 million in which fund?

- A. Global MSME Growth Fund
- B. Asia–Africa Trade Boost Fund
- C. Global Supply Chain Support Fund
- D. Emerging Markets SME Fund
- E. Development & Innovation Fund

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has invested USD 40 million in the “Global Supply Chain Support Fund”, which is managed by Aavishkaar Capital.
- Objective: To support and boost Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) engaged in the global supply chain across Asia and Africa.
- This fund is the eighth fund launched by Aavishkaar Capital, and it was established in collaboration with the German Development Bank (KfW).
- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA): Established in 2003, headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, with Akihiko Tanaka as its President.

EXAM
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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of Payments Council of India (PCI) for the 2025–2027 term?

- A. Vishwas Patel
- B. M N Srinivasu
- C. Nalin Bansal
- D. Ramesh Sobti
- E. Rajesh Kumar

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Vishwas Patel, Joint Managing Director of Infibeam Avenues Limited, has been appointed as the Chairperson of Payments Council of India (PCI) for the 2025–2027 term.
- This is his third term; he was first elected in 2018 and re-appointed in 2022.
- Alongside him, M N Srinivasu and Nalin Bansal have been appointed as Co-Chairpersons of PCI.
- PCI was established in 2013 and is headquartered in Mumbai.
- The appointment strengthens PCI's role in advancing digital payments and fintech innovation in India.

EXAM
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Ques: OpenAI will open its first India office in which city?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- OpenAI, the provider of ChatGPT, confirmed that it will open its first India office in New Delhi by late 2025.
- The decision reflects support for the IndiaAI Mission and the vision of building “AI for India, with India.”
- India is ChatGPT’s second-largest market after the US, with weekly active users growing 4x in the past year.
- India also has the largest student population using ChatGPT globally.
- The office will focus on strengthening ties with local partners, government, businesses, developers, and academic institutions.
- OpenAI also launched an India-specific subscription plan at ₹399/month, with UPI payment support.

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Ques: Until which year has the government extended the Fortified Rice Scheme to combat micronutrient deficiencies in India?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of the universal supply of fortified rice under all government schemes until December 2028.
- The scheme aims to combat micronutrient deficiencies, particularly iron, folic acid, and vitamin B12, addressing anaemia and malnutrition among vulnerable populations.
- The pilot phase began in 2019 across 15 states, and by March 2024, fortified rice distribution was extended nationwide across schemes such as the Public Distribution System (PDS), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), and PM POSHAN.
- The scheme is 100% centrally funded at ₹17,082 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY).
- The Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution is the nodal agency, and technical standards are framed by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

Genius





Ques: ISRO recently conducted its first Integrated Air Drop Test (IADT-01) for which Gaganyaan system?

- A. Launch Vehicle Mark-3
- B. Crew Escape System
- C. Parachute-based deceleration system
- D. Vyommitra robot deployment system
- E. Low Earth Orbit stabilization system

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- ISRO successfully conducted its first Integrated Air Drop Test (IADT-01) for the parachute-based deceleration system of the Gaganyaan mission.
- The test was carried out in coordination with the Indian Air Force, DRDO, Indian Navy, and Indian Coast Guard.
- This system is crucial to safely decelerate and recover the crew module during re-entry.
- The upcoming uncrewed Gaganyaan mission (G1) in December will carry the half-humanoid robot Vyommitra to test human spaceflight systems ahead of crewed missions.
- Vyommitra is a female robot designed to accompany astronauts, simulating human responses during unmanned test flights.

EXAM
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Ques: Which Indian energy sector company has become the first to join the Renewable Energy 100 (RE100) Initiative?

- A. NTPC Limited
- B. Adani Green Energy
- C. Tata Power
- D. Suzlon Group
- E. ReNew Power

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Suzlon Group has become the first Indian company from the energy sector to join the Renewable Energy 100 (RE100) Initiative.
- RE100 is a global initiative of companies committed to running entirely on renewable electricity.
- Globally, more than 400 companies are members of RE100.
- Suzlon has pledged to power all its 15 factories only with renewable energy by 2030.

EXAM
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Ques: Recently, Adani Group announced the construction of a ₹600-crore logistics park in which state?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Kerala
- D. Tamil Nadu
- E. Andhra Pradesh

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Adani Group has started constructing a ₹600-crore logistics park in Kalamassery, Kerala under the 'Invest in Kerala' programme.
- The project is expected to create 1,500 jobs in the state.
- Facilities will include EV charging stations, smart logistics solutions, and digital integration.
- Currently, Adani Ports operates 21 logistics parks in India, with plans to expand to 30 and scale up its footprint from 3.1 million sq. ft. to 20 million sq. ft.
- This initiative will further strengthen Kerala's role as a trade hub, connecting it with global markets.

EXAM
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Ques: Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) recently extended EUR 150 million to which Indian PSU?

- A. Rural Electrification Corporation (REC)
- B. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)
- C. Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC)
- D. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)
- E. Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) has extended EUR 150 million to Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC).
- Objective: To strengthen India's power distribution sector under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS).
- RDSS: Launched in 2021 by the Government of India, aiming to reduce distribution losses and improve supply quality.
- Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC): Established in 1986, headquartered in New Delhi, with Parminder Chopra as the CMD.

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Ques: Which Indian state has been declared the first fully digitally literate state in India?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Kerala has been declared India's first fully digitally literate state, marking the completion of Phase I of the Digi Kerala project.
- The initiative aimed to bridge the digital divide by providing basic digital skills training across all local bodies in the state.
- Surveys covered 1.5 crore individuals from 83.46 lakh families, identifying 21.88 lakh digitally illiterate persons.
- Out of these, 21.87 lakh (99.98%) successfully completed training and evaluation, demonstrating widespread digital literacy.
- The program was inclusive, involving senior citizens and ensuring accessibility for all sections of society.
- Training was delivered through local bodies, highlighting Kerala's decentralized governance and participatory approach.

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Ques: The Delhi Government recently launched the ‘Government on Wheels’ campaign. What is its main objective?

- A. Digitalisation of government offices
- B. On-site problem-solving across departments
- C. Launch of new public transport routes
- D. Monitoring pollution levels in Delhi
- E. Promoting e-governance services

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Delhi Public Works Department (PWD) launched the ‘Government on Wheels’ campaign by undertaking a 47-km inspection of the Outer Ring Road on a bus.
- The initiative aims to shift from closed-door reviews to on-site problem-solving, addressing ground realities faced by commuters.
- Multiple government departments travel together on the bus, providing immediate solutions on the spot.
- This concept fosters coordination, efficiency, and citizen-centric governance by bringing all departments together in one place at one time.

EXAM
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Ques: How many chip-design projects has the Government of India sanctioned under the Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme to boost semiconductor design capabilities?

- A. 12
- B. 18
- C. 23
- D. 30
- E. 35

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Government of India has sanctioned 23 chip-design projects under the Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme to strengthen semiconductor design capabilities.
- These projects are led by domestic startups and MSMEs, focusing on developing indigenous chips and System-on-Chip (SoC) solutions for applications such as surveillance cameras, energy meters, microprocessor IPs, and networking.
- 72 companies have also been provided access to industry-standard Electronic Design Automation (EDA) tools for chip design.
- Vervesemi Microelectronics, founded in 2017, is among the first Indian firms to export semiconductor IPs globally, with its machine learning-powered analog chain IPs embedded in products of top international manufacturers.

About Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme :

- Launched : January 2022
- Initial tenure : Initially planned for three years from January 1, 2022, with possible extensions
- Objective : To nurture at least 20 domestic companies involved in semiconductor design and facilitate them to achieve turnover of more than Rs.1500 Crore in 5 years.
- Nodal agency : C-DAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing)
- Components : ● Chip Design infrastructure support: Under this, C-DAC will set up the India Chip Centre ● Product Design Linked Incentive. ● Deployment Linked Incentive.





- Product Design Incentive : Reimbursement of up to 50% of eligible costs, capped at ₹15 crore per application
- Deployment Linked Incentive : Incentive of 4%-6% on net sales turnover over five years, capped at ₹30 crore per application



EXAM
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Ques: The new Income-Tax Act, 2025 will come into effect from which date?

- A. 1 April 2025
- B. 21 August 2025
- C. 1 April 2026
- D. 1 January 2026
- E. 1 July 2026

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- President Droupadi Murmu gave assent to the Income-Tax Act, 2025 on 21st August 2025.
- This new Act replaces the Income-Tax Act, 1961 with a simpler, transparent, and compliance-friendly direct tax regime.
- The Act will come into force from 1st April 2026, i.e., the next financial year.

Key provisions include:

- Deduction under 80M extended to companies under the new regime.
- Deductions for commuted pension & gratuity for family members.
- Separate provisions for MAT (Minimum Alternate Tax) & AMT (Alternate Minimum Tax).
- Refund claims allowed even if returns filed late.
- Alignment with taxation rules on anonymous donations.
- Exemptions extended to mixed object registered non-profit organisations.





Ques: India's first urban public transport ropeway is being trialed in which city?

- A. Varanasi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Delhi
- D. Jaipur
- E. Lucknow

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- India's first urban ropeway is undergoing a three-month trial run in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- The ₹807 crore project aims to improve urban transport and reduce traffic congestion.
- The ropeway covers a distance of 3.75 km, linking Banaras Cantt Railway Station with Godowlia Chowk.
- It is expected to reduce travel time from 45–50 minutes to just 15 minutes.
- Three stations—Cantt, Vidyapeeth, and Rathyatra—have already been constructed.

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Ques: Which new bridge did PM Modi inaugurate in Bihar to improve connectivity over the Ganga?

- A. Mahatma Gandhi Setu
- B. Aunta-Simaria Bridge
- C. Vikramshila Setu
- D. Rajendra Setu
- E. Digha-Sonpur Bridge

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Aunta-Simaria Bridge in Bihar, an 8.15 km project on NH-31, featuring a 1.86 km six-lane bridge over the river Ganga.
- Constructed alongside the nearly seven-decade-old Rajendra Setu, the new bridge improves direct connectivity between Mokama in Patna district and Begusarai.
- It reduces travel distance for heavy vehicles by up to 100 km, enhancing logistics and transportation efficiency.
- The bridge cost over ₹1,870 crore and is part of the 8.15 km stretch on National Highway 31.
- The six-lane structure strengthens regional infrastructure and contributes to economic growth in Bihar.

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Ques: Recently, the government approved ₹6,982 crore as additional capex support in 2025 for which telecom company?

- A. Airtel
- B. Jio
- C. Vodafone Idea
- D. BSNL
- E. MTNL

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Government of India approved ₹6,982 crore as additional capex support for BSNL in 2025 to strengthen its telecom infrastructure and expand 4G services.
- As of 31 July 2025, BSNL has installed 96,300 sites for 4G services, of which 91,281 are operational.
- This funding is intended to enhance BSNL's competitiveness against private telecom operators and accelerate service expansion

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the President of the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) for a third consecutive term?

- A. Pramod Kumar
- B. Pon Baskaran
- C. Ajay Singh
- D. Abhinav Bindra
- E. Rajesh Tyagi

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Ajay Singh, Managing Director (MD) of SpiceJet Airlines, has been appointed as the President of the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) for a third consecutive term (first elected in 2016).
- Along with him, Pramod Kumar (Uttar Pradesh) has been appointed as the Secretary General of BFI.
- Pon Baskaran (Tamil Nadu) has been appointed as the Treasurer of BFI.
- The Boxing Federation of India (BFI) was established in 1949 and is headquartered in New Delhi.

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Ques: IIT Madras recently launched the FedEx SMART Centre in collaboration with which company?

- A. UPS (United Parcel Service)
- B. DHL Express
- C. Federal Express Corporation (FedEx)
- D. Blue Dart Express
- E. Amazon Transportation Services

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) in collaboration with Federal Express Corporation (FedEx) launched the FedEx SMART Centre (Supply, Chain Modelling, Algorithms, Research and Technology Centre) at its Chennai campus.
- This is the first-of-its-kind facility, supported by a 5-year funding of USD 5 million (₹44 crore) from FedEx.
- The centre will promote research in interdisciplinary projects spanning from carbon neutral operations, autonomous delivery systems, Electric Vehicle (EV) infrastructure and predictive analytics to AI-driven worker safety

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Ques: Recently, INS Kadmatt completed a 3-day port call to strengthen naval cooperation. Which country was it?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Indonesia
- C. Malaysia
- D. Vietnam
- E. Thailand

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- INS Kadmatt, an indigenous ASW Corvette, successfully completed a 3-day port call at Surabaya, Indonesia.
- The visit aimed to strengthen friendship, trust, and interoperability between the Indian Navy and Indonesian Navy (TNI AL).
- Key activities included professional & cultural engagements, cross-deck visits, combined yoga session, and a friendly volleyball match with TNI AL personnel.
- As part of community outreach, Indian diaspora members in Indonesia were welcomed onboard to interact.
- Courtesy calls with senior naval leadership highlighted both nations' commitment to a secure and stable maritime domain.
- The visit reaffirmed the Indian Navy's role as the preferred security partner in the region under the shared vision of "Partnership Across Sea."





Ques: The Marbat Festival, recently in news, is celebrated in which Indian city?

- A. Pune
- B. Nagpur
- C. Indore
- D. Raipur
- E. Nashik

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Marbat Festival of Nagpur originated in the 19th century to ward off evil spirits through effigies known as Marbats, which represent societal evils.
- It falls on 'Tanha Pola', the day after Pola (bull-worship festival observed on Shravana Amavasya).
- On Bhadrapada Shukla Prathama, effigies of Kala (Black) Marbat and Pili (Yellow) Marbat are paraded and later burned in processions.
- A Marbat is a large, colourful female effigy, while smaller male effigies called Badgyas are also crafted, carrying placards highlighting social issues.
- The festival uniquely blends agrarian gratitude, cultural expression, and social commentary.

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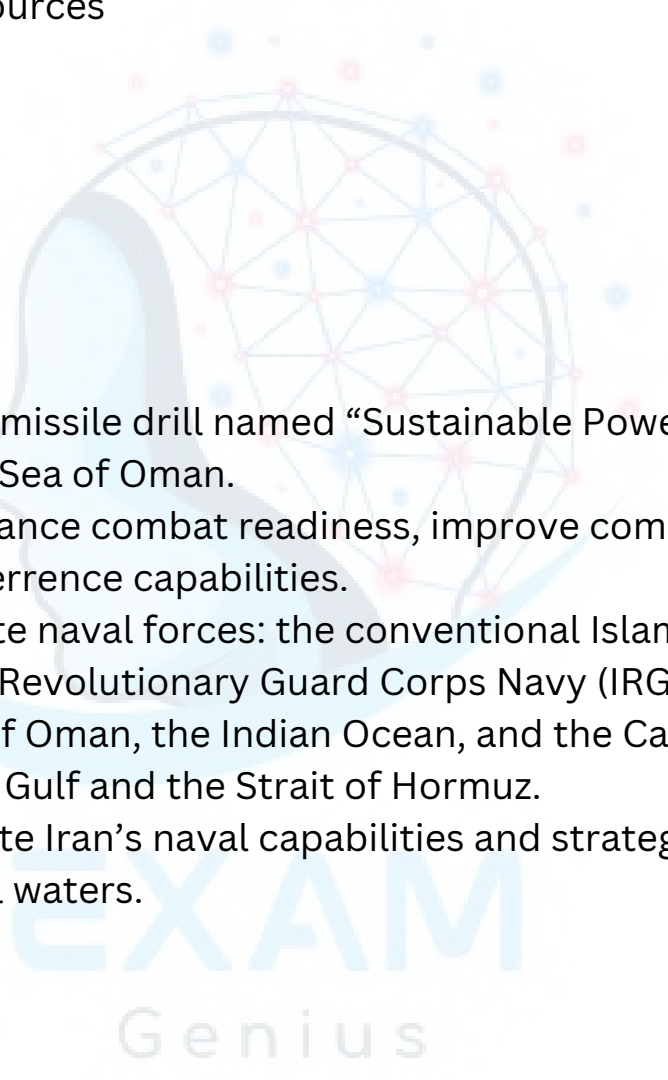
Ques: What was the primary objective of Iran’s “Sustainable Power 1404” missile drills in the Gulf of Oman?

- A. To promote international maritime trade
- B. To improve combat readiness, command systems, and deterrence
- C. To conduct joint drills with India
- D. To explore undersea resources
- E. To test nuclear weapons

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Iran conducted a two-day missile drill named “Sustainable Power 1404” in the northern Indian Ocean and Sea of Oman.
- The exercise aimed to enhance combat readiness, improve command and control systems, and reinforce deterrence capabilities.
- Iran maintains two separate naval forces: the conventional Islamic Republic of Iran Navy (IRIN) and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy (IRGCN).
- IRIN operates in the Gulf of Oman, the Indian Ocean, and the Caspian Sea, while IRGCN controls the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz.
- Such exercises demonstrate Iran’s naval capabilities and strategic defense preparedness in its regional waters.





Ques: Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh recently interacted with women officers from 15 countries during which event in New Delhi?

- A. UN Women in Defence Summit
- B. UN Women Military Officers Course (UNWMOC-2025)
- C. International Women Peacekeepers Meet
- D. Global Women Leadership Forum
- E. Women in Armed Forces Seminar

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh interacted with women military officers from 15 countries alongside Indian officers at the UN Women Military Officers Course (UNWMOC-2025) held at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.
- The course is organised by the Centre for United Nations Peacekeeping under the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of External Affairs.
- Its aim is to build professional capacity of women officers for effective participation in multidimensional UN missions.
- UNWMOC-2025 included 12 Indian women officers and 5 interns, creating a vibrant international platform for training and exchange.
- During the event, the UN Journal 2025 - 'Blue Helmet Odyssey: 75 Years of Indian Peacekeeping' was also unveiled, celebrating India's legacy and future vision in UN peacekeeping.

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IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

"The Kunj," a premier shopping and cultural destination devoted to honoring and promoting the rich legacy of Indian handicrafts and handlooms, was opened by Union Minister of Textiles Shri Giriraj Singh.

Shri Vijaya Dashami Utsav of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) to be held at Reshimbagh Ground in Nagpur on October 2. Dr Mohan Bhagwat IS RSS Sarsanghchalak.

The State Support Agreement (SSA) and Shareholder Agreement (SHA) between the National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT), Government of Haryana, and Haryana Airports Development Corporation (HADC) marked a significant milestone for the Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC) initiative.

India has imposed anti-dumping duty on certain hot-rolled flat steel products imported from Vietnam. Earlier in April, India applied a 12% safeguard duty on some steel imports, mainly from China, to curb cheap shipments.

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Ques: As per SEBI's recent approval, what will be the maximum voting rights of LIC in IDBI Bank after its reclassification as a public shareholder?

- A. 5%
- B. 10%
- C. 15%
- D. 20%
- E. 25%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- SEBI has approved the reclassification of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) as a public shareholder in IDBI Bank, with its voting rights not exceeding 10%.
- LIC will not have any representation on the Board of Directors of IDBI Bank.
- As per RBI guidelines, LIC must reduce its stake in IDBI Bank to 15% or below within two years.
- The combined holdings of the Centre and LIC in IDBI Bank currently stand at 95%, out of which 60.72% is up for sale.
- This move ensures compliance with regulatory norms while allowing LIC to continue as a public shareholder.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the reconstituted Advisory Board for Banking and Financial Frauds (ABBF) in August 2025?

- A. Rajni Kant Mishra
- B. Alok Kumar Choudhary
- C. Suresh N. Patel
- D. Sarada Kumar Hota
- E. Ravikant

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Advisory Board for Banking and Financial Frauds (ABBF) has been reconstituted for two years with effect from August 21, 2025.
- It will be chaired by former Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) Suresh N. Patel.
- The board examines the role of officials and whole-time directors of PSBs, insurance companies, and financial institutions in fraud cases involving ₹3 crore and above.
- Cases may also be referred by the CVC or CBI for advice.

Members of the board include:

- Ravikant, former Secretary, Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare
- Rajni Kant Mishra, former DG of Border Security Force
- Alok Kumar Choudhary, former MD of State Bank of India
- Sarada Kumar Hota, former MD of National Housing Bank





Ques: Recently, which bank (after SBI) has classified Reliance Communications' loan account and Anil Ambani as 'fraud'?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Bank of India (BoI) has classified the loan account of Reliance Communications (RCom) and its former director Anil Ambani as fraudulent, citing alleged fund diversion in 2016.
- Earlier, in June 2024, State Bank of India (SBI) had already classified RCom's account as fraud.
- BoI had provided a ₹700 crore loan in August 2016 for capital expenditure and repayment of liabilities.
- Half of the loan, disbursed in October 2016, was parked in a fixed deposit, which violated sanction terms.
- Following SBI's complaint, CBI conducted searches at RCom premises and Ambani's residence.
- Anil Ambani responded, stating the action was selective, unfair, and contrary to natural justice.





Ques: RBI has approved which Japanese bank to acquire up to 24.99% stake in Yes Bank?

- A. Mizuho Bank
- B. MUFG Bank
- C. Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC)
- D. Japan Post Bank
- E. Resona Holdings

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC), Japan, to acquire up to 24.99% stake (voting rights) in Yes Bank.
- SMBC will initially acquire 20% shareholding through a secondary stake purchase 13.19% from SBI
- And 6.81% from seven other banks: Axis Bank, Bandhan Bank, Federal Bank, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, IDFC First Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank.
- Following this transaction, SBI's stake in Yes Bank reduced from 23.97% to 10.78% as of August 23, 2025.
- The approval is valid for one year and does not classify SMBC as a promoter of the bank.
- The deal is also subject to approval by the Competition Commission of India (CCI) and other customary conditions.





Ques: ISRO recently unveiled a model of the Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS). By which year is India planning to launch its first module?

- A. 2026
- B. 2028
- C. 2030
- D. 2032
- E. 2035

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- ISRO unveiled a model of the Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS) during the two-day National Space Day celebrations.
- India plans to launch the first module of BAS by 2028.
- The full station is expected to be operational by 2035, with five modules in low earth orbit (450 km).
- At present, the only orbital laboratories are the International Space Station (ISS) (run by five space agencies) and Tiangong (China).

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Ques: Who is chairing the two newly constituted High-Powered Groups (HPGs) set up by the Government of India in 2025?

- A. Amit Shah
- B. Rajiv Gauba
- C. Rajnath Singh
- D. TVS Swaminathan
- E. N.K. Singh

E. N.K. Singh / एन.के. सिंह

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India constituted two High-Powered Groups (HPGs) of secretaries, technocrats, and economists in 2025.
- Both panels are chaired by Rajiv Gauba, full-time member of NITI Aayog and former Cabinet Secretary.
- Panel 1 – Tasked with driving the Viksit Bharat Vision 2047, aiming to transform India into a developed nation.
- Panel 2 – Focused on executing regulatory reforms in the non-financial sector to boost competitiveness & ease of doing business.
- Oversight by ministerial committees headed by Union Ministers Amit Shah (MHA) and Rajnath Singh (MoD).
- Additionally, a state-level deregulation committee is headed by Cabinet Secretary TVS Swaminathan to resolve regulatory bottlenecks at the state level.





Ques: Recently, which country officially joined the India-led International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) to protect seven species of big cats?

- A. Nepal
- B. Bhutan
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Bangladesh
- E. Myanmar

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Nepal has officially joined the India-led International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) by signing the framework agreement.
- The IBCA is a multi-country, multi-agency coalition comprising over 90 countries.
- The primary aim of IBCA is to protect seven species of big cats globally.
- Nepal has made significant progress in tiger conservation, increasing its tiger population from 121 in 2009 to 355 in 2022.
- By joining IBCA, Nepal strengthens its commitment to wildlife conservation and collaborative efforts for big cat protection.

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Ques: Which countries will co-host the 2027 ODI World Cup?

- A. South Africa, Australia, New Zealand
- B. South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe
- C. India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh
- D. England, Ireland, Scotland
- E. Pakistan, UAE, Oman

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Cricket South Africa (CSA) confirmed that the 2027 ODI World Cup will be held in South Africa, Namibia, and Zimbabwe.
- South Africa will host 44 matches, while Namibia and Zimbabwe will host 10 matches collectively.
- This will be the 14th edition of the ODI World Cup, scheduled in October–November 2027.
- It is the second time South Africa and Zimbabwe will co-host a tournament after 2003, while Namibia will host for the first time.
- The tournament will feature two groups of seven teams, with the top three from each group advancing to the Super Six stage, following the 2003 edition format.

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Ques: Government e-Marketplace (GeM) recently crossed which milestone in Gross Merchandise Value (GMV)?

- A. ₹5 Lakh Crore
- B. ₹10 Lakh Crore
- C. ₹12 Lakh Crore
- D. ₹15 Lakh Crore
- E. ₹20 Lakh Crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has crossed a historic ₹15 lakh crore GMV milestone since its inception in 2016.
- This achievement reflects the trust and confidence of buyers and sellers in India.
- GeM has empowered Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs), startups, women-led businesses, SC/ST enterprises, and Self-Help Groups by providing a robust digital platform.
- According to GeM CEO Mihir Kumar, this milestone is a testimony to stakeholders' confidence and the collective effort of lakhs of sellers and buyers.
- The achievement highlights GeM's pivotal role in transforming public procurement and promoting inclusive economic growth across India.

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Ques: Where did the first World Humanoid Robot Games take place in 2025?

- A. Tokyo, Japan
- B. Seoul, South Korea
- C. Beijing, China
- D. Singapore
- E. New Delhi, India

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The first World Humanoid Robot Games concluded in Beijing, China, at the National Speed Skating Oval, originally built for the 2022 Winter Olympics.
- The event lasted four days, with participation from 16 countries, 280 robotics teams, and over 500 robots competing in 26 events (487 matches).
- Competitions included both sports (athletics, basketball, soccer, kickboxing) and functional tasks (cleaning, medicine categorisation).
- A humanoid robot ran the 100m sprint in 21.5 seconds; others showed advanced skills like balance recovery, though some collapsed during races.

Winners:

- Unitree Robotics (Hangzhou-based) → 11 medals (4 golds)
- X-Humanoid (Beijing Humanoid Robot Innovation Centre) → 10 medals (2 golds)

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Ques: What is the purpose of Operation Sanskar launched by Dungarpur Police in Rajasthan?

- A. To curb cyber frauds
- B. To counter glorification of criminal activities on social media
- C. To tackle drug smuggling
- D. To control communal violence
- E. To prevent human trafficking

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Operation Sanskar (Operation Values) was launched by Dungarpur Police, Rajasthan in July 2025.
- It aims to counter the glorification of criminal activities on social media, especially by local “street gangs” of youth aged 18–24.
- As part of the initiative, offenders were made to record apology videos, which were then circulated on the same platforms where they earlier boasted about crimes.
- The program seeks to reduce gang-related crimes and promote responsible social behaviour among youth.

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Ques: Which Indian Test specialist announced his retirement from all forms of cricket in 2025?

- A. Ajinkya Rahane
- B. Rohit Sharma
- C. Virat Kohli
- D. Shikhar Dhawan
- E. Cheteshwar Pujara

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Cheteshwar Pujara, one of India's finest Test specialists, announced his retirement from all forms of cricket in 2025.
- He scored 7,195 runs at an average of 43.60 in Test cricket, including 19 centuries and 35 fifties.
- Made his international debut in 2010 against Australia.
- At his peak in the 2018–19 Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Australia, he scored 521 runs, faced 1,258 balls, and emerged as the top scorer, playing a pivotal role in India's historic maiden Test series win in Australia.
- In First-Class cricket, Pujara scored 21,301 runs, the fourth-highest by an Indian batter.
- Holds the Indian record for 18 double hundreds and is among the rare batters to have three triple hundreds in First-Class cricket.

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Ques: The International Solar Alliance (ISA) will establish a Global Capability Centre (GCC) in India. What is its envisioned role?

- A. Training astronauts for space missions
- B. Functioning as a hub connecting centres of excellence worldwide
- C. Developing nuclear fusion technology
- D. Manufacturing satellites for renewable energy mapping
- E. Expanding India's deep-sea mineral exploration

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The International Solar Alliance (ISA) will set up 17 Centres of Excellence across different countries by the end of 2025, with plans to expand to 50 centres in future.
- A Global Capability Centre (GCC) will be established in India, envisioned as a "Silicon Valley for solar".
- The GCC will function as a hub connecting all the centres of excellence worldwide.
- India's installed solar capacity reached 119 GW by July 2025.

About ISA:

- Established: 2015
- Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana
- Director General: Ashish Khanna

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Ques: Where will the 14th edition of the India–Thailand Joint Bilateral Military Exercise MAITREE (2025) be conducted?

- A. Umroi, Meghalaya
- B. Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- C. Fort Vachiraprahan, Thailand
- D. Chiang Mai, Thailand
- E. Pune, Maharashtra / पुणे, महाराष्ट्र

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 14th edition of MAITREE, a bilateral military exercise between India and Thailand, will be held from 01–14 September 2025 at the Foreign Training Node, Umroi, Meghalaya.
- The 13th edition took place earlier from 1st–15th July 2024 at Fort Vachiraprahan in Tak Province, Thailand.
- The exercise aims to strengthen defence cooperation, interoperability, and joint counter-insurgency/terrorism operations between the two armies.

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Ques: Who is the author of the books ‘Ramayana Katha ki Vishva-Yatra’, ‘Hamari Sanskritik Rashtriyata’, and ‘Purvajon ki Punya-Bhoomi’?

- A. Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank
- B. Dr. K. Sivan
- C. Dr. Bibek Debroy
- D. Dr. Subramanian Swamy
- E. Dr. Vinod Kumar Tiwari

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- The three books – ‘Ramayana Katha ki Vishva-Yatra’, ‘Hamari Sanskritik Rashtriyata’, and ‘Purvajon ki Punya-Bhoomi’ – were launched by Dr. Vinod Kumar Tiwari.
- Purpose: To highlight India’s culture, traditions, and ancestral heritage.
- ‘Ramayana Katha ki Vishva-Yatra’ explores the global journey and impact of the Ramayana.
- ‘Hamari Sanskritik Rashtriyata’ focuses on India’s cultural nationalism.
- ‘Purvajon ki Punya-Bhoomi’ emphasizes the sacred land of ancestors and their contributions.

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Ques: The Indian government has granted clearance for acquisition of six advanced submarines under which project?

- A. Project 75 Alpha
- B. Project 75 India
- C. Project 76 India
- D. Project Varuna
- E. Project Samudra

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India has cleared the Defence Ministry and Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) to initiate formal negotiations for acquiring six advanced submarines under Project 75 India (P-75I).
- The project involves critical technological support from Germany, with talks planned with German firm ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems.
- The Indian Navy aims to replace around 10 ageing submarines over the next decade.
- These new submarines will replace the Navy's Soviet-origin Kilo Class boats, also locally known as the Sindhughosh Class.

About Project 75 -

- Project-75 (India), also known as the P-75(I) program, is a military acquisition program that aims to provide the Indian Navy (IN) with six attack diesel-electric submarines with conventional propulsion.
- It was proposed in 1997 as a substitute for the force's submarines of the Sindhughosh class.





Ques: Which state government recently approved a ₹600 crore project with Nelco Limited (Tata Power subsidiary) to develop skill education centres under the Samagra Shiksha Axom (SSA) framework?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Assam
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Karnataka
- E. Odisha

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma approved a ₹600 crore project in collaboration with Nelco Limited (subsidiary of Tata Power) under the Samagra Shiksha Axom (SSA) framework.
- Objective → Revolutionize vocational education in Assam through 50 hubs & 500 spokes (smaller hubs).
- Phase 1: 10 hubs & 70 spokes approved within secondary & higher-secondary schools.
- Hubs → 10 futuristic trades, each with 2 trainers.
- Spokes → 2 trades per site, each with 2 trainers.
- Connectivity → Hubs & spokes will be linked via satellite communication by Nelco.
- Funding: Tata Group (75%) + Assam Government (25%).





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Head Coach of Pretoria Capitals for the SA20 2026 season?

- A. Ricky Ponting
- B. Jonathan Trott
- C. Sourav Ganguly
- D. Gary Kirsten
- E. Jacques Kallis

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Former India captain Sourav Ganguly has been appointed as the Head Coach of Pretoria Capitals for the SA20 2026 season.
- He replaces former England batter Jonathan Trott, who stepped down from the role.
- This marks the first time Ganguly has taken up a head coach position in franchise cricket.
- Between 2018–19, Ganguly served as Team Director of Delhi Capitals.
- Currently, he also holds the role of Director of Cricket for JSW Sports, which owns Pretoria Capitals, Delhi Capitals (IPL), and Delhi Capitals Women (WPL).

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Deputy National Security Adviser (NSA) to handle internal affairs?

- A. Ajit Doval
- B. Anish Dayal Singh
- C. Rajiv Jain
- D. Samant Kumar Goel
- E. Arvind Kumar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Anish Dayal Singh, 1988-batch IPS officer from Manipur cadre, has been appointed Deputy NSA.
- He retired as DG of CRPF in December 2024.
- Previously served in Intelligence Bureau (IB), ITBP, and CRPF, gaining extensive experience in security and intelligence.
- As Deputy NSA, he will handle internal security affairs, including Jammu & Kashmir, Naxal insurgency, and northeastern insurgency.

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Ques: Which state topped the Khelo India Water Sports Festival 2025 medal tally held in Srinagar?

- A. Odisha
- B. Kerala
- C. Punjab
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The inaugural Khelo India Water Sports Festival (KIWSF) 2025 was held at the Dal Lake, Srinagar (J&K) from 21–23 August 2025.
- Madhya Pradesh topped the medal tally with 18 medals (10 Gold, 3 Silver, 5 Bronze).
- Odisha finished 2nd with 10 medals (4 Gold, 5 Silver, 1 Bronze).
- Kerala stood 3rd with 7 medals (3 Gold, 1 Silver, 3 Bronze).
- The mascot of the event was the colourful Himalayan Kingfisher.

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IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Universal Sompo General Insurance Company Limited (USGIC) received two international certifications, ISO 27001:2022 for Information Security Management Systems (ISMS) and ISO 22301:2019 for Business Continuity Management Systems (BCMS).

Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Harshitha Manikanta, attached to the Railways wing of the Andhra Pradesh Police, has scaled Mount Elbrus, the tallest peak of Europe.

The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has imposed a penalty of ₹3 lakh on VLCC Limited for publishing misleading advertisements regarding fat-loss and slimming treatments through the use of the US-FDA approved CoolSculpting procedure/machine.

Earlier, CCPA had also levied a penalty of ₹3 lakh on Kaya Limited for publishing misleading advertisements on CoolSculpting treatments

US President Donald Trump has chosen Sergio Gor, head of the White House Presidential Personnel Office, as his pick for the new ambassador to India

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Vice President & Chief Risk Officer (CRO) of the New Development Bank (NDB)?

- A. Urjit Patel
- B. Rajiv Ranjan
- C. Raghuram Rajan
- D. Shaktikanta Das
- E. Dilma Rousseff

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- New Development Bank (NDB), established by BRICS nations in 2014, has appointed Rajiv Ranjan as Vice President & Chief Risk Officer (CRO).
- He will serve for a five-year term.
- Rajiv Ranjan is a former Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) member and a career central banker with 35+ years of experience.

About NDB :

- Headquarters – Shanghai, China
- Established – 2014 (by BRICS: Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa)
- Current President – Dilma Rousseff

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Ques: As of August 21, 2025, the total gross enrolments under Atal Pension Yojana (APY) have crossed which milestone?

- A. 5.25 crore
- B. 6.40 crore
- C. 7.50 crore
- D. 8.11 crore
- E. 9.25 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The PFRDA organised the APY Annual Felicitation Programme in New Delhi, where outstanding performers in APY enrolments were awarded.
- In FY 2024-25, 1.17 crore new subscribers joined APY, helping it cross 8.11 crore gross enrolments by August 21, 2025.
- APY achieved the fastest-ever 50 lakh subscribers in a single year, with 46% enrolments from youth (18–25 years).
- Women contributed significantly, making up 55% of new enrolments in FY 2024-25.
- APY currently has an AUM of ₹48,000+ crore and has grown at a 9.12% CAGR since inception.

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Ques: Which global rating agency recently retained India's sovereign credit rating at 'BBB-' with a Stable Outlook?

- A. S&P Global
- B. Moody's
- C. Fitch Ratings
- D. Morningstar DBRS
- E. CRISIL

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Fitch Ratings maintained India's sovereign credit rating at 'BBB-' with a Stable Outlook.
- This is the lowest investment grade rating, but it reflects India's robust growth and solid external finances.
- Fitch forecasted India's GDP growth at 6.5% till FY26, much higher than the BBB countries' median of 2.5%.
- India's medium-term growth potential is estimated at 6.4%, supported by public investment, private sector momentum, and demographic advantages.
- Recent reforms like GST improvements and deregulation agenda could further boost consumption and investment.
- Fitch noted that strong reforms will enhance India's macro stability, fiscal credibility, GDP per capita, and help in reducing debt burden.





Ques: As per SBI Research's latest Ecowrap report, what is the estimated GDP growth of India in Q1 (April–June) of FY26?

- A. 6.8%–7.0%
- B. 6.5%
- C. 6.3%
- D. 7.2%
- E. 7.5%

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- SBI Research (Ecowrap report) has estimated that the Indian economy may have grown at 6.8%–7.0% in the first quarter (Q1: April–June) of FY26, which is higher than RBI's forecast of 6.5%.
- For the full FY26, the report projects India's GDP growth at 6.3%, lower than RBI's target of 6.5%.
- The report also revised India's GDP forecast for the remaining quarters: Q2 – 6.5%, Q3 – 6.3%, and Q4 – 6.1%.
- This indicates a strong start to FY26, but slightly weaker momentum in the later quarters compared to RBI's projections.

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Ques : What is India's women's employment rate (WPR) in 2023-24, as per Labour Ministry data?

- LA. 22%
- B. 34.5%
- C. 40.3%
- D. 47.53%
- E. 55%

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- As per Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) data, 2017-2024, India's women's employment rate (WPR) has doubled from 22% to 40.3%.
- The unemployment rate declined to 3.2%, showing stronger job growth.
- Rural women's employment rose by 96%, while urban areas saw a 43% increase.
- Women graduates' employability also improved to 47.53% in 2024, and as per India Skills Report 2025, around 55% Indian graduates will be globally employable.

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Ques: Where did the bilateral meeting between the Foreign Ministers of India and China take place in 2025?

- A. Beijing, China
- B. New Delhi, India
- C. Shanghai, China
- D. Mumbai, India
- E. Tianjin, China

Answer : Option B

Explanation:

- Mr. Wang Yi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China held bilateral talks with Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister of India in New Delhi.

Key Outcomes:

- Both sides had positive and forward-looking talks on bilateral, regional, and global issues.
- China welcomed PM Narendra Modi's participation in the SCO Summit 2025 (Tianjin, Aug 31–Sep 1).
- Both sides agreed to support each other's BRICS Summits (India 2026, China 2027).
- Agreement to resume direct flights and finalize an updated Air Services Agreement.
- Easier visa facilitation for tourists, businesses, media, etc.
- Expansion of Indian pilgrimage to Kailash–Mansarovar in 2026.
- Commitment to boost trade and investment flows.
- Reaffirmed to maintain peace in border areas.
- Both agreed to uphold multilateralism and enhance coordination on global issues.





Ques: Which city hosted the 18th edition of the International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA 2025), the first time India organised the event?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Kolkata
- C. New Delhi
- D. Mumbai
- E. Hyderabad

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The 18th IOAA 2025, an international competition in astronomy and astrophysics for school students, was hosted in Mumbai.
- It was organised by Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE), TIFR, and supported by the Department of Atomic Energy through the Vigyan Pratibha Project.
- This was the first time India hosted IOAA, and also the largest edition ever, with over 300 students from 64 countries.
- Indian students Aarush Mishra (Bengaluru), Banibrata Majee (Delhi), Panini (Patna), and Akshat Srivastava (Kolkata) won gold medals.
- At the IOAA Board Meeting, representatives voted to suspend Israel as a recognized national team; Israeli students may now only compete individually.

EXAM
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Ques: Which initiative was launched by the Delhi Cantonment Board under the Ministry of Defence to support the education and welfare of children of construction workers?

- A. Project Aarohan
- B. Aarambh
- C. Project Shiksha
- D. Bal Vikas Kendra
- E. Gyan Deep

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Under the aegis of the Ministry of Defence, the Aarambh initiative was launched by the Delhi Cantonment Board at Silver Oak School, Delhi Cantonment.
- The program focuses on inclusive child welfare, providing free education and essential medical facilities to children of construction laborers in the Cantonment area.
- Aarambh aims to stabilize classes for these children by offering foundation learning, life skills, and a safe space.

Key features include:

- Enrolling children in local schools with free access to quality education.
- Providing regular health check-ups and access to medical services through local health units.
- Ensuring a nurturing environment for holistic development, including nutrition and counseling.
- Providing uniforms, shoes, school bags, water bottles, tiffin, books, stationery, lunch, periodic health checkups, and transport facilities to enrolled children.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Tata Digital, effective September 1, 2025?

- A. Naveen Tahilyani
- B. Sajith Sivanandan
- C. Ajay Piramal
- D. Sanjiv Mehta
- E. Ratan Tata

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sajith Sivanandan has been appointed as the new CEO of Tata Digital, the e-commerce arm of Tata Sons.
- He will assume charge from 1st September 2025, succeeding Naveen Tahilyani, who stepped down in May 2025.
- Sivanandan previously served as President, Jio Mobile Digital Services, CEO, Disney+ Hotstar and MD & Business Head, Google Pay and Next Billion Users initiative (APAC region)
- He brings with him 30+ years of experience in technology, media, telecom, payments, and consulting across India and APAC.

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Ques: Which organization signed an MoU with the Karnataka Agriculture Department to provide tech-driven, real-time advisory services to farmers?

- A. Infosys
- B. Wipro
- C. NASSCOM
- D. ISRO
- E. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Karnataka Agriculture Department signed an MoU with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) to provide real-time advisory services to farmers.
- Key datasets like crop information, weather data, FRUITS database, and government schemes will be integrated and analyzed.
- BEL will customize its Equinox platform for agriculture, offer technical consultancy, and support data integration to benefit farmers with accurate and timely advice.

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Ques: Recently, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) launched its first all-women commando unit. Where did the training of the first batch begin?

- A. Barwaha, Madhya Pradesh
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
- D. Pune, Maharashtra
- E. Delhi

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The CISF has launched its first all-women commando unit to boost gender parity.
- Training of the first batch of 30 women began on August 11, 2025, at the Regional Training Centre, Barwaha (Madhya Pradesh), and will conclude on October 4, 2025.
- This all-women commando unit will act as a Quick Reaction Team (QRT) and Special Task Force (STF) for deployment at high-security establishments.

About CISF:

- Established in 1969 through the CISF Act, 1968 with 3 battalions.
- Declared as an Armed Force of the Union after the 1983 amendment.
- Motto: "Protection and Security."
- Provides security to large state-owned and private institutions.





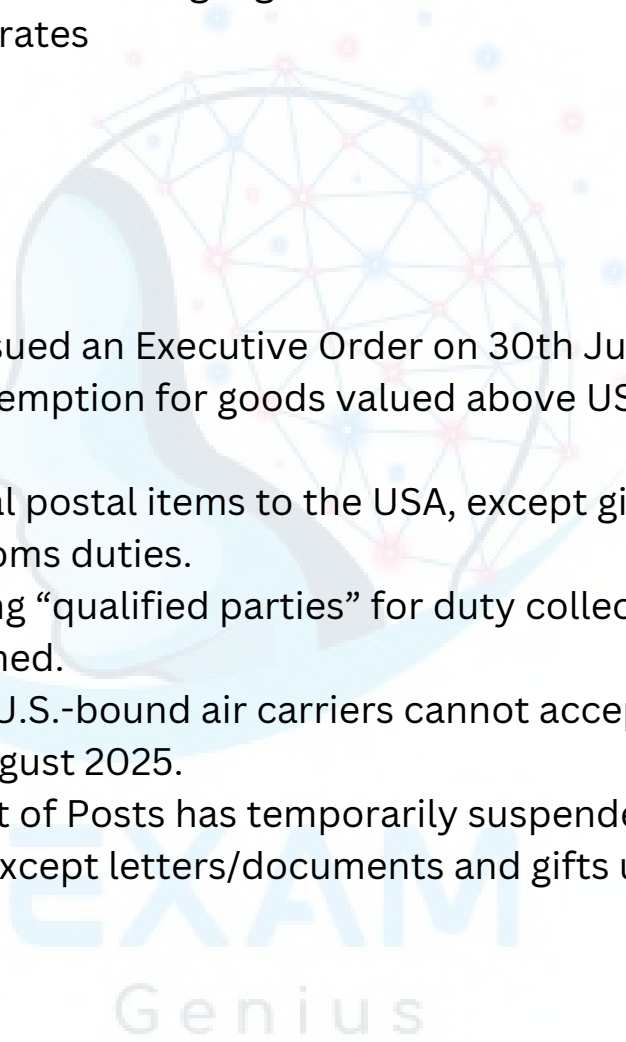
Ques: Why has the Department of Posts temporarily suspended booking of most postal items to the USA from 25th August 2025?

- A. Due to closure of postal services in the USA
- B. Due to Executive Order removing duty-free exemption for goods above USD 800
- C. Due to strike by postal workers in India
- D. Due to weather disruptions affecting flights
- E. Due to increase in postal rates

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The U.S. Administration issued an Executive Order on 30th July 2025 withdrawing the duty-free de minimis exemption for goods valued above USD 800, effective 29th August 2025.
- As a result, all international postal items to the USA, except gift items up to USD 100, will be subject to customs duties.
- Critical processes regarding “qualified parties” for duty collection and operational mechanisms remain undefined.
- Due to this lack of clarity, U.S.-bound air carriers cannot accept postal consignments after 25th August 2025.
- Therefore, the Department of Posts has temporarily suspended booking of all postal articles to the USA, except letters/documents and gifts up to USD 100.





Ques: Which state government has announced ₹1 crore insurance cover for municipal staff in case of accidental death?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu announced insurance cover for municipal workers.
- It is ₹1 crore insurance for regular municipal workers.
- ₹20 lakh insurance for outsourced municipal workers.
- In cases of permanent disability, the same amount will be ensured.
- He also announced education support up to ₹8 lakh for their children.

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Ques: India and Fiji recently agreed to strengthen cooperation in which of the following sectors?

- A. Defence and Health
- B. Trade and Agriculture
- C. Maritime Security
- D. All of the above
- E. Only Defence

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India and Fiji decided to enhance cooperation in defence, health, trade, agriculture, and maritime security sectors.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed Fiji's decision to grant market access for Indian goods.
- Both leaders emphasized bilateral trade growth, collaboration in SMEs, skill development, cooperatives, culture, sports, and education.
- Fiji's Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka highlighted the importance of securing Fiji's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), and India assured support in meeting its security needs.
- An Action Plan has been prepared to enhance defence and maritime security cooperation.
- An Indian Naval Ship's visit to a Fijian port also symbolized efforts to strengthen maritime collaboration.





Ques: Which initiative did NHAI launch in collaboration with Vertis Infrastructure Trust to support the education of toll plaza employees' children?

- A. Project Udaan
- B. Project Prerna
- C. Project Shiksha
- D. Project Gyan
- E. Project Aarohan

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- NHAI, in collaboration with Vertis Infrastructure Trust, launched 'Project Aarohan' to support the educational aspirations of toll plaza employees' children.
- The program was inaugurated by NHAI Chairman Shri Santosh Kumar Yadav.
- Implementation: SMEC Trust's Bharat Cares will manage the project's first phase, with a fund allocation of ₹1 Crore, spanning from July 2025 to March 2026.
- Coverage: 500 students from Class 11 to final-year graduation will receive ₹12,000 annual scholarships in FY 2025–26.
- Additionally, 50 bright students aiming for postgraduate and higher studies will be supported with ₹50,000 scholarships each.
- The program combines financial aid with mentorship, skill-building workshops, and career guidance, preparing students for higher education, employment, and entrepreneurship.

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Ques: Which institution recently hosted the launch of MARa-THON 2025 – India's Maritime Hackathon?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW), in collaboration with NTCPWC (IIT Madras), NMC, and Chennai Port Authority, launched MARa-THON 2025 – India's Maritime Hackathon at IIT Madras.
- It is organised under the Sagarmala Start-up Innovation Initiative (S2I2) to promote Research, Innovation, Start-ups, and Entrepreneurship (RISE) in the maritime sector.
- The event also served as the curtain-raiser to India Maritime Week 2025.

Selected start-ups will receive milestone-based funding:

- Proof of Concept (PoC): Up to ₹10 lakh
- Seed Funding (MVP): Up to ₹60 lakh
- Tech Pilot Grant (Commercial Scale-up): Up to ₹1 crore

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Ques : What is the revenue target set for IREDA in FY26 under the MoU with MNRE?

- A. ₹5,957 crore
- B. ₹6,743.32 crore
- C. ₹7,960 crore
- D. ₹8,200 crore
- E. ₹11,740 crore

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) signed a performance-based MoU with the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE). Under this MoU, the revenue target for FY26 has been set at ₹8,200 crore.
- In FY25, IREDA exceeded its target of ₹5,957 crore, achieving ₹6,743.32 crore.
- The MoU also tracks performance indicators such as Return on Net Worth, Return on Capital Employed, NPA ratio, Asset Turnover Ratio, and EBITDA.
- IREDA has received an 'Excellent' rating in MoU performance for 4 consecutive years (FY21 to FY24).
- In Q1 FY26, loan sanctions grew 29% YoY to ₹11,740 crore, while disbursements rose 31% YoY to ₹6,981 crore.
- Its outstanding loan book reached ₹79,960 crore as of June 30, 2025, up 27% from the previous year.

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Ques: When is World Lake Day observed?

- A. 5 June
- B. 27 August
- C. 22 March
- D. 8 June
- E. 11 December

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- World Lake Day is observed every year on 27 August.
- 2025 marks the first-ever observance of this day.
- The theme for 2025: “Lakes: the lifeblood of our planet.”
- The objective is to raise awareness about the importance of lakes and promote sustainable management of lake ecosystems.
- The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) facilitates the observance.

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Monash University and IIT Bombay's Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE) Sign MoU to Boost Startups and Innovation Between India & Australia

Andhra Pradesh Government will soon set up the country's largest Central Library in Amaravati. It is spread across 2 lakh sq. ft., and designed as a "worldclass hub of knowledge."

Veteran Telugu actor and politician Nandamuri Balakrishna - officially honoured by the World Book of Records UK Gold Edition for completing 50 glorious years in the film industry. He got the Padma Bhushan honour earlier this year (2025)

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) signed a performance-based MOU with Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) outlining strategic targets for the fiscal year 2025-26. Under the MoU, the Government of India has set a Revenue from Operations target of ₹8,200 crores for FY 2025-26

Haryana CM launches 11-week 'Swachh Kurukshetra – Mera Kurukshetra, Mera Abhimaan' mission to make city cleanest, most beautiful in country.

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Ques: NaBFID is planning to raise up to how much from international markets in FY26?

- A. \$500 million
- B. \$750 million
- C. \$5 billion
- D. \$2 billion
- E. \$1 billion

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- NaBFID (National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development) will raise \$1 billion from international markets in FY26.
- The fundraising will be done through External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) and bond issuance.
- Rajkiran Rai, MD of NaBFID, mentioned that the launch is expected within a month, but the final outcome depends on market conditions.
- Purpose: The funds will primarily support infrastructure projects in India.
- NaBFID was established in 2021 as India's Development Finance Institution (DFI).

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Ques: Which electric vehicle company partnered with the State Bank of India (SBI) to provide financing solutions for its customers in India?

- A. Tesla
- B. VinFast Auto India
- C. BYD
- D. Mahindra Electric
- E. Ola Electric

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- VinFast Auto India, a subsidiary of the Vietnam-based electric vehicle (EV) manufacturer, has partnered with State Bank of India (SBI) to provide financing solutions for its customers.
- The collaboration is part of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to offer a “seamless suite of credit solutions” ahead of VinFast’s official product rollout in India.
- The agreement allows VinFast to leverage SBI’s extensive network of nearly 23,000 branches, making it easier to reach customers in urban and rural areas.
- This collaboration is particularly significant as VinFast prepares to launch its VF 6 and VF 7 electric vehicle models in India.

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Ques: Which global investment banking firm has been appointed as the sole transaction advisor for the stake sale in four Indian public sector banks (UCO Bank, Central Bank of India, Punjab & Sind Bank, and Indian Overseas Bank)?

- A. Morgan Stanley
- B. JP Morgan
- C. Citigroup
- D. Goldman Sachs
- E. Barclays

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Government of India has appointed Goldman Sachs as the sole transaction advisor for stake sales in UCO Bank, Central Bank of India, Punjab & Sind Bank, and Indian Overseas Bank (IOB).
- Goldman Sachs will handle structuring of the deal, identifying potential investors, and smooth execution of the stake sale.
- The government plans to dilute up to 5% equity stake in each of the four banks.
- The disinvestment will be carried out in tranches starting FY26, spread over two to three years.
- The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) has already approved Offer for Sale (OFS) transactions for five PSBs, including the four mentioned banks.
- Bank of Maharashtra will instead meet the 25% minimum public shareholding (MPS) requirement through a Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) route.
- Currently, government holdings in all four PSBs stand at 89% or higher.





Ques: RBI has recently asked banks to increase scrutiny on funds flowing indirectly from which country due to high-risk concerns?

- A. China
- B. Pakistan
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Sri Lanka
- E. Bangladesh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has instructed Indian banks to tighten checks on funds indirectly flowing from Pakistan.
- This step follows a Reuters report highlighting a “high risk” that such funds could be misused for arms purchase or terror financing.
- RBI has asked lenders to enhance monitoring and ensure that the Indian financial system is not misused.

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Ques: Which country launched Ryt Bank, the world's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered bank developed for local users?

- A. Singapore
- B. Malaysia
- C. India
- D. Japan
- E. South Korea

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Malaysia launched Ryt Bank, the world's first AI-powered bank developed by Malaysians for local users.
- The initiative was led by YTL (Malaysia) in partnership with Sea Limited (Singapore), marking a significant step in Malaysia's digital banking future.
- The Ryt AI app is available in Bahasa, Malaysia, and English, with Mandarin support expected by September 2025.
- Ryt Bank is licensed by Bank Negara Malaysia, the country's central bank.

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Ques: Indian weightlifter Mirabai Chanu won gold in the women's 48kg category at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2025 held in which Indian city?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Patna
- E. Pune

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Mirabai Chanu clinched gold at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2025 in Ahmedabad.
- She lifted a total of 193kg (84kg snatch + 109kg clean and jerk).
- Both lifts set new Commonwealth Championship records in snatch, clean & jerk, and total.
- With this win, Mirabai also secured direct qualification for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games.

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Ques: The Central Government has revised wheat stock limits applicable till which date?

- A. 31st March 2025
- B. 31st December 2025
- C. 31st March 2026
- D. 30th June 2026
- E. 31st March 2027

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- To ensure food security and prevent hoarding and speculation, the Central Government revised wheat stock limits for Traders/Wholesalers, Retailers, Big Chain Retailers, and Processors.
- Revised limits will remain in force until 31st March 2026.
- Entities holding stock above prescribed limits must reduce it within 15 days of notification.
- Total wheat production in 2024-25 was 1175.07 LMT, ensuring ample availability in the country.
- Act: Essential Commodities Act, 1955; Implementing Body: Department of Food and Public Distribution; RMS 2025-26 Procurement: 300.35 LMT wheat by FCI & State Agencies.

Key revisions include:

- Traders/Wholesalers – reduced from 3000 MT to 2000 MT.
- Retailers – reduced from 10 MT to 8 MT per outlet.
- Big Chain Retailers – reduced from 10 MT to 8 MT per outlet (max. stock = number of outlets × 8 MT).
- Processors – reduced from 70% to 60% of Monthly Installed Capacity × remaining months of FY25-26.





Ques: How many teachers have been selected for the National Teachers' Awards 2025 conferred on 5th September 2025?

- A. 35
- B. 40
- C. 42
- D. 45
- E. 55

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education has selected 45 teachers for this year's National Teachers' Awards 2025.
- The awards will be conferred on 5th September 2025 (Teachers' Day).
- The selection process was rigorous, transparent, and online, conducted in three stages – District, State, and National level.
- The 45 selected teachers are from 27 States, 7 Union Territories, and 6 organizations.
- Out of the total, 24 are male teachers and 21 are female teachers.

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Ques: Which premier telecom R&D centre of India celebrated its 42nd Foundation Day in Delhi in 2025, marking 41 years since its founding?

- A. DRDO
- B. ISRO
- C. C-DOT
- D. BEL
- E. BARC

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), the premier Telecom R&D Centre under the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, Govt. of India, celebrated its 42nd Foundation Day at the C-DOT Campus, Delhi.
- Founded in 1984, the event marked 41 years since its establishment.
- Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development, presided as the Chief Guest.
- He appreciated C-DOT's delivery of 4G core for BSNL network and urged engineers to scale it to a world-class product.
- Highlight: Recognition of 10 women-led startups under the NIDHI initiative, launched by C-DOT to promote women entrepreneurship in ICT.

About C-DOT :

- Established : 1984
- HQ : New Delhi
- Executive Director : Dr Rajkumar Upadhyay





Ques: Till which year has the Union Cabinet extended the PM SVANidhi Scheme after restructuring?

- A. 2025
- B. 2026
- C. 2027
- D. 2030
- E. 2035

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, approved restructuring and extension of the PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme till 31st March 2030.
- The scheme has a total outlay of ₹7,332 crore and aims to benefit 1.15 crore beneficiaries, including 50 lakh new beneficiaries.
- Implementing bodies – Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and Department of Financial Services (DFS).
- UPI-linked RuPay Credit Card after 2nd loan repayment, and digital cashback up to ₹1,600 on retail & wholesale transactions.
- Scheme coverage expanded to census towns and peri-urban areas.
- Focus on entrepreneurship, financial literacy, digital skills, marketing, and food safety & hygiene training in collaboration with FSSAI.
- Since launch on 1st June 2020, the scheme has disbursed 96 lakh loans worth ₹13,797 crore to 68 lakh street vendors (as of 30th July 2025).

Enhanced loan structure:

- 1st tranche: ₹15,000 (earlier ₹10,000)
- 2nd tranche: ₹25,000 (earlier ₹20,000)
- 3rd tranche: ₹50,000 (unchanged)





Ques: Who will lead the Indian Parliamentary Delegation at the 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) in Barbados (October 2025)?

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Om Birla
- C. Harivansh
- D. Jagdeep Dhankhar
- E. Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will lead the Indian Parliamentary Delegation at the 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC).
- The event will be held in Bridgetown, Barbados from 5–12 October 2025.
- The theme of the conference is “The Commonwealth: A Global Partner”.
- Apart from the Speaker, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh, Presiding Officers and Secretaries of States and Union Territories, and representatives of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) – India Region will also participate.

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Ques: Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Lithuania in 2025?

- A. Gintautas Paluckas
- B. Inga Ruginiene
- C. Gitanas Nausėda
- D. Dalia Grybauskaitė
- E. Jonas Savickas

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Lithuania's Parliament elected Inga Ruginiene as the new Prime Minister in August 2025.
- She replaced Gintautas Paluckas, who resigned in July 2025 after less than a year in office due to investigations.
- Ruginiene, 44, is a former Labour Union leader and later joined the Social Democratic Party before the 2024 general election.
- She also served as Minister for Social Affairs and Labour in the previous cabinet.

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Ques: Which country, along with the United States and allied nations, is hosting the multinational military exercise Super Garuda Shield 2025?

- A. Philippines
- B. Japan
- C. Indonesia
- D. South Korea
- E. Singapore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Indonesia, along with the United States and allied nations, launched the annual military exercise Super Garuda Shield 2025.
- The exercise will be held from August 25 to September 4, 2025 across Jakarta, Baturaja (South Sumatra), and Dabo Singkep (Lampung).
- It is a large-scale multinational military exercise conducted annually since 2009.
- The exercise is jointly hosted by the Indonesian National Armed Forces and the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.
- Participants (2025): Australia, Japan, Singapore, UK, France, Canada, Germany, Netherlands, New Zealand, Brazil, and South Korea.
- Activities include joint combat training, interoperability drills, and combined live-fire exercises, strengthening coordination in air, land, and maritime operations.

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Ques: Scientists from which Indian research institute have developed a new method using gold nanoclusters to enable early detection of Parkinson's disease?

- A. INST Mohali
- B. CSIR-NCL Pune
- C. IISc Bengaluru
- D. AIIMS New Delhi
- E. TIFR Mumbai

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Scientists from INST Mohali (Institute of Nano Science and Technology, under Govt. of India) have found a new way to detect Parkinson's disease early using gold nanoclusters.
- Parkinson's occurs when a brain protein called alpha-synuclein changes its shape, becomes toxic, and clumps together, damaging brain cells.
- The project was led by Dr. Sharmistha Sinha, Senior Scientist at INST Mohali.

Researchers coated gold nanoclusters with:

- Proline → binds to the normal (harmless) protein.
- Histidine → binds to the toxic (harmful) protein.
- If Proline sticks → normal protein → no Parkinson's.
- If Histidine sticks → harmful protein → possible early Parkinson's.





Ques: The Supreme Court formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe allegations against which wildlife facility?

- A. Nandankanan Zoological Park
- B. Vantara Wildlife Facility
- C. Bannerghatta Biological Park
- D. Arignar Anna Zoological Park
- E. Gir National Park

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Supreme Court of India ordered the formation of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to investigate allegations against the Vantara Wildlife Facility in Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- The SIT will examine animal acquisitions (especially elephants), compliance with the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, veterinary care, animal welfare, and financial irregularities.
- Allegations include illegal wildlife transfers, unlawful elephant captivity, misuse of water or carbon credits, and private collection.
- The case arose after protests in Kolhapur over the relocation of a 36-year-old elephant Mahadevi (Madhuri) to Vantara in July 2025, leading to PILs.
- The SIT, chaired by Justice Jasti Chelameswar (Retd.), includes former Chief Justices, ex-Mumbai Police Commissioner Hemant Nagrale, and senior IRS officer Anish Gupta.
- SIT must submit its report by 12 September 2025, with PILs listed for hearing on 15 September 2025.





Ques: Where will the Chess World Cup 2025 be hosted?

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Tbilisi
- C. Goa
- D. Chennai
- E. Moscow

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Chess World Cup 2025 will be hosted in Goa from 1 to 26 November 2025.
- India is hosting this prestigious event for the second time, the first being in 2002 at Hyderabad, where Viswanathan Anand became the champion.
- More than 90 countries are expected to participate.
- The Top 3 players from this World Cup will qualify for the Candidates Tournament, which leads to the World Chess Championship.

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Ques: Which city in Tamil Nadu became the first to adopt the globally recognized City Biodiversity Index (CBI) framework, also known as the Singapore Index?

- A. Coimbatore
- B. Madurai
- C. Salem
- D. Tiruchirappalli
- E. Chennai

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- On August 25, 2025, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin released the City Biodiversity Index (CBI) of Chennai, making it the first city in Tamil Nadu to adopt this framework.
- The CBI, also known as the Singapore Index, was developed in 2008 and endorsed at COP-9 of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
- The assessment was conducted by ICLEI South Asia, in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Forest Department, Greater Chennai Corporation, and other agencies.
- The index evaluated Chennai across 23 indicators, grouped under three components: native biodiversity, ecosystem services, and biodiversity governance & management.
- Chennai scored 38 out of 72 points, performing strongest in native biodiversity, while its weakest score was in governance (17/36).

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Ques: Bimalendra Mohan Pratap Mishra, popularly known as ‘Raja Ayodhya’, who passed away recently, held which significant role related to the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi site?

- A. Chief Priest of Ram Janmabhoomi
- B. Member of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust
- C. Head of Ayodhya Municipal Corporation
- D. Legal Advisor for Ram Janmabhoomi Trust
- E. President of Ram Katha Samiti

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Bimalendra Mohan Pratap Mishra, a key member of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, was a scion of Ayodhya’s erstwhile royal family and head of Rajsadan, Ayodhya.
- He was popularly known as ‘Raja Ayodhya’ and ‘Pappu Bhaiya’ among the people of Ayodhya.
- In 2020, after the Supreme Court verdict on the Ram Janmabhoomi–Babri Masjid dispute, the charge of the site was handed over to him.

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Ques: PM Modi flagged off Maruti Suzuki's first global strategic battery electric vehicle (BEV) e-VITARA from which Indian city?

- A. Hansalpur (Ahmedabad)
- B. Gurugram
- C. Pune
- D. Bengaluru
- E. Chennai

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- PM Modi flagged off e-VITARA, Maruti Suzuki's first global strategic BEV, from the company's Hansalpur manufacturing facility in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- The Made-in-India BEVs will be exported to over 100 countries, including advanced markets such as Europe and Japan.
- India will now serve as Suzuki's global manufacturing hub for electric vehicles.
- PM Modi also inaugurated the TDS Lithium-Ion Battery plant in Hansalpur, a joint venture between Toshiba, Denso, and Suzuki.
- The facility will manufacture hybrid battery electrodes, ensuring that over 80% of the battery value is produced within India

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Ques: From 2025 onwards, Ayurveda Day in India will be observed on a fixed date every year. What is this date?

- A. 23 September
- B. 24 September
- C. 25 September
- D. 26 September
- E. 27 September

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- For the first time since its inception in 2016, Ayurveda Day will be observed on a fixed date: 23 September every year, as notified by the Government of India through a Gazette Notification in March 2025.
- Earlier, Ayurveda Day was celebrated on Dhanvantari Jayanti (Dhanteras).
- The fixed date provides Ayurveda a universal calendar identity and enables greater participation globally.
- Theme for 2025: “Ayurveda for People & Planet”.
- Previous celebrations included the 9th Ayurveda Day (2024), when PM Modi inaugurated Phase II of All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi, launched four Centres of Excellence, and initiated the nationwide “Desh Ka Prakriti Parikshan Abhiyan” along with health initiatives worth ₹12,850 crore.

Key Centres of Excellence in Ayurveda (examples):

- Diabetes & Metabolic Disorders (IISc Bengaluru): Focus on prediabetes, diabetes research, and Ayurvedic formulation validation.
- Sustainable Ayush (IIT Delhi): Developing tech solutions, supporting start-ups, and net-zero sustainable solutions for Rasaushadhis.
- Fundamental & Translational Research (CDRI Lucknow): Advanced research in Ayurvedic botanicals like Ashwagandha.
- Ayurveda & Systems Medicine (JNU, New Delhi): Researching molecular mechanisms of Ayurvedic treatments for rheumatoid arthritis using systems medicine approaches.





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The Navy will conduct the 'Emerging Leaders Panel Discussion' under the aegis of 'Indian Ocean Naval Symposium' (IONS) on 27 and 28 August at the Southern Naval Command in Kochi, Kerala.

Dao Division of the Indian Army signed a MOU with Bharti Airtel to enhance digital and mobile connectivity in the forward areas of Dibang Valley and Anjaw districts of Arunachal Pradesh.

Govt Forms Panels to Mark 150th Birth Anniversaries of Sardar Patel, Birsa Munda & Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Centenary

Tommy Fleetwood, from England, not only secured his first-ever PGA Tour title, but he did so by winning the Tour Championship, which also awarded him the FedEx Cup crown – plus a staggering \$10 million prize

India Maritime Week to Be Held in Mumbai from October 27 to 31

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