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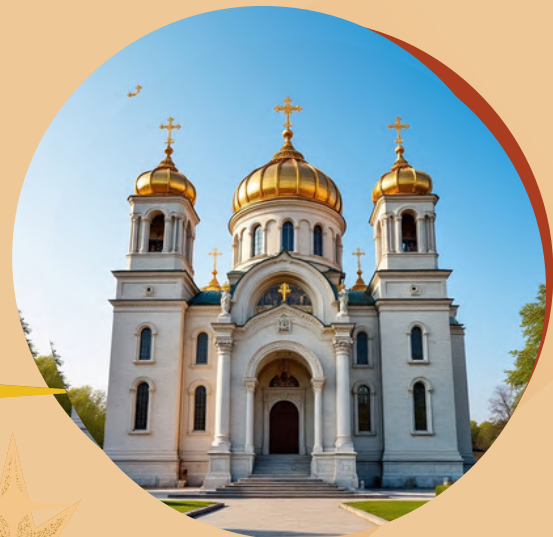


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Ques: What is the main objective of the “Saksham Niveshak” campaign launched by IEPFA in July 2025?

- A. Promoting investment in mutual funds
- B. Attracting foreign portfolio investors
- C. Creating awareness about unclaimed dividends and assisting shareholders in reclaiming them
- D. Promoting digital currency among investors
- E. Funding start-ups through equity investments

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs launched the 100-day “Saksham Niveshak” campaign from 28th July to 6th November 2025.
- The campaign focuses on empowering investors, especially shareholders, by spreading awareness about unclaimed dividends and helping them update KYC and nomination details to reclaim their rightful assets.
- IEPFA is actively engaged in investor education and protection through initiatives like Niveshak Didi, Niveshak Panchayat, and Niveshak Shivir, promoting financial literacy and investor awareness across India.

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Ques: What was the weighted average lending rate (WALR) on fresh rupee loans of scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) in June 2025?

- A. 9.20%
- B. 8.62%
- C. 9.48%
- D. 8.75%
- E. 7.99%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The WALR on fresh rupee loans of scheduled commercial banks (excluding RRBs and SFBs) declined to 8.62% in June 2025 from 9.20% in May 2025.
- The WALR on outstanding rupee loans also fell to 9.48% in June 2025, compared to 9.69% in May.
- The 1-year median MCLR declined to 8.75% in July 2025, down from 8.90% in June.
- On the deposit side, the WADTDR on fresh term deposits stood at 5.75% in June 2025, down from 6.11% in May.
- For outstanding term deposits, the WADTDR declined to 6.99% in June, from 7.07% in May.
- MCLR formula: Marginal Cost of Funds + Operating Cost + Tenor Premium + Negative Carry on CRR.
- RLLR formula : RBI Repo Rate + Bank Spread + Credit Risk Premium (if any)

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Ques: As per RBI's revised guidelines effective from January 1, 2026, what is the maximum total investment limit that all regulated entities (REs) can contribute to a single AIF scheme?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released revised investment guidelines for Regulated Entities (REs) in Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs), effective from January 1, 2026.
- Under the new framework, no single regulated entity is allowed to invest more than 10% of the total corpus of an AIF scheme.
- Collectively, all REs cannot contribute more than 20% to a single AIF scheme.
- The guidelines apply to Commercial Banks (including SFBs, LABs, and RRBs), Co-operative Banks, AIFs, and NBFCs (including HFCs).
- The rules aim to curb misuse of the AIF route, especially for evergreening loans and funding stressed assets indirectly.
- If a regulated entity holds more than 5% in an AIF that invests in its debtor companies (except equity), it must provision 100% of such indirect exposure.





Ques: What is the name of the baby star around which astronomers observed the formation of a new solar system for the first time?

- A. Orion-X
- B. Proxima-C
- C. HOPS-315
- D. Vega-2
- E. Sirius-B

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- International astronomers have, for the first time, observed the formation of a new planetary system around a baby star named 'HOPS-315'.
- HOPS-315 is located 1,300 light-years from Earth – around 7.6 quadrillion miles away – in the Orion constellation.
- This marks the earliest stage of solar system formation ever captured.
- The discovery was made using the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA), located in the Atacama Desert, Chile.

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Ques: What is the primary objective of the Bills of Lading Bill, 2025 passed by the Indian Parliament?

- A. Increase customs duties on shipping goods
- B. Introduce subsidies for Indian shipping companies
- C. Replace the colonial-era Indian Lading Act, 1856 with a simplified legal framework
- D. Establish a new ministry for maritime affairs
- E. Mandate only digital bills of lading

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Bills of Lading Bill, 2025 was passed by Rajya Sabha after being cleared by Lok Sabha, and now awaits Presidential assent.
- It seeks to replace the Indian Lading Act of 1856, which dates back to the British colonial era, with a modern, business-friendly, and globally aligned legal framework.
- The bill aims to simplify shipping documentation, reduce legal ambiguity, and strengthen India's maritime trade compliance with international standards.
- It introduces streamlined terminology, reduces litigation risks, and provides an enabling clause for the Central Government to issue implementation directives.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Director General (DG) of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)?

- A. Sanjay Singhal
- B. Rajiv Singh
- C. Amrit Mohan Prasad
- D. V. S. Yadav
- E. Kuldiep Singh

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Sanjay Singhal, currently the Special Director General of Border Security Force (BSF), has been appointed as the new Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).
- He will serve till his superannuation on December 31, 2028, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- He replaces Amrit Mohan Prasad as DG of SSB.
- Awards received by Singhal include the Police Medal for Meritorious Service (2009) and the President's Police Medal (2015).
- SSB was established in 1963 and is headquartered in New Delhi

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Ques: What is the name of the high-altitude technology demonstration exercise conducted by the Indian Army in East Sikkim?

- A. Exercise Vajra Prahar
- B. Exercise Divya Drishti
- C. Exercise Shatrujeet
- D. Exercise Yudh Abhyas
- E. Exercise Meghdoot

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Exercise Divya Drishti is a high-altitude technology demonstration conducted by the Indian Army in East Sikkim.
- It aimed to test advanced technologies that enhance battlefield awareness, real-time surveillance, and swift decision-making.
- The Trishakti Corps, headquartered in Sukna near Siliguri, participated using ground systems, UAVs, and drones to simulate realistic battle scenarios.
- This exercise underlines India's focus on deploying cutting-edge tech in sensitive and strategically important border areas.

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Ques: How much total grant-in-aid has the Union Cabinet approved for the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) under the new Central Sector Scheme for 2025–29?

- A. Rs.1,000 crore
- B. Rs.1,500 crore
- C. Rs.2,000 crore
- D. Rs.2,500 crore
- E. Rs.5,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved a Central Sector Scheme titled “Grant-in-aid to National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)”.
- The total outlay is Rs.2,000 crore over four years (2025–26 to 2028–29) – i.e., Rs.500 crore per year.
- Based on this grant-in-aid, NCDC will be able to raise Rs.20,000 crore from the open market during this period.
- The funds raised will be used to provide loans to cooperatives for setting up new projects, expanding existing plants, and meeting working capital needs.
- NCDC will be the executing agency responsible for disbursement, monitoring, project implementation, and loan recovery.

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Ques: Where is the Bahmani (Gulbarga) Fort, known for housing the world's longest cannon, located?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Telangana
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Karnataka
- E. Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Bahmani Fort, also known as Gulbarga Fort, is located in Kalaburagi (Gulbarga), Karnataka.
- It houses the world's longest cannon, called Bara Gazi Toph, which is 29 feet long and 7.6 feet in circumference.
- The fort featured in Prime Minister Modi's Mann Ki Baat and has drawn attention for being in a state of neglect, prompting calls for restoration.
- The Bahmani Kingdom was founded in 1347 AD by Alauddin Hasan Bahman Shah (Hasan Gangu) after declaring independence from the Delhi Sultanate under Muhammad bin Tughlaq.
- Its capital was established in Gulbarga, and the empire flourished under Mahmud Gawan.

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Ques: When did the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship observe the Swachhata Pakhwada campaign in 2025?

- A. 1st July to 15th July 2025
- B. 16th July to 31st July 2025
- C. 1st August to 15th August 2025
- D. 5th June to 20th June 2025
- E. 10th July to 25th July 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship observed Swachhata Pakhwada 2025 from 16th to 31st July 2025.
- This initiative is part of an annual nationwide campaign coordinated by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.
- Various cleanliness drives and creative competitions such as painting and slogan writing were held during this fortnight.
- The theme of the campaign was "Swachhata" (cleanliness), and it saw enthusiastic participation from ministry staff, making it a grand success.
- The campaign successfully culminated on 31st July 2025.

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Ques: Where will the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 be hosted?

- A. Geneva, Switzerland
- B. Nairobi, Kenya
- C. Paris, France
- D. Abu Dhabi, UAE
- E. Tokyo, Japan

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 will be hosted in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- It is the largest global gathering of nature conservation experts and decision-makers, held once every four years.
- The theme of the 2025 Congress is “Powering transformative conservation”, addressing five critical themes to promote bold and sustainable actions for nature and humanity.
- The IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature), established in 1948, is the world’s largest environmental network, composed of both government and civil society members.

The Congress has three major components:

- Forum – A knowledge-sharing platform
- Exhibition – Showcases innovation, projects, and partnerships
- Members’ Assembly – The highest decision-making body of IUCN





Ques: What is the name of the counter-infiltration mission conducted by the Indian Army in Poonch to eliminate terrorists trying to cross the LoC?

- A. Operation SuryaShakti
- B. Operation Mahadev
- C. Operation Sarvashakti
- D. Operation Trinetra
- E. Operation ShivShakti

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Operation ShivShakti is a counter-infiltration mission launched by the Indian Army's White Knight Corps in collaboration with the Jammu & Kashmir Police.
- It was carried out in the Degwar sector of Poonch, especially near Maldivalan, a region known for frequent infiltration attempts.
- The operation successfully eliminated two terrorists attempting to infiltrate across the Line of Control (LoC).
- It followed closely on the heels of Operation Mahadev, in which three Lashkar-e-Taiba operatives were neutralised.

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Ques: Which two Indian texts were recently inscribed in the UNESCO Memory of the World International Register?

- A. Vedas and Manusmriti
- B. Upanishads and Arthashastra
- C. Bhagavad Gita and Natyashastra
- D. Ramayana and Mahabharata
- E. Charaka Samhita and Yoga Sutras

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) hosted a two-day National Symposium titled “Timeless Texts and Universal Teachings” on July 30–31, 2025 in New Delhi.
- This symposium commemorated the UNESCO inscription of two iconic Indian texts —Bhagavad Gita and Natyashastra—in the Memory of the World International Register.
- Bhagavad Gita, attributed to Vyasa, is a 700-verse Sanskrit scripture embedded in the Mahabharata (Bhishma Parva).
- Natyashastra, composed by sage Bharata, is an ancient Sanskrit treatise on performing arts, detailing drama (natya), performance (abhinaya), music (sangita), emotions (bhava), and aesthetics (rasa).
- The Memory of the World (MoW) Programme, launched in 1992 by UNESCO, aims to safeguard documentary heritage globally and ensure its accessibility for future generations.





Ques: What is the name of the sixth Adamyia-class Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) launched by Goa Shipyard Limited for the Indian Coast Guard?

- A. ICGS Akshar
- B. ICGS Amulya
- C. ICGS Achal
- D. ICGS Atal
- E. ICGS Akshay

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), a defence PSU under the Ministry of Defence, launched ICGS Atal, the sixth Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) of the Adamyia-class, in Vasco-da-Gama, Goa.
- The vessel features over 60% indigenous content, supporting the government's "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" initiative.
- It measures 52 meters in length, 8 meters in beam, and has a displacement of ~320 tonnes.
- It uses a controllable pitch propeller (CPP) propulsion system and reaches a top speed of 27 knots.
- The Adamyia-class contract was signed in March 2022 with a total value of Rs.473 crore, for eight FPVs.
- The first in the series, ICGS Adamyia, was launched in October 2024 and inducted in July 2025.
- The remaining two FPVs are set to be launched by December 2025.





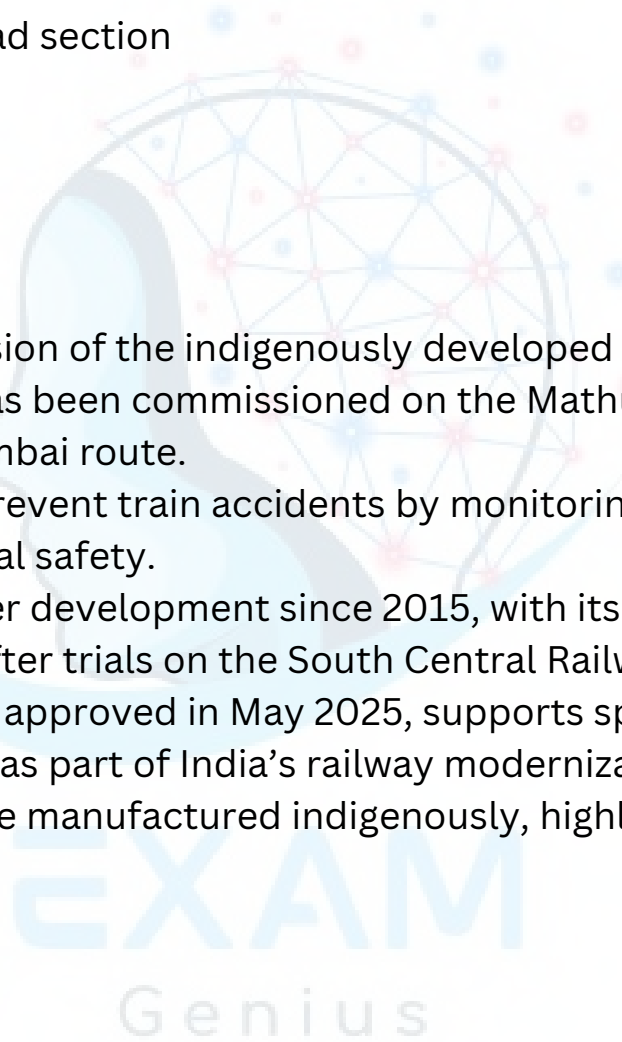
Ques: On which railway section was the indigenously developed Kavach 4.0 first commissioned in India?

- A. Mumbai–Pune section
- B. Delhi–Ambala section
- C. Howrah–Kharagpur section
- D. Mathura–Kota section
- E. Secunderabad–Hyderabad section

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Kavach 4.0, the latest version of the indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system, has been commissioned on the Mathura–Kota section of the high-density Delhi–Mumbai route.
- Kavach was designed to prevent train accidents by monitoring and controlling train speeds, ensuring operational safety.
- The system has been under development since 2015, with its first operational certificate issued in 2018 after trials on the South Central Railway (SCR).
- The upgraded Kavach 4.0, approved in May 2025, supports speeds up to 160 kmph and is now being rolled out as part of India's railway modernization efforts.
- All system components are manufactured indigenously, highlighting the Make in India initiative.





Ques: Who set a new world record by performing Bharatanatyam continuously for 170 hours in July 2025?

- A. Sudhir Jagpath
- B. Remona Evette Pereira
- C. Sri Vidya
- D. Meenakshi Iyer
- E. Rukmini Devi Arundale

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Remona Evette Pereira, a 20-year-old Catholic student from Mangalore, entered the Golden Book of World Records by performing Bharatanatyam non-stop for 170 hours.
- Her performance took place from July 21 to July 28, 2025, totaling 10,200 minutes over 7 consecutive days.
- She broke the previous record of 127 hours, set by Sudhir Jagpath in 2023.
- Remona is a student at St. Aloysius College, Mangalore, and has been training in Bharatanatyam for 13 years under her Guru Sri Vidya.

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Ques: Which Indian state received the Centre's nod for the country's first AI-based road safety pilot project?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has granted a No Objection Certificate (NOC) for an AI and Big Data Analytics-based Road Safety Pilot Project proposed by the Uttar Pradesh Transport Department.
- This marks India's first state-led AI intervention in road safety.
- The pilot will be implemented in Lucknow, targeting high-traffic areas like Hazratganj–Parivartan Chowk, Shaheed Path, and other key routes.
- The project aims to deploy an AI-based Intelligent Traffic Management System (AI-ITMS) to enhance road safety and reduce congestion.
- The six-week pilot phase will be executed by ITI Limited (a public sector enterprise) in collaboration with mLogica.
- The Government of Uttar Pradesh has earmarked Rs.10 crore in its 2025–26 state budget for the initiative.

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Ques: Who is the author of the book "The Man Who Became Cinema", which deconstructs Dilip Kumar's acting method?

- A. Yasir Usman
- B. Ashok Chopra
- C. Anupama Chopra
- D. Bhawana Somaaya
- E. Rauf Ahmed

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- "The Man Who Became Cinema" is authored by Ashok Chopra and published by Penguin Random House.
- The book offers a film-by-film, frame-by-frame deconstruction of Dilip Kumar's cinematic journey, analyzing 57 films.
- It groups his roles into six distinct categories, exploring his deep impact on Indian cinema and his timeless acting style.
- The book aims to decode the method and mastery behind the legend who came to be known as the Tragedy King of Bollywood.

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Ques: According to the SOFI 2025 report, what was the estimated percentage of global hunger in 2024?

- A. 7.0%
- B. 8.2%
- C. 9.5%
- D. 10.1%
- E. 11.3%

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) 2025 report found that global hunger declined to 8.2% in 2024, compared to 2022 levels.
- The report is published jointly by FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP, and WHO, and tracks SDG 2 targets.
- Despite improvement globally, hunger continues to rise in subregions of Africa and Western Asia.
- The number of people unable to afford a healthy diet globally fell from 2.76 billion in 2019 to 2.60 billion in 2024.
- However, challenges like rising food prices, anaemia in women, and adult obesity persist worldwide.
- In India, mobile adoption among Kerala fishermen and wholesalers helped reduce waste and price dispersion.

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Ques: According to the new trade deal, what flat tariff rate will the US impose on most goods exported from the European Union?

- A. 10%
- B. 12%
- C. 15%
- D. 20%
- E. 25%

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The United States and European Union finalized a landmark trade agreement, imposing a flat 15% tariff on most goods exported from the EU to the US.
- The deal was announced by US President Donald Trump and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen during a summit in Scotland.
- It helped avoid a potential trade war after months of tense negotiations.
- Steel and aluminium tariffs (50%) remain unchanged, despite this broader agreement.
- Additionally, the EU committed to invest \$600 billion in the US economy over the next three years and to spend \$750 billion on American energy resources, including LNG, oil, and nuclear fuel.

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Ques: What is the primary aim of the Setubandha Scholar Scheme launched by the Ministry of Education?

- A. Promote foreign language education
- B. Integrate traditional scholars into IIT research ecosystem
- C. Offer scholarships to engineering toppers
- D. Support startups in Sanskrit learning
- E. Fund international conferences in humanities

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Setubandha Scholar Scheme is India's first national-level initiative that enables students from gurukul backgrounds to gain recognition and engage in interdisciplinary research at premier IITs.
- It does not require conventional degrees but focuses on rigorous traditional training and demonstrated knowledge of Shastras.
- The scheme is implemented by the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) division of Central Sanskrit University and backed by the Ministry of Education.
- The goal is to bridge traditional Indian education with modern academic research in fields like Ayurveda, Cognitive Science, Performing Arts, Political Theory, Mathematics, Physics, and more.

Fellowships:

- Rs.40,000/month + Rs.1 lakh/year (PG level)
- Rs.65,000/month + Rs.2 lakh/year (PhD level)





Ques: As per the recent announcement by Bihar CM Nitish Kumar, what is the revised incentive amount for ASHA workers?

- A. Rs.1,000
- B. Rs.1,500
- C. Rs.2,000
- D. Rs.3,000
- E. Rs.3,500

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Bihar CM Nitish Kumar announced an increase in honorarium and incentives for ASHA and Mamta workers, who play a crucial role in delivering health services in rural areas.
- ASHA workers will now receive Rs.3,000 per month as incentive, up from Rs.1,000.
- Mamta workers, who promote awareness about safe childbirth and maternal-child health, will receive Rs.600 per delivery, increased from Rs.300.
- This step aims to boost motivation, performance, and rural healthcare outreach in Bihar.

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Ques: Which eminent Indian-born economist and UK House of Lords member passed away at the age of 85 in 2025?

- A. Amartya Sen
- B. Meghnad Desai
- C. Raghuram Rajan
- D. Kaushik Basu
- E. Jagdish Bhagwati

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Meghnad Desai, an eminent economist, author, and member of the UK House of Lords, passed away in 2025 at the age of 85.
- He was born in 1940 in Vadodara, Gujarat, and became the first Indian-origin peer from the Labour Party in 1991.
- He authored several important books, including Marxian Economic Theory (1973), Applied Econometrics (1976), Marxian Economics (1979) and Marx's Revenge: The Resurgence of Capitalism and the Death of Statist Socialism
- In India, he also established the Meghnad Desai Academy of Economics in Mumbai to nurture future economists.

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Ques: What new customer authentication method has India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) introduced for secure transactions?

- A. Voice recognition authentication
- B. Iris scan authentication
- C. Face authentication using Aadhaar
- D. Smart card authentication
- E. Palm vein recognition

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has launched a nationwide Aadhaar-based Face Authentication facility for customer transactions.
- Developed in collaboration with UIDAI, this feature allows transactions using facial recognition, eliminating the need for Fingerprints and OTPs
- It is a significant step toward empowering elderly and differently-abled individuals by enhancing security and ease of access.
- This aligns with IPPB's mission: "Aapka Bank, Aapke Dwaar."
- IPPB, launched on 1st September 2018, is 100% government-owned and operates under the Ministry of Communications.
- It serves over 11 crore customers across 5.57 lakh villages and towns, offering services in 13 languages.

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Ques: The Banking Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025, which introduces key reforms across five major banking legislations, came into effect from which date?

- A. 1st July 2025
- B. 1st August 2025
- C. 15th August 2025
- D. 1st September 2025
- E. 30th June 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Banking Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025 came into force on 1st August 2025, as appointed by the Central Government.
- Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Acts of 1970 and 1980
- Specifically, sections 3, 4, 5, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 of the Act came into effect from this date.

The Act introduces reforms through 19 amendments to the following major banking legislations:

- Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934
- Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- State Bank of India Act, 1955

Changing the Meaning of Substantial Interest :

- The threshold for "substantial interest" was raised from Rs.5 lakh to Rs.2 crore, which is a significant adjustment. Eligibility for directorship in banks is based on this cap, which has been in place since 1968.
- They increase banks' minimum paid-up capital from Rs.5 lakh to Rs.2 crore.





The tenure of directors in cooperative banks :

- The Act brings the terms of cooperative bank directors into compliance with the 97th Amendment to the Constitution. With the exception of chairpersons and full-time directors, the maximum term for directors has been increased from eight to ten years.

Unclaimed Amount Transfer to IEPF :

- The Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) can now receive unclaimed shares, interest, and bond redemption sums that have been outstanding for seven years from public sector banks (PSBs).

Giving Statutory Auditors More Power :

- The changes provide PSBs the authority to pay statutory auditors. The measure gives banks the authority to determine their auditor's compensation. (The RBI's earlier repair)

Modifications to Reporting and Regulations :

- The Act updates banks' reporting schedules to the Reserve Bank of India. The meaning of "fortnight" was changed by the RBI Act to be one day to the fifteenth day and two to sixteen days to the last day of the month.

Nomination Facility :

- The Nomination Facility enables account holders to suggest up to four nominations, either concurrently or consecutively.
- Only consecutive nominations will be accepted for Safety Locker.





Ques: What is a new filter introduced under the revised Enhanced Surveillance Mechanism (ESM) framework for companies with market capitalisation under Rs.1,000 crore?

- A. Debt-to-equity ratio filter
- B. Promoter holding filter
- C. Price-to-earnings ratio filter
- D. Volume-to-market-cap ratio filter
- E. Dividend payout ratio filter

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and stock exchanges have revised the Enhanced Surveillance Mechanism (ESM) for companies with a market cap under Rs.1,000 crore.
- The revised framework, effective July 28, 2025, impacts 28 companies currently under surveillance.
- Under Stage 1, surveillance was earlier based on high-low price variation. Now, a sustained 3-month upward close-to-close price trend is also considered.
- Under Stage 2, a new Price-to-Earnings (PE) ratio filter has been introduced.
- Only stocks with a PE ratio up to twice that of the Nifty 500 index will qualify to move to Stage 2.
- This helps monitor excessively overvalued stocks more closely.
- Restrictions for Stage 1 include 100% margin from T+2 and Trade-for-trade settlement with a 5% price band
- If the stock already has a 2% band, it stays unchanged.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Vice-Chief of the Army Staff of India?

- A. Lt. Gen. N.S. Raja Subramani
- B. Lt. Gen. Anil Chauhan
- C. Lt. Gen. Pushpendra Singh
- D. Lt. Gen. R.P. Kalita
- E. Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Lt. Gen. Pushpendra Singh, a senior officer from the Parachute Regiment, has been appointed as the new Vice-Chief of the Army Staff.
- He will assume charge on Friday, succeeding Lt. Gen. N.S. Raja Subramani.
- Lt. Gen. Singh has a distinguished military career spanning over 35 years with key operational and command roles.
- His extensive experience and leadership qualities played a vital role in his appointment as the Vice-Chief.

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LQues: Which shipyard delivered the stealth frigate Himgiri (Yard-3022) to the Indian Navy under Project 17A?

- A. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- B. Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- C. Cochin Shipyard Limited
- D. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
- E. Goa Shipyard Limited

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Stealth Frigate Himgiri (Yard-3022) is one of the seven Project 17A Nilgiri-class frigates being built for the Indian Navy.
- It was delivered by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), a defence shipyard based in Kolkata.

Under Project 17A:

- GRSE is building 3 ships: Himgiri, Dunagiri, and Vindhyagiri.
- Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) is building 4 ships: Nilgiri, Udaygiri, Taragiri, and Mahendragiri.

Features of Nilgiri-class Frigates:

- ~6,670 tons displacement
- ~149 meters in length
- 75% indigenous content
- Equipped with BrahMos missiles, MRSAMs, torpedoes, AESA radars, and can carry 2 helicopters





Ques: Which Indian state made it mandatory to register borewells and imposed charges on groundwater extraction starting July 2025?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Karnataka government implemented groundwater extraction charges from July 2025 to regulate usage and encourage sustainability.
- Charges range from Rs.1 to Rs.35 per cubic metre depending on the category (individuals, societies, industries, etc.).
- No Objection Certificate (NOC) is now mandatory from Karnataka Ground Water Authority (KGWA) for all new borewells.
- All existing borewells must be registered, regardless of when they were drilled.
- Borewell drilling agencies also need to register with KGWA.
- Penalties for violations range from Rs.5,000 to Rs.2,00,000 depending on groundwater consumption levels.

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Ques: What is the total estimated cost of the recently approved railway multi-tracking projects across 6 states?

- A. Rs.10,500 crore
- B. Rs.11,169 crore
- C. Rs.12,000 crore
- D. Rs.9,574 crore
- E. Rs.13,829 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Union Cabinet approved 4 major railway multi-tracking projects with a total estimated cost of Rs.11,169 crore, spanning 574 km and covering 13 districts across Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha, and Jharkhand.
- These projects aim to enhance freight capacity by 96 million tonnes annually, reduce CO₂ emissions by 515 crore kg, and save 16 crore litres of fuel per year.
- They are also expected to generate 2.29 crore man-days of employment and benefit 43.6 lakh people in 2,309 villages by FY 2028–29.

EXAM
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Ques: The recently signed GENIUS Act in the US provides a federal framework for which of the following digital financial instruments?

- A. Central Bank Digital Currencies
- B. Crypto ETFs
- C. Stablecoins
- D. NFTs
- E. Digital Bonds

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Stablecoins are blockchain-based digital currencies that aim to maintain a stable value by pegging to reference assets like the US Dollar or gold.
- Unlike volatile cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin, stablecoins offer price stability, making them useful for digital payments and cross-border transactions.
- Major issuers include Tether (USDT), Circle (USDC), and MakerDAO (DAI).
- The GENIUS Act, signed by US President Donald Trump, is America's first federal legislation regulating stablecoins, providing legal clarity and oversight for issuers and users.
- This law has reignited global interest in stable, regulated digital currencies.

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Ques: What is the total approved outlay for the Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) during the 15th Finance Commission Cycle (FCC), as per the recent Union Cabinet decision?

- A. Rs.4520 crores
- B. Rs.5620 crores
- C. Rs.6520 crores
- D. Rs.7200 crores
- E. Rs.8120 crores

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved a total outlay of Rs.6520 crore for the Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) during the 15th Finance Commission Cycle (FCC).

This includes:

- Rs.1000 crore for 50 Multi-Product Food Irradiation Units under the Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure (ICCVAI).
- Expected outcome: 20–30 lakh metric tonnes of annual food preservation capacity.
- Support for 100 Food Testing Laboratories (FTLs) under Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure (FSQAI); to be NABL accredited.
- Rs.920 crore for other component schemes under PMKSY.

About PMKSY Scheme :

- Launched : 2017 as SAMPADA (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters)
- Term : Extended in 2020-21, and continues till 31 March 2026
- Outlay : Rs. 6520 crores
- Ministry : Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI)
- To modernize infrastructure from farm gate to retail outlet, enhance farmer incomes, reduce wastage, and boost food processing and exports





Ques : Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director of IFFCO after US Awasthi's term ended?

- A. Ramesh Chand
- B. KJ Patel
- C. Suresh Narayanan
- D. Rajeev Sinha
- E. Anil Kumar

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- IFFCO (Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited) has appointed KJ Patel as its new Managing Director after the retirement of US Awasthi, who stepped down upon turning 80.
- Patel earlier served as Director-Technical and has 32+ years of experience in nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilizer plant maintenance.
- He holds a Mechanical Engineering degree from Saurashtra University and also headed IFFCO's Paradip Plant in Odisha.
- Known for his strategic thinking and deep industry expertise, Patel's leadership is expected to align with IFFCO's vision for innovation and long-term growth.
- The appointment was announced by IFFCO Chairman Dileep Sanghani, who expressed confidence in Patel's capabilities.

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Ques: What is the name of the first scientifically authenticated monofloral lavender honey developed in India?

- A. Aroma Gold
- B. Pulwama Nectar
- C. Lavender Delight
- D. Lavender Honey
- E. Himalayan Bloom

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- India has developed its first scientifically bio-authenticated monofloral Lavender Honey through CSIR-IIIM at its Pulwama Field Station in Jammu & Kashmir under the CSIR Floriculture Mission.
- The honey is derived from *Lavandula angustifolia* and was validated through advanced techniques like DNA barcoding and microscopy.
- It contains over 61% lavender pollen and 27 bioactive compounds with antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties.
- This innovation promotes value addition for farmers and is part of the broader CSIR Aroma Mission, contributing to the “Purple Revolution” praised by Prime Minister Modi.

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Ques: What is the primary objective of the 'Benevolence Fund' established by the All India Football Federation (AIFF)?

- A. To sponsor international football events
- B. To provide medical and financial assistance to retired football community members
- C. To reward best performing teams annually
- D. To fund AIFF infrastructure projects
- E. To train new referees and coaches

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) launched the Benevolence Fund to offer one-time medical financial assistance to retired players, coaches, referees, match officials, and support staff.
- The fund was initiated with an initial corpus of Rs.7,00,002, including personal contributions of Rs.1,00,001 each by AIFF President Kalyan Chaubey and Vice President N. A. Haris.
- Additionally, AIFF has proposed a separate 'Pension Fund' to provide retirement pensions for long-serving employees.
- Eligibility for Pension Fund: Minimum 20 years of service and retirement at age 60 or above from AIFF.

EXAM
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Ques: Where was India's first-ever Grassland Bird Census conducted between March and May 2025?

- A. Jim Corbett National Park
- B. Keoladeo National Park
- C. Kaziranga National Park
- D. Gir National Park
- E. Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Kaziranga National Park in Assam conducted India's first-ever Grassland Bird Census from March 18 to May 25, 2025.
- The census recorded 43 grassland bird species, with the use of passive acoustic recording monitoring as a key innovation.
- It was a joint effort by forest officials, researchers, conservationists, and park authorities.

The primary objectives were:

- To monitor the grassland bird population,
- Identify rare, endemic, and globally threatened species,
- Understand breeding patterns and assess the ecological health of Kaziranga's grasslands





Ques: Who is the author of the upcoming biography "M S Swaminathan: The Man Who Fed India"?

- A. Harper Lee
- B. Priyambada Jayakumar
- C. Shashi Tharoor
- D. Gurcharan Das
- E. Ramachandra Guha

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The biography titled "M S Swaminathan: The Man Who Fed India" has been authored by Priyambada Jayakumar.
- It will be published by HarperCollins to commemorate the 100th birth anniversary of M S Swaminathan, who is known as the Father of India's Green Revolution.
- Swaminathan played a pivotal role in introducing high-yielding varieties of wheat and rice, significantly enhancing India's food security.

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Ques: What is the primary objective of the recently adopted New York Declaration by the United Nations?

- A. Establishing global climate action targets
- B. Creating a demilitarised Palestinian state alongside Israel
- C. Promoting international trade regulations
- D. Declaring Gaza as a UN-administered territory
- E. Imposing sanctions on countries violating human rights

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The New York Declaration was adopted at a major UN conference focused on resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
- It proposes the creation of an independent and demilitarised Palestinian state that would coexist peacefully with Israel.
- The declaration also includes a phased plan to end ongoing warfare in Gaza and restore peace in the region.
- This reflects a growing international consensus on resolving the conflict through diplomatic dialogue and regional integration, rather than prolonged military engagement.

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Ques: Which of the following universities was recently issued a Letter of Intent (LoI) to set up a campus in India as per the Union Education Ministry's announcement at ABSS 2025?

- A. Harvard University
- B. University of Southampton
- C. Yale University
- D. Stanford University
- E. Western Sydney University

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan issued Letters of Intent (LoIs) to four international universities to set up campuses in India Western Sydney University (Australia), Victoria University (Australia), La Trobe University (Australia) and University of Bristol (UK)
- The announcement was made during the Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam (ABSS) in New Delhi, celebrating 5 years of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- India aims to host up to 15 foreign university campuses.
- Campuses already being set up include Deakin University and University of Wollongong at GIFT City, Gujarat and University of Southampton in Gurugram, Delhi NCR





Ques: T. N. Manoharan, who recently passed away, was associated with which of the following institutions as Chairman at the time of his demise?

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. Canara Bank
- C. ICICI Bank
- D. Lakshmi Vilas Bank
- E. IDBI Bank

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- T. N. Manoharan was serving as the Chairman of IDBI Bank at the time of his death. He was appointed to this post in May 2022 for a term of three years.
- He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2010 for his contributions in the field of Trade and Industry.

He was a former President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and held various significant roles in India's banking sector:

- Non-Executive Chairman of Canara Bank (till August 2020)
- Administrator of Lakshmi Vilas Bank before its merger with DBS Bank

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Ques: Pramila Medhe, who recently passed away, was associated with which of the following organisations as its Chief?

- A. Bharatiya Janata Party
- B. Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh
- C. Vishwa Hindu Parishad
- D. Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad
- E. Rashtra Sevika Samiti

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Pramila Medhe was the former Pramukh Sanchalika (Chief) of the Rashtra Sevika Samiti, the women's wing ideologically aligned with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).
- She led the organization from 1978 to 2003.
- RSS Chief Dr. Mohan Bhagwat paid tribute to her after her demise in Nagpur.
- The Rashtra Sevika Samiti is one of India's largest women-led nationalist organizations and works parallel to the RSS.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Andhra Pradesh achieved a Guinness World Record for hosting the largest parent-teacher meeting (PTM). It saw the participation of over 5.34 million parents and teachers across 61,000 schools

Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL), Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and BP Exploration (Alpha) Ltd for a Saurashtra basin oil and gas exploration block

In an attempt to check water pollution and promote conservation of the Indus River, Ladakh has declared August 12 as a Safai Andolan Day for the mighty river.

The Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2025 will pay tribute to iconic filmmaker Ritwik Ghatak on his 100th birth anniversary with a special retrospective celebrating his cinematic legacy.

Athletes will be eligible to compete in the female category for world ranking competitions such as the World Championships only if they clear a one-time gene test in a bid to protect the integrity of women's sport, World Athletics

Elon Musk's xAI has released "Baby Grok," a child-friendly version of its problematic chatbot Grok.

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Ques: What is the new extended implementation date for Phase-III of SEBI's new nomination framework in the securities market?

- A. September 1, 2025
- B. October 31, 2025
- C. November 30, 2025
- D. December 15, 2025
- E. January 1, 2026

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- SEBI extended the timeline for Phase-III of its new nomination framework from September 1, 2025 to December 15, 2025.
- This was announced via a circular issued under powers granted by the SEBI Act, 1992, and relevant regulations.
- Phase-III focuses on full implementation of the nomination framework by intermediaries and systems.
- Earlier, Phase-II was also extended from June 1, 2025, to August 8, 2025, covering digital nomination and video-verified opt-out.
- Phase-I went live on March 1, 2025, covering mandatory nomination and survivorship provisions.

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Ques: What was the total GST collection reported for July 2025?

- A. Rs.1.83-lakh crore
- B. Rs.1.89-lakh crore
- C. Rs.1.96-lakh crore
- D. Rs.2.01-lakh crore
- E. Rs.1.76-lakh crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- GST collection for July 2025 rose 7.5% year-on-year to Rs.1.96-lakh crore, marking a strong performance driven by imports.
- Domestic net collection declined by 6.7% to Rs.1.43-lakh crore, mainly due to a 117% surge in refunds, resulting in negative net domestic GST.
- In contrast, import GST rose by 9.7%, helping support the overall gross GST figures.
- Experts attribute the domestic dip to reduced urban consumption, including automobile sales and seasonal moderation.
- However, timely processing of refunds by the government was seen as a business-friendly measure to ease working capital stress.
- Tax expert Vivek Jalan noted that this was the first YoY fall in net GST since the Covid era (2020–21).

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Ques: As per DIPAM, what is the total percentage of stake that the Government and LIC will divest in IDBI Bank?

- A. 49.24%
- B. 45.48%
- C. 94.72%
- D. 60.72%
- E. 30.24%

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- As part of the strategic disinvestment of IDBI Bank, both the Government of India and LIC will jointly divest a total of 60.72% stake.
- This includes 30.48% by the government and 30.24% by LIC.
- This is the first-of-its-kind disinvestment where both promoter entities are selling their stakes simultaneously.
- The process has reached the financial bidding stage, expected in Q3 of FY 2025-26, after due diligence and regulatory clearances.

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Ques: What is the concessional government guarantee fee notified by the Finance Ministry for NaBFID's borrowings from multilateral and foreign institutions?

- A. 0.05%
- B. 0.1%
- C. 0.5%
- D. 1%
- E. 2%

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Finance Ministry has notified a 0.1% concessional government guarantee fee for borrowings by NaBFID from multilateral institutions, sovereign wealth funds, and other notified foreign entities.
- The fee is applicable at the time of securing the guarantee and also annually on April 1.
- NaBFID (National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development) was established in 2021, is headquartered in Mumbai, and its Chairman is K. V. Kamath

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Ques: What was the total number of UPI transactions recorded in July 2025?

- A. 18.40 billion
- B. 25.08 billion
- C. 19.47 billion
- D. 20.20 billion
- E. 22.35 billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions hit an all-time high of 19.47 billion in July 2025, marking a 35% year-on-year growth, as per NPCI data.
- The total transaction value also surged by 22% y-o-y, reaching Rs.25.08 lakh crore.
- In comparison, June 2025 recorded 18.40 billion transactions worth Rs.24.04 lakh crore.
- This growth reflects the increasing adoption of digital payments by small businesses, local retailers, and last-mile users.

To manage the high UPI load, NPCI introduced new operational guidelines effective August 1, including:

- Balance checks limited to 50 per app/day
- Maximum 25 API requests per user/app/day
- Mandate transactions only allowed in non-peak hours, with a maximum of 4 attempts





Ques: According to S&P Global, India's Manufacturing PMI in July 2025 reached a 16-month high of how much?

- A. 55.3
- B. 57.2
- C. 58.4
- D. 59.1
- E. 60.5

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- As per S&P Global, India's Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose to 59.1 in July 2025, marking the highest level in 16 months.
- The growth was fuelled by a surge in new orders, production, and inventory purchases.
- A PMI score above 50 indicates expansion, while below 50 signals contraction.
- However, job creation hit its lowest level since November 2024, and business sentiment dropped to a 3-year low due to inflation and market competition.
- Persistent elevated input and output prices signal mild inflationary pressure in Q2 of FY26.

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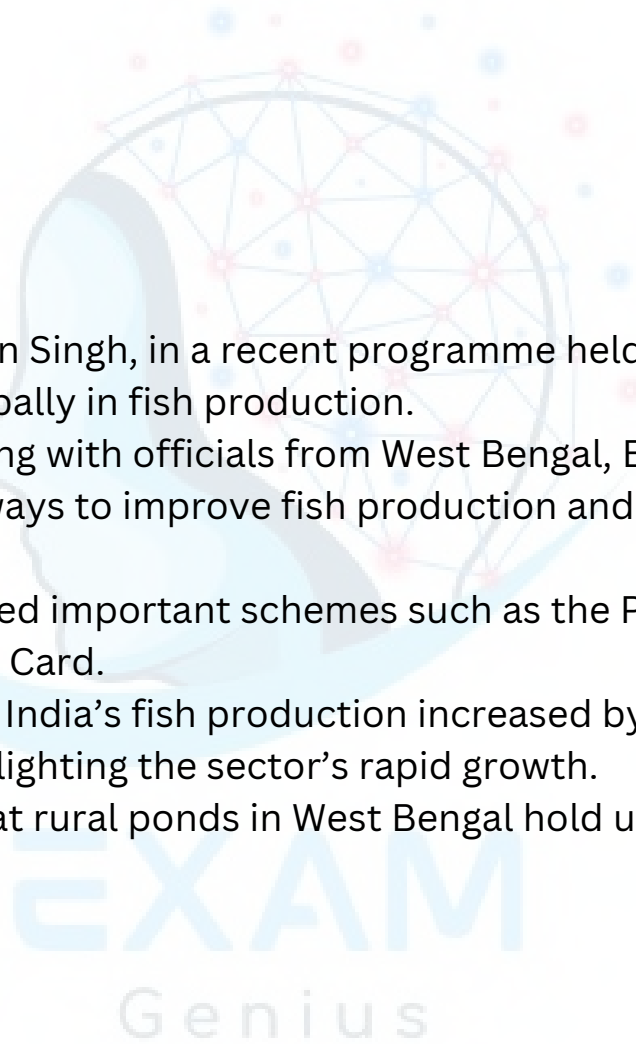
Ques: As per Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh, what is India's rank in global fish production?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh, in a recent programme held in Kolkata, stated that India ranks second globally in fish production.
- He chaired a review meeting with officials from West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, and Chhattisgarh, focusing on ways to improve fish production and address related challenges.
- The discussion also involved important schemes such as the PM Matsya Sampada Yojana and the Kisan Credit Card.
- According to the minister, India's fish production increased by 103% in 2024-25 compared to 2013-14, highlighting the sector's rapid growth.
- He further emphasized that rural ponds in West Bengal hold untapped potential to boost fish production.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the 13th Prime Minister of Myanmar in the newly formed government?

- A. Win Myint
- B. Aung San Suu Kyi
- C. Than Shwe
- D. Htin Kyaw
- E. U Nyo Saw

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Myanmar recently announced the formation of a new Government and National Security and Peace Commission to oversee defence and elections.
- U Nyo Saw was appointed as the 13th Prime Minister of Myanmar.
- Despite the changes, General Min Aung Hlaing continues to serve as the acting President and Chief of the Armed Forces.
- The newly established National Security and Peace Commission will be led by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

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Ques: Who won the Best Actor award in a leading role at the 71st National Film Awards?

- A. Salman Khan & Ranbir Kapoor
- B. Shah Rukh Khan & Ranveer Singh
- C. Shah Rukh Khan & Vikrant Massey
- D. Vikrant Massey & Ayushmann Khurrana
- E. Ranbir Kapoor & Vikrant Massey

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- At the 71st National Film Awards, Shah Rukh Khan won the Best Actor award for his performance in Jawan, while Vikrant Massey also received the award for 12th Fail. Prize - Rajat Kamal and a cash prize of Rs 2 lakhs shared between the two.
- This year, the awards received 332 feature film entries, 115 non-feature films, 27 book entries, and 16 film critics' submissions.
- Ashutosh Gowariker was the Chairperson of the Feature Film Jury, P Sheshadri was the Chairperson of the Non-Feature Film Jury, and Gopalkrishna Pai was the Chairperson of the Best Writing on Cinema Jury.
- Best Actress was awarded to Rani Mukherjee for Mrs. Chatterjee Vs Norway. Prize - Rajat Kamal and cash prize of Rs 2 lakhs
- Best Feature Film went to 12th Fail, directed by Vidhu Vinod Chopra. Prize - Swaran Kamal and a cash prize of Rs 3 Lakhs to the producer and director each.
- Best Non-Feature Film was Flowering Man by Soumyajit Ghosh Dastidar.
- Best Direction: Sudipto Sen, 'The Kerala Story' (Hindi). Prize - Swaran Kamal and cash prize of Rs 3 lakhs
- Best Feature Film Promoting Social, National, and Environmental Values : Sam Bahadur (Hindi), Director: Meghna Gulzar. Prize -Rajat Kamal and a cash prize of Rs 2 Lakhs to the producer and director each.
- Best Film in AVGC (Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming & Comic)- : Hanu-Man (Telugu), Director: Prasanth Varma. Prize - Swaran Kamal and a cash prize of Rs 3 Lakhs to the producer and director each.





Ques: Who was conferred with the 43rd Lokmanya Tilak National Award in 2025?

- A. Sudha Murty
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Nitin Gadkari
- D. Sharad Pawar
- E. Dr. K. Kasturirangan

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari received the 43rd Lokmanya Tilak National Award on August 1, 2025, which also marks the death anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak.
- The award is instituted by the Tilak Smarak Mandir Trust since 1983 to recognize individuals contributing to national progress.
- The award includes a cash prize of Rs.1 lakh and a citation.
- In 2024, the award was given to Sudha Murty, a noted social activist, writer, and Rajya Sabha MP.

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Ques: What is the name of the first joint Earth observation mission launched by ISRO and NASA?

- A. RISAT-2BR1
- B. Cartosat-3
- C. NISAR
- D. Oceansat-3
- E. SARal

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) is the first joint Earth observation mission between ISRO and NASA.
- It was successfully launched aboard the GSLV-F16 rocket from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- NISAR is the world's first radar imaging satellite to operate with dual-frequency (L-band and S-band) on a single platform.
- The mission will provide high-resolution, all-weather, day-and-night imagery and aims to scan nearly all of Earth's land and ice surfaces every 12 days.
- The satellite weighs 2,392 kg and operates in a sun-synchronous polar orbit at an altitude of approximately 747 km, circling the Earth 14 times daily.
- Corner reflector calibration is being done by IIT Kanpur and IIT Patna during the 90-day commissioning phase.

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Ques: What is the initial funding amount allocated by the Tamil Nadu government for the new semiconductor facility in collaboration with IIT Madras?

- A. Rs.500 crore
- B. Rs.250 crore
- C. Rs.100 crore
- D. Rs.150 crore
- E. Rs.75 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Tamil Nadu Government in collaboration with IIT Madras is setting up a Centre for Advanced Semiconductor Technologies with an initial seed funding of Rs.100 crore.
- This facility will be located at the Central Polytechnic Campus, Chennai, and aims to train over 4,500 candidates.
- It will include 2–6 week training modules on applied research in EVs, data centers, and space technology.
- A prototype fab unit will enable students to learn the end-to-end chip-making process, and the lab will also focus on developing indigenous semiconductor tools to build local capability

EXAM
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Ques: What is the name of the green legacy initiative launched under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' programme in the Aravalli Hills?

- A. Matri Van
- B. Green India Mission
- C. Van Vikas Abhiyan
- D. Harit Aravalli Yojana
- E. Aravalli Eco Park

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The 'Matri Van' initiative was launched under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' programme by the Government of India, aiming to promote ecological preservation and community participation.
- The launch ceremony was presided over by Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav and Union Minister Manohar Lal.
- The initiative will be developed over 750 acres in the Aravalli Hill area, specifically along the Gurugram-Faridabad Road.
- It involves removing invasive species like Kabuli Kikar (*Prosopis juliflora*) and planting native trees like Dhak and Amaltash, along with theme-based groves to restore the local ecology.

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Ques: Which country has adopted Assam's 'Hargila Army' conservation model to protect storks?

- A. Nepal
- B. Bhutan
- C. Myanmar
- D. Cambodia
- E. Vietnam

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Cambodia has adopted the Hargila Army model of Assam, a successful community-led conservation initiative to protect the endangered Greater Adjutant Stork.
- Led by Purnima Devi Barman, the Hargila Army empowers local women in Assam to engage in stork conservation efforts.
- 20 Cambodian women conservationists and rangers are being trained in Prek Toal Bird Sanctuary, located in the Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve.
- This model is now seen as a global example of community participation in wildlife conservation.

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Ques: Where will the NFDC's fully residential 3D Animation and VFX training program for North East India candidates be conducted?

- A. Guwahati, Assam
- B. Shillong, Meghalaya
- C. Aizawl, Mizoram
- D. Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh
- E. Imphal, Manipur

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) has launched an 8-month fully residential training program in 3D Animation and Visual Effects (VFX) for youth from the eight North Eastern states.
- The training is being conducted in partnership with Aptech Ltd.
- The program will be held at a fully-equipped training facility in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- Eligibility: Candidates must be at least 18 years old, and minimum 10+2 pass, or 10th pass with 3 years of industry experience.
- Only 100 candidates will be selected through a screening process, and a registration fee of Rs.1,180 applies.

About National Film Development Corporation of India :

- Established : 1975
- HQ : Mumbai
- MD : Prakash Magdum





Ques: Where was India's first indigenously-built 1 MW green hydrogen power plant inaugurated?

- A. Paradip Port, Odisha
- B. Visakhapatnam Port, Andhra Pradesh
- C. Mumbai Port, Maharashtra
- D. Deendayal Port, Gujarat
- E. Cochin Port, Kerala

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- India's first indigenously-built 1 MW green hydrogen power plant was inaugurated by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal at the Deendayal Port Authority (DPA) in Kandla, Gujarat.
- The project was established by Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Limited.
- It has the capacity to produce 140 metric tonnes (MT) of green hydrogen annually.
- It is the first green hydrogen facility at an Indian port and is part of a 10 MW project under the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM).
- The initiative supports India's goal to achieve net zero emissions by 2030.

About National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM) :

- Launched : January 2023
- Outlay : Rs.19,744 crore
- Implemented by : Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)
- Target : To achieve an ambitious production target of 5 million metric tonnes (MMT) of green hydrogen per year by 2030





Ques: Where is Google setting up its first and Asia's largest data centre in India?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Google has planned to establish a 1 Gigawatt Data Centre in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, marking its first data centre investment in India.
- This will be the largest data centre in Asia in terms of both capacity and size.
- The project is part of Alphabet's USD 75 billion global data centre expansion in 2025, including similar initiatives in Singapore, Malaysia, and Thailand.
- USD 6 billion will be invested, including USD 2 billion for renewable energy infrastructure (solar/wind) to support sustainable operations.

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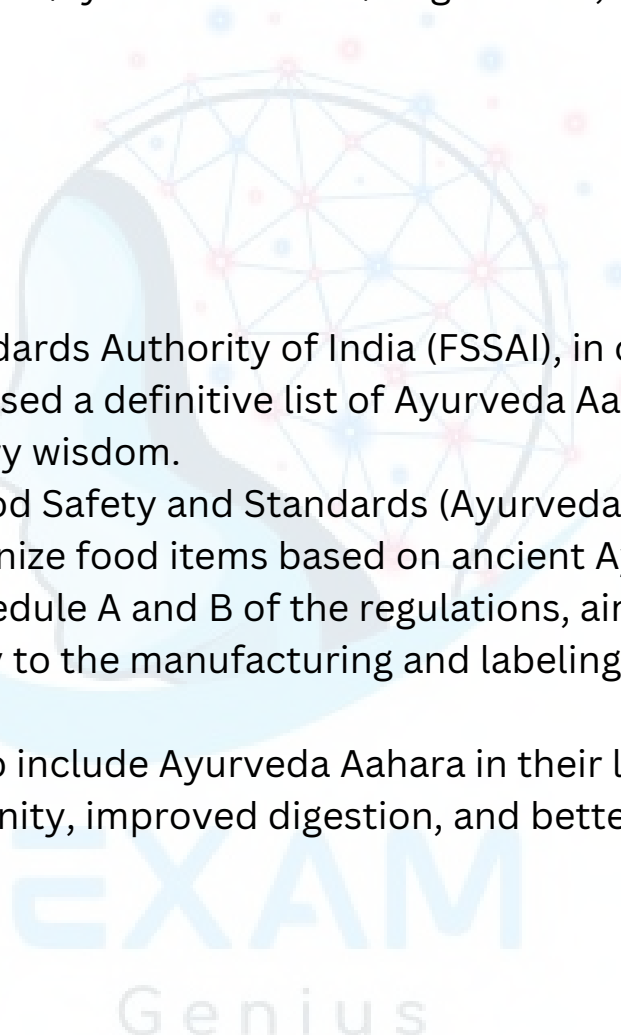
Ques: FSSAI's definitive list of Ayurveda Aahara is based on which regulation?

- A. Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations, 2019
- B. Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations, 2020
- C. Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations, 2021
- D. Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations, 2022
- E. Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations, 2023

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), in collaboration with the Ministry of Ayush, has released a definitive list of Ayurveda Aahara to mainstream traditional Ayurvedic dietary wisdom.
- This action follows the Food Safety and Standards (Ayurveda Aahara) Regulations, 2022, which officially recognize food items based on ancient Ayurvedic texts.
- The list, derived from Schedule A and B of the regulations, aims to bring clarity, authenticity, and credibility to the manufacturing and labeling of Ayurvedic food products.
- Citizens are encouraged to include Ayurveda Aahara in their lifestyle to gain health benefits like stronger immunity, improved digestion, and better overall well-being.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of Dakshin Bharat Area, Indian Army, from August 1, 2025?

- A. Lt. Gen. V. Sreehari
- B. Lt. Gen. N.S. Raja Subramani
- C. Lt. Gen. Pushpendra Singh
- D. Lt. Gen. M. Shankar
- E. Lt. Gen. K.R. Mehta

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Lieutenant General V. Sreehari has been appointed as the General Officer Commanding (GOC), Dakshin Bharat Area, effective August 1, 2025.
- This important Indian Army formation covers Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and the Union Territories of Puducherry and Lakshadweep.
- Lt. Gen. Sreehari is a highly decorated officer, awarded the Shaurya Chakra (1998) during his service with 31 Rashtriya Rifles (Commando), the Sena Medal (Distinguished Services) in 2021, and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 2023.

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Ques: What date has been declared as 'Safai Andolan Day' for the Indus River under the Mission Indus Clean-up by Ladakh?

- A. August 5
- B. August 10
- C. August 12
- D. August 15
- E. August 20

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Union Territory of Ladakh has declared August 12 as Safai Andolan Day under its Mission Indus Clean-up, focusing on cleaning the Indus River and its tributaries.
- The campaign is led by the Leh Hill Council and supported by the UT administration, Indian Army, Air Force, Paramilitary Forces, BRO, and school students.
- The mission aims to reduce river pollution, especially addressing arsenic contamination, while also spreading awareness through social and religious leaders.
- It is a collaborative step toward environmental conservation and sustainable water management in the ecologically fragile Ladakh region.

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Ques: Which country will host the 8th Commonwealth Youth Games (CYG) in 2027?

- A. India
- B. Australia
- C. Canada
- D. Malta
- E. England

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The 8th Commonwealth Youth Games (CYG) in 2027 will be hosted by Malta, as announced by Commonwealth Sport (formerly Commonwealth Games Federation).
- The games will be held across four venue clusters in the islands of Malta and Gozo.
- More than 1,000 athletes, aged 14 to 18, from 74 countries and territories will participate.
- India hosted the 3rd edition of the Commonwealth Youth Games in 2008, in Pune, Maharashtra.

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Ques: Which two-time Olympic biathlon champion of Germany died in a mountaineering accident at Laila Peak in Pakistan?

- A. Magdalena Neuner
- B. Laura Dahlmeier
- C. Kati Wilhelm
- D. Denise Herrmann
- E. Uschi Disl

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Laura Dahlmeier, a two-time Olympic biathlon champion from Germany, died in a mountaineering accident at Laila Peak (5,700 meters) in the Karakoram mountains of Pakistan.
- She was the first woman biathlete to win five gold medals at a single World Championship.
- At the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea, she became the first female biathlete to win gold in both the sprint and pursuit events.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

The 52nd President Scouts and Guides Awards for the years 2018-2021 held at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. The President awarded 16 Scouts, Guides, Rovers and Rangers

India has once again demonstrated its commitment to global humanitarian efforts by sending a consignment of humanitarian assistance to Syria. The aid package includes 5 Metric Tonnes of essential medicines

India's resolution titled "Promoting Sustainable Lifestyles for the Wise Use of Wetlands" was formally adopted at Ramsar CoP15 held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe on 30th July 2025.

38 Million euros loan Given by German Export Finance Bank to CEF Group, an Indian cleantech company for the construction of two CBG plants as part of CEF Group's wider plant to construct 22 such facilities across India

The remote Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia's far east witnessed two dramatic natural events – a powerful 8.8 magnitude earthquake followed by the eruption of the Klyuchevskoy volcano, the tallest active volcano in both Europe and Asia.

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Ques: Nippon India Mutual Fund opened its first-ever mutual fund office in which high-altitude region, located 11,500 feet above sea level?

- A. Shimla
- B. Manali
- C. Leh
- D. Mussoorie
- E. Nainital

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Nippon India Mutual Fund has opened its first-ever mutual fund office in Leh, located at 11,500 feet above sea level, making it the highest-altitude MF office in India.
- The goal is to promote Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs) in remote and high-altitude areas.
- The initiative has already empowered local drivers, hotel staff, and army families to begin investing.
- Retired Army Chief Gen VP Malik supported the effort, and over 350 army personnel attended an investor awareness session.
- Nippon India also established a NISM training and online exam centre in Leh, with the first distributor certification exam scheduled for August 22.

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Ques: What is the main objective of the 30-member Regulatory Review Cell set up by the RBI in August 2025?

- A. Launching new banking products
- B. Implementing monetary policy changes
- C. Eliminating outdated and irrelevant regulations
- D. Promoting digital currency adoption
- E. Enhancing RBI's overseas presence

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The RBI formed a 30-member Regulatory Review Cell (RRC) in August 2025 to identify and remove obsolete, redundant, and irrelevant financial regulations.
- Goal: Reduce the total regulations from 8,000 to 3,000.
- Focus: Simplify compliance, consolidate rules, and avoid regulatory complexity.
- Not aimed at introducing new regulations but at streamlining the existing framework to improve efficiency and transparency.
- Led by a user-centric and systemic reform approach.

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Ques: Until which year has the PM E-DRIVE scheme been extended, and will there be any additional budget for it?

- A. Till 2026, Yes
- B. Till 2027, No
- C. Till 2028, No
- D. Till 2029, Yes
- E. Till 2028, Yes

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The PM E-DRIVE (Prime Minister Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement) scheme has been extended till March 2028, but no additional budget has been allocated.

- The scheme will continue using the remaining funds from the Rs.10,900 crore originally sanctioned.
- Focus areas include e-trucks, e-buses, e-ambulances, public EV charging, and e3W L5 vehicles.
- The initiative supports Make in India, aims to reduce oil imports, and encourages environment-friendly mobility solutions.

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Ques: Which brand name has been chosen by eight co-operative institutions for launching a new taxi service to compete with Ola and Uber?

- A. Sahkaar Cabs
- B. Bharat Taxi
- C. Swadeshi Ride
- D. Co-op Cabs
- E. Desh Yatra

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Eight major co-operative institutions, including NCDC, IFFCO, NDDB, and NABARD, have come together to launch a new taxi service under the brand name 'Bharat' by the end of 2025.
- The service will be operated by the Multi-State Sahakari Taxi Co-operative Ltd, formed on June 6, 2025.
- Rs.300 crore has been allocated as authorised capital, and 200 drivers have already been onboarded in Delhi, Gujarat, UP, and Maharashtra.
- This initiative is fully funded by cooperatives with no government stake, and aims to offer safe, affordable rides while ensuring better income for drivers.

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Ques: As of July 23, 2025, what is the total amount of deposits under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)?

- A. Rs.2.58 lakh crore
- B. Rs.2.60 lakh crore
- C. Rs.2.62 lakh crore
- D. Rs.2.63 lakh crore
- E. Rs.2.64 lakh crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

As per official data, total deposits under PMJDY stood at Rs.2.62 lakh crore as of July 23, 2025, slightly lower than the all-time high of Rs.2.63 lakh crore on April 9.

- Average balance per account declined from Rs.4,760 to Rs.4,680.
- Total number of Jan Dhan accounts rose to 559.8 million.
- Scheme started in August 2014, focusing on financial inclusion and zero-balance savings.
- Key benefits include overdraft of Rs.10,000, free RuPay card with Rs.2 lakh accident insurance, and no minimum balance requirement.

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Ques: According to NPCI's new circular effective from August 1, 2025, how many times per day can a UPI user check their bank balance per app?

- A. 25 times
- B. 30 times
- C. 50 times
- D. 75 times
- E. Unlimited

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) issued a new circular that came into effect on August 1, 2025, to manage the increasing load on UPI infrastructure.
- Users can now check their bank balance only 50 times per day per UPI app.
- After every successful UPI transaction, the available balance will be displayed automatically, reducing the need for repeated manual balance enquiries.
- Additionally, the "view linked accounts" feature is limited to 25 views per day per app, and failed/pending transaction status checks are restricted to 3 times a day, with at least 90 seconds between attempts.
- From August 1, a nominal fee will be levied on payment aggregators (e.g. GPay, PhonePe), though users and merchants will not be affected financially.
- UPI IDs not used for 12 months or longer may be automatically deactivated to curb misuse—particularly arising from reused mobile numbers.
- When making payments, the recipient's registered bank name and identity must now be displayed before Confirmation—enhancing user clarity and fraud prevention.
- Scheduled UPI payments (e.g. subscriptions, EMI's, utility bills) will now only execute during these non-peak windows Before 10:00 AM, Between 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM and After 9:30 PM
- The system allows up to 4 attempts per mandate (1 initial + 3 retries). Failed executions will result in cancellation and user notification.





Ques: What was the title of the 1st BIMSTEC Traditional Music Festival held in New Delhi?

- A. One Asia, One Song
- B. Harmony of Nations
- C. SaptaSur: Seven Nations, One Melody
- D. Sound of Unity
- E. Melodies of the East

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The 1st BIMSTEC Traditional Music Festival, titled “SaptaSur: Seven Nations, One Melody”, was held in New Delhi.
- The event showcased the cultural and musical heritage of the seven BIMSTEC nations —India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand
- It was organized by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).
- The festival was inaugurated by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar.
- This initiative aims to promote cultural exchange and strengthen regional ties among BIMSTEC member countries.

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Ques: Which company has partnered with Numaligarh Refinery Ltd to deploy India's first 5G captive private network in the refinery sector?

- A. Jio
- B. Airtel
- C. BSNL
- D. MTNL
- E. Vi

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- BSNL, India's state-run telecom operator, has partnered with Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) to deploy India's first 5G captive non-public network in the refinery sector.
- This network will support secure, ultra-reliable, and real-time industrial connectivity within the refinery.
- It marks a major step in advancing Industry 4.0 technologies and promoting digital innovation in India's energy sector.
- Under this collaboration, BSNL will provide telecom infrastructure, and NRL will use it for refining operations, boosting automation and efficiency.

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Ques: Who assumed charge as the Controller Personnel Services (CPS) of the Indian Navy on 31 July 2025?

- A. Vice Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi
- B. Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh
- C. Vice Admiral C R Praveen Nair
- D. Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh
- E. Vice Admiral R. Hari Kumar

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Vice Admiral C R Praveen Nair, AVSM, NM, assumed charge as the Controller Personnel Services (CPS) of the Indian Navy on 31 July 2025.
- Before taking over this role, he served as the Commandant of the Indian Naval Academy.
- He has been honoured with the Nao Sena Medal (for devotion to duty) in 2000, and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) in January 2025.
- As CPS, he is responsible for overseeing key human resource functions in the Indian Navy.

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Ques: Which state government has announced insurance coverage for Govindas participating in the Dahi Handi festival during Gokulashtami?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Maharashtra Government has announced insurance coverage for 1.5 lakh Govindas participating in the Dahi Handi festival during Gokulashtami.
- The insurance cost of Rs.75 per participant will be fully borne by the state through The Oriental Insurance Company.
- A total of Rs.1.12 crore will be allocated from the Sports Development Fund for this initiative.
- The scheme will be implemented with the help of the Maharashtra State Dahi Handi Govinda Association and the Sports and Youth Services Department.
- This move aims to ensure the safety and well-being of participants in this high-risk festive event.

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Ques: Who won the first-ever Chess Esports World Cup held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia?

- A. Magnus Carlsen
- B. Hikaru Nakamura
- C. Alireza Firouzja
- D. Arjun Erigaisi
- E. Ian Nepomniachtchi

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Magnus Carlsen (Norway), the current World No.1 Grandmaster and a member of Team Liquid, won the first-ever Chess Esports World Cup held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- He secured the title by defeating GM Alireza Firouzja (France) of Team Falcon in the Grand Final with a 2-0 score.
- GM Hikaru Nakamura (USA) of Team Falcon claimed third place, beating India's GM Arjun Erigaisi of Gen.G Esports.
- The tournament featured 16 players from 13 teams and had a total prize pool of 1.5 million USD.
- The event was organized by the Esports World Cup Foundation (EWCF), highlighting a new era of competitive chess in the esports domain.

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Ques: Who became the first player in World Test Championship (WTC) history to score over 6000 runs?

- A. Steve Smith
- B. Marnus Labuschagne
- C. Joe Root
- D. Virat Kohli
- E. Ben Stokes

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- England's Joe Root made history by becoming the first batter to cross 6000 runs in World Test Championship (WTC) history.
- He achieved this milestone during a match played on Sunday, bringing his WTC record to 21 centuries and 23 fifties in 69 matches.
- Root surpassed top Australian batters Steve Smith (4278 runs in 55 Tests) and Marnus Labuschagne (4225 runs in 53 Tests).
- This feat highlights his consistency and dominance in Test cricket under the WTC format.

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Ques: Where was the last of the 16 Airbus C-295 aircraft received by Indian officials in 2025?

- A. Madrid, Spain
- B. Toulouse, France
- C. Hyderabad, India
- D. Seville, Spain
- E. Bengaluru, India

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Indian Ambassador to Spain, Dinesh K Patnaik, along with senior officials, received the last of 16 Airbus C-295 military transport aircraft at the Airbus Defence and Space assembly line in Seville, Spain.
- The C-295 is a multi-role tactical airlifter, known for its versatility and reliability with over 300 aircraft under contract globally.
- India had signed a \$2.5 billion deal with Airbus for 56 aircraft, of which 40 will be manufactured in India by Tata Advanced Systems, making it the first “Make in India” project in the defence aircraft sector.
- The first C295 was officially handed over to India on September 13, 2023, in Seville, in the presence of IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari.

India's C-295 Procurement Deal :

- In September 2021, India and Airbus inked an agreement for the purchase of 56 C-295 aircraft for the Indian Air Force (IAF).
 - The entire cost came to Rs.21,935 crore, or almost \$2.5 billion.
 - The first sixteen planes were supposed to arrive from Spain in flyaway condition.
 - Under the Make in India program, Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) would manufacture the remaining 40 aircraft in India.
 - The remaining 40 C-295s will be produced domestically by Tata-Airbus in Vadodara, Gujarat.
- Assembly Line (FAL) in the private sector.





Ques: Which Indian state became the first to introduce a Sabbatical Leave scheme for government employees?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Sikkim became the first state in India to formally introduce a Sabbatical Leave scheme for its government employees in August 2023.

Under this scheme:

- Regular employees with at least 5 years of continuous service can take leave from 365 to 1,080 days while receiving 50% of their basic pay.
- Seniority is preserved, and the government retains the right to recall employees with one month's notice.
- The scheme was later extended to temporary staff who become eligible after six months of service.

In April 2025, approval authority was delegated:

- Group C & D employees (including temporary staff) – Leave can be approved by Heads of Departments.
- Group A & B employees – Require approval from the Secretary of the Personnel Department.





Ques: What is the name of the mascot unveiled for the Asia Rugby Under-20 (Sevens) Championship 2024 to be held in Rajgir, Bihar?

- A. Ashoka
- B. Cheetah
- C. Veer
- D. Sheru
- E. Agile

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar unveiled the mascot 'Ashoka', a rabbit, for the Asia Rugby Under-20 (Sevens) Championship.
- The event will be held at the Rajgir Sports Complex on 9th and 10th August, marking the first time such an international rugby event is being hosted in Bihar.
- The rabbit symbolizes agility, which is a vital trait in rugby.
- Eight top rugby-playing Asian countries, including India, Hong Kong, China, UAE, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Nepal, will participate in both men's and women's categories.
- Rahul Bose is the President of Rugby India.

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Ques: The heritage train service on the Patalpani–Kalakund line, recently resumed by Western Railway, was originally envisioned by which historical ruler?

- A. Maharaja Ranjit Singh
- B. Maharaja Tukoji Rao Holkar II
- C. Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad
- D. Maharaja Shivaji Rao Scindia
- E. Lord Curzon

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Western Railway has resumed the heritage train service on the 9.5 km Patalpani–Kalakund metre-gauge line in Madhya Pradesh, located on the Dr. Ambedkar Nagar (Mhow)–Khandwa section.
- This scenic line offers breathtaking views of valleys, forests, and waterfalls, making it a popular tourist attraction.
- Operations had been temporarily suspended due to a fall in tourist numbers.
- The line dates back to the 19th century and was first envisioned by Maharaja Tukoji Rao Holkar II (1844–1886) of the Holkar dynasty of Indore.
- Approval from the British government took six years, and the project was funded via a loan of Rs.1 crore at 4.5% interest.

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Ques: Who is the author of the book "Mohan and Muhammad: Gandhi, Jinnah and the Break-up of British India"?

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Meghnad Desai
- C. Rajmohan Gandhi
- D. Ramchandra Guha
- E. Salman Khurshid

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The book "Mohan and Muhammad: Gandhi, Jinnah and the Break-up of British India" is written by Meghnad Desai.
- It explores the ideological and personal journeys of Mahatma Gandhi and Muhammad Ali Jinnah, two pivotal leaders in India's independence movement.
- The book focuses on similarities and contrasts in their lives, ideas, and interactions, and delves into the factors that led to the partition of British India.
- It is published by Rupa Publications.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram?

- A. S. Somanath
- B. Dr. A. Rajarajan
- C. S. Unnikrishnan Nair
- D. K. Sivan
- E. Ritu Karidhal

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Dr. A. Rajarajan, who was earlier the Director of Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), has been appointed as the Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), located in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- He replaces S. Unnikrishnan Nair as the new head of VSSC.
- Dr. Rajarajan is also a board member of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe), which promotes private participation in space activities.
- Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) was established in 1963 and is one of the major ISRO centres for launch vehicle development.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

In a historic step towards the revival of Assam's river-based trade and sustainable logistics, National Waterway-57 (River Kopili) was operationalised with the first-ever cargo trial run from the Govardhan Bridge in Chandrapur, Kamrup to Hatsingimari in South Samara.

Pakistan launched an advanced Earth observation satellite, Pakistan Remote Sensing Satellite with technical assistance from Pakistan's Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO) from Xichang Satellite Launch Centre, in Sichuan Province, China.

IIT Madras develops agriculture waste-based packaging materials to eliminate plastic use. The researchers cultivated fungi (mushroom) on agriculture and paper waste to derive the material.

The Guinness World Record for the "Most people registered on a Citizen Engagement Platform in one month" has been awarded to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's flagship program, Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC), which has been effectively run by the Ministry of Education in partnership with MyGov since 2018.

Andhra Pradesh police to launch 'Operation Trace' to identify missing and kidnapped girls from August 1-31





Ques: What is the name of India's first Specialised Investment Fund (SIF) approved by SEBI in 2025?

- A. QSIF Equity Long-Short Fund
- B. Quant Alpha Advantage Fund
- C. QAMC Alternative Growth Fund
- D. Quant Startups Select Fund
- E. SEBI-SIF Opportunity Fund

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Quant Mutual Fund became the first Asset Management Company (AMC) in India to receive SEBI's approval to launch a Specialised Investment Fund (SIF) under the new category.
- The fund is named 'QSIF Equity Long-Short Fund', making it India's first SIF.
- Minimum investment required: Rs.10 lakh per investor.
- If this threshold is breached, the units across strategies are frozen for debit, and investors are given 30 days to rebalance, failing which their holdings are automatically redeemed at the prevailing NAV.
- SIFs are pooled investment vehicles that target alternative assets such as private equity, real estate, hedge funds, venture capital, etc., and are generally suited for institutional or high-net-worth investors.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for Australia's \$130 million tourism campaign in 2025?

- A. Anushka Sharma
- B. Sara Tendulkar
- C. Deepika Padukone
- D. Rishabh Pant
- E. Virat Kohli

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Sara Tendulkar, daughter of cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar, has been appointed brand ambassador for Australia's new \$130 million tourism campaign.
- The campaign is part of "Come and Say G'day", a global tourism initiative launched by Tourism Australia in 2022.
- The second chapter of the campaign was unveiled in August 2025 to promote Australia as a top travel destination worldwide

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Ques : Who has been appointed as the head coach of the Indian men's national football team in 2025?

- A. Igor Stimac
- B. Savio Medeira
- C. Manolo Marquez
- D. Khalid Jamil
- E. Stephen Constantine

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has appointed Khalid Jamil as the new head coach of the Indian men's national football team.
- He is the first Indian to be appointed to this post since Savio Medeira (2011–12).
- He replaces Manolo Marquez, who resigned last month.
- Jamil has previously coached several Indian clubs and is considered one of the most experienced Indian football coaches.

About AIFF :

- Established : 1937
- HQ : New Delhi
- President : Kalyan Chaubey
- General Secretary : Anilkumar Prabhakaran





Ques: Abdulla Aboobacker, who recently won the men's triple jump title at the Qosanov Memorial 2025, hails from which Indian state?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Athlete: Abdulla Aboobacker — Indian triple jumper, former Asian champion.
- Achievement: Won men's triple jump title at Qosanov Memorial 2025 in Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- State: Kerala.
- Next major event: World Athletics Championships — Tokyo, 13–21 September 2025.

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Ques: What is the name of the Russian intermediate-range hypersonic ballistic missile capable of reaching speeds of Mach 10 and expected to be deployed in Belarus by the end of 2025?

- A. Avangard
- B. Zircon
- C. Oreshnik
- D. Kinzhal
- E. Iskander-M

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Oreshnik is Russia's latest intermediate-range hypersonic ballistic missile.
- The name "Oreshnik" translates to "hazel tree" in Russian.
- It was first operationally launched on November 21, 2024, striking a Ukrainian defense facility in Dnipro.
- Belarus (where it will be deployed) borders EU and NATO countries: Poland, Latvia, and Lithuania.

Key features:

- Speed: Up to Mach 10 (10 times the speed of sound)
- Range: Approx. 5,000 km
- MIRV capable: Can hit multiple targets simultaneously
- MaRV tech: Allows mid-flight maneuverability, making interception difficult





Ques: What is the name of the analogue station developed by Protoplanet and ISRO to simulate Moon and Mars conditions in Ladakh?

- A. ARES
- B. VIKRAM
- C. HOPE
- D. ASTRA
- E. SURAJ

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Human Outer Planet Exploration (HOPE) station is an analogue site developed by Bengaluru-based space tech company Protoplanet in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- It is located in the Tso Kar region of Ladakh at an altitude of over 14,500 feet.
- The location was chosen because its terrain and environment closely resemble those of the Moon and Mars, making it suitable for space analogue simulations.
- Selected crew members will live at the station to undergo physiological and psychological testing, simulating long-term human space missions.

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Ques: The 8th edition of which flagship initiative, led by PM Narendra Modi, received the Guinness World Record for the “Most people registered on a Citizen Engagement Platform in one month” in 2025?

- A. Mann Ki Baat
- B. Pariksha Pe Charcha
- C. Fit India Movement
- D. Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
- E. Swachh Bharat Mission

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC) – annual event led by PM Narendra Modi, organised since 2018 by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with MyGov.
- 8th edition (2025) set a Guinness World Record: Most people registered on a Citizen Engagement Platform in one month.
- Registrations: 3.53 crore+
- Viewership: Over 21 crore on television.
- Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan, Ashwini Vaishnaw, and Jitin Prasada received the Guinness World Record certificate on August 4, 2025.

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Ques: On which river is the proposed 2,185 MW Sawalkote Hydropower Project planned?

- A. Jhelum River
- B. Chenab River
- C. Beas River
- D. Sutlej River
- E. Ravi River

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Sawalkote Hydropower Project is a 2,185 MW run-of-the-river plant proposed on the Chenab River in Ramban District, Jammu & Kashmir.
- First conceptualised in the 1980s, but delayed mainly due to the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) with Pakistan.
- Estimated cost: Rs.22,704 crore.
- To be executed by National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Ltd in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir State Power Development Corporation Limited (JKSPDC).
- Will have a 192.5-metre concrete gravity dam and generate over 7,000 million units annually.
- Largest hydroelectric project in the Union Territory and among the biggest in North India.
- Also expected to aid in flood mitigation and water management.





Ques: In August 2025, India conducted a joint naval sail and exercise with which country in the South China Sea?

- A. Vietnam
- B. Indonesia
- C. Philippines
- D. Malaysia
- E. Brunei

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Event: Two-day joint naval sail and drill between India & Philippines — started 3 August 2025 in the disputed South China Sea.
- Philippines President: Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr — first visit to India since taking office in 2022.
- Diplomatic ties: India & Philippines established relations in November 1949.
- 2025 marks the 75th anniversary of bilateral diplomatic relations.
- South China Sea : Arm of the western Pacific Ocean, south of the Chinese mainland.

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Ques: What is the objective of the Darwin Tree of Life (DTOL) project?

- A. To decode the human genome
- B. To map extinct species
- C. To sequence the genomes of 70,000 eukaryotic species in Britain and Ireland
- D. To develop genetically modified crops
- E. To track species migration using satellites

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Darwin Tree of Life (DTOL) project aims to sequence the genomes of 70,000 eukaryotic species found in Britain and Ireland.
- It is part of the broader Earth BioGenome Project, which seeks to sequence all complex life on Earth.
- In its first phase, DTOL is collecting representatives of each species and using advanced DNA sequencing technology.
- It also employs cutting-edge computational tools to understand how DNA variations give rise to biological diversity.

EXAM
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Ques: Which organisation signed two MoUs to promote conservation and awareness of medicinal plants in 2025?

- A. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- B. Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences
- C. National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB)
- D. Indian Council of Medical Research
- E. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), under the Ministry of Ayush, signed two important MoUs in 2025:

- One with IshVed-Bioplants Venture, Pune to conserve rare, endangered, and threatened medicinal plants using tissue culture techniques.
- The second tripartite MoU was signed among NMPB, All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), and AIIMS, New Delhi for setting up a national-level medicinal plants garden to spread awareness and share knowledge.

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Ques: Under which initiative has the Union Government approved the establishment of PM Ekta Malls in 27 states?

- A. Digital India
- B. Make in India
- C. Smart Cities Mission
- D. One District, One Product (ODOP)
- E. Start-up India

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Union Government has approved the setting up of PM Ekta Malls in 27 states under the One District, One Product (ODOP) initiative.
- The initiative was announced by the Ministry of Finance in the 2023–24 Union Budget.
- It has an outlay of Rs.4,796 crore and is part of the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) framework.
- States must contribute by either providing land free of cost or bearing the cost of acquisition.
- The objective is to promote indigenous products, GI-tagged items, and local handicrafts by providing dedicated retail spaces.

State-wise Allocation and Locations

- Uttar Pradesh received the highest allocation of Rs.370.25 crore for three malls in Agra, Lucknow, and Varanasi.
- Madhya Pradesh follows with Rs.284 crore for Ujjain.
- Gujarat and Telangana each got Rs.202 crore.
- Maharashtra secured Rs.195.14 crore for Navi Mumbai.
- Assam was sanctioned Rs.226 crore for Guwahati.
- Tamil Nadu and Bihar received Rs.223 crore and Rs.212.69 crore respectively for Chennai and Patna malls.





Ques: Which state received the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) award for having the maximum organ donations in India in 2024?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Telangana received the NOTTO award for recording the highest rate of organ donations in India in 2024.
- Organ donation rate: 4.88 per 10 lakh population (national average: 0.8 per 10 lakh).
- Award given by the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) under the Union Health Ministry.
- Organ transplant surgeries in Telangana are free of cost under the Aarogyasri scheme.
- Governed by the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act (THOTA) ensuring equitable access irrespective of financial status.

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Ques: Where has India's first-ever FIFA Talent Academy for girls been launched in 2025?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) and FIFA jointly launched India's first-ever FIFA Talent Academy for girls in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- The academy is situated at the Gachibowli Stadium Complex.
- It provides year-round high-performance training with residential, educational, medical, nutritional, and mental wellness facilities for 60 elite players (30 boys under 14 and 30 girls under 16), including 10 players from Telangana in each category.
- This initiative aims to boost women's football in India by offering world-class infrastructure and development support.

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Ques: As of June 30, 2025, how many districts across India are covered under the Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP)?

- A. 751
- B. 600
- C. 500
- D. 800
- E. 900

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP) now covers 751 districts across all 36 States and Union Territories.
- As of June 30, 2025, the programme operates over 1,700 functional dialysis centres.
- It was launched in April 2016 under Union Budget 2016–17 to provide free dialysis services to economically vulnerable patients suffering from end-stage renal disease (ESRD).
- Implemented under the National Health Mission (NHM) by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and hybrid models.

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Ques: What is the annual scholarship amount provided under the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)?

- A. Rs.6,000
- B. Rs.10,000
- C. Rs.12,000
- D. Rs.15,000
- E. Rs.18,000

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) is a Central Sector merit-based scholarship scheme launched by the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education.
- It aims to support economically weaker students to complete their secondary education (Class IX to XII).
- The scholarship amount is Rs.12,000 per annum, disbursed via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) through Aadhaar Payment Bridge, either into the student's or parent's bank account.
- Only students from government or government-aided schools are eligible. Students from Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVS), Navodaya Vidyalayas (NVS), and other government residential schools are not eligible.
- The state of Uttar Pradesh has the highest quota of 15,000 fresh scholarships annually.
- The scheme is available on the National Scholarship Portal and requires Aadhaar-based registration starting from Class IX, after selection through a written exam post-Class VIII.





Ques: Which species was mistakenly targeted instead of the Alpine musk deer in India's conservation breeding programme, as per a Central Zoo Authority report?

- A. Red Musk Deer
- B. Himalayan Musk Deer
- C. Kashmir Stag
- D. Chiru
- E. Barking Deer

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Central Zoo Authority (CZA) revealed a species identification error – instead of the Alpine musk deer (*Moschus chrysogaster*), the Himalayan musk deer breeding was initiated.
- Alpine musk deer, Not a true deer; related to Bovidae (antelopes, bovines, sheep, goats).
- It is Found in India, Nepal, Bhutan, China.

Conservation status:

- IUCN: Endangered
- CITES: Appendix I
- Wildlife Protection Act, 1972: Schedule I

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Ques: Which veteran politician, founder of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), and former Jharkhand Chief Minister passed away in 2025?

- A. Hemant Soren
- B. Raghubar Das
- C. Babulal Marandi
- D. Shibu Soren
- E. Arjun Munda

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Shibu Soren, popularly known as ‘Dishoom Guru’ or ‘Guruji’, passed away at the age of 81 in New Delhi.
- He was the founding patron of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and played a crucial role in Jharkhand's statehood movement.
- Born on 11 January 1944 in Nemra village, he belonged to the Santhal tribe.
- He served as Chief Minister of Jharkhand three times – in 2005, 2008, and 2009.
- Soren was elected to the Lok Sabha eight times from Dumka constituency and also served in the Rajya Sabha (2020–25).
- He also held the post of Union Coal Minister multiple times during the UPA government.

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Krasheninnikov Volcano, located in Russia's Kamchatka region, erupted recently in what experts are calling the first confirmed eruption in 600 years.

Mount Lewotobi Laki Laki, one of Indonesia's most active volcanoes, erupted for the second consecutive day, sending volcanic ash and materials 18 km into the sky.

Indian Air Force and Assam Rifles Launch 'Operation Sahyog' to Aid Landslide-Hit Villages in Manipur

Repcobank presented a cheque of Rs. 22.90 crore towards dividend for 2024-25 to Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah in New Delhi.

Dr. V. Vasanthi Devi, Former Vice-Chancellor of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Passes Away. She was the first woman vice chancellor of a university in Tamil Nadu

To mark its Foundation Day, the Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS) inaugurated the first Annual Trident Lecture Series (ATLS) at the Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantt on August 05, 2025. Anchored on the theme 'Dominating the Future Battlespace',

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Ques: What is the repo rate decided in the 56th meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) held in August 2025?

- A. 5.25%
- B. 5.50%
- C. 5.75%
- D. 6.00%
- E. 6.25%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 56th MPC meeting was held from August 4–6, 2025, chaired by Shri Sanjay Malhotra, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India.
- Decision: Repo rate kept unchanged at 5.50%.
- FY26 CPI inflation projection was revised downward to 3.1% from 3.7%.
- Monetary policy stance: Neutral.
- Members present: Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Shri Saugata Bhattacharya, Prof. Ram Singh, Dr. Poonam Gupta, and Dr. Rajiv Ranjan.

GDP Growth Projection 2025-26: 6.5%

- Q1: 6.5%
- Q2: 6.7%
- Q3: 6.6%
- Q4: 6.3%
- Q1 2026-27: 6.6%

Inflation Projection for 2025-26: 3.1%

- Q2: 2.1%
- Q3: 3.1%
- Q4: 4.4%
- Q1 2026-27: 4.9%





Ques: PhonePe's Indus Appstore recently partnered with which French consumer technology brand to pre-install its marketplace on all smartphones in India?

- A. Lava
- B. Xiaomi
- C. Alcatel
- D. Realme
- E. TCL

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- PhonePe's Indus Appstore has formed its third OEM partnership – after Lava and Xiaomi – with Alcatel, a French consumer technology brand.
- Under this agreement, the Indus Appstore will come pre-installed on all Alcatel smartphones in India.
- The app store offers 45 categories of verified apps & games, supports 12 Indian languages, voice search in 10 regional languages, and provides video-led app discovery.
- The collaboration is driven by NxtCell India, which operates the Alcatel brand in India.
- The partnership aims to deliver localisation and personalisation for Alcatel users in the country.

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Ques: Which department has developed the Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI) to assess the risk level of mobile numbers in financial fraud?

- A. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Department of Telecommunications (DoT)
- D. Ministry of Home Affairs
- E. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has developed the Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI) — a risk-based metric that classifies mobile numbers into Medium, High, or Very High risk of financial fraud.
- FRI empowers banks, NBFCs, and UPI service providers to take preventive measures like alerts, transaction delays, warnings, or even transaction declines for high-risk numbers.
- FRI is made available to stakeholders via the Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP).
- The RBI has issued separate advisories to banks and Payment Service Operators (PSOs) to integrate FRI with their systems and adopt real-time response protocols.
- Based on Action Taken Reports (ATRs) submitted on DIP, 34 banks, financial institutions, and UPI providers have frozen 10.02 lakh bank accounts/payment wallets and placed debit/credit restrictions on 3.05 lakh accounts/wallets.
- The DIU project of DoT, under which DIP and FRI are developed, has a total outlay of Rs.228.16 crore for 5 years.





Ques: Under which initiative has the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) launched its new upgraded website?

- A. Digital Bharat Mission
- B. PFRDA CONNECT
- C. NPS Digital Drive
- D. Pension Portal 2.0
- E. FinTech Integration Plan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- PFRDA has launched its upgraded website under the PFRDA CONNECT initiative to enhance digital engagement.
- The launch was done by S. Ramann, Chairperson of PFRDA, in New Delhi.
- It is part of the Technology Architecture (TARCH) digital transformation project aimed at revamping older websites with modern guidelines and technologies.
- PFRDA was established on 23 August 2003, headquartered in New Delhi.
- Chairman: Sivasubramanian Ramann

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Ques: IRDAI imposed a penalty of how many crore rupees on Policybazaar for violation of various norms?

- A. Rs.2 crore
- B. Rs.3 crore
- C. Rs.5 crore
- D. Rs.7 crore
- E. Rs.10 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has imposed a Rs.5 crore penalty on Policybazaar Insurance Brokers.

The fine was for violations under the Insurance Act, 1938 and relevant Rules & Regulations.

Violations included:

- Ranking ULIP plans of only five insurers as 'top products' despite having agreements with others.
- Promoting some plans as "Best Life Insurance Plans in India 2020" and "Top Plans – Health Insurance", which is not permitted.
- Key managerial personnel and employees holding directorships in other companies without disclosing them to the regulator.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of IndusInd Bank for a three-year term until August 24, 2028?

- A. Sumant Khatpalia
- B. Sunil Mehta
- C. Rajiv Anand
- D. Aditya Puri
- E. Chanda Kochhar

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- IndusInd Bank's board has approved the appointment of Rajiv Anand as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for a three-year term starting August 25, 2025.
- Rajiv Anand is currently the Deputy Managing Director at Axis Bank and has extensive leadership experience in global financial institutions.
- He was one of three candidates shortlisted for the position.
- The appointment follows the resignation of CEO Sumant Kathpalia and Deputy CEO Arun Khurana in April 2025.
- IndusInd Bank recently reported a \$230 million loss in FY ending March 31, 2025, due to misaccounting of internal derivative trades over several years.

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Ques: What is the proposed new base year for GDP, IIP, and CPI in India?

- A. GDP & IIP – 2021-22; CPI – 2023
- B. GDP & IIP – 2022-23; CPI – 2024
- C. GDP & IIP – 2020-21; CPI – 2023
- D. GDP & IIP – 2022-23; CPI – 2023
- E. GDP & IIP – 2023-24; CPI – 2024

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry is working to revise the base year for Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Index of Industrial Production (IIP), and Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- The base year is updated periodically to reflect structural changes in the economy by improving compilation methodology and including new data sources.
- The proposed new base year for GDP and IIP is 2022-23, and for CPI it is 2024.

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Ques: In which state was India's first AI-powered Anganwadi centre inaugurated under the Mission Bal Bharari initiative?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis inaugurated India's first AI-powered Anganwadi centre in Waddhamna village, Nagpur.
- Launched under Mission Bal Bharari to strengthen early childhood education in rural areas through advanced digital tools.
- Anganwadi centres cater to children aged 0–6 years in rural and underprivileged areas.
- Features include AI smart dashboards, VR headsets, and interactive digital learning tools – rare even in premium private kindergartens.
- Pilot cost: Rs.9.5 lakh, funded via Zilla Parishad CESS.
- Plan: 40 more such AI-powered Anganwadi centres in Nagpur district.

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Ques: Which company has been awarded the ₹792 crore PAN 2.0 project by the Income Tax Department?

- A. Infosys
- B. Wipro
- C. LTIMindtree
- D. Tech Mahindra
- E. TCS

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Income Tax Department has awarded LTIMindtree a Rs.792 crore contract for the PAN 2.0 project.
- The project aims to modernize taxpayer registration and streamline PAN/TAN services using advanced e-governance.
- The total expenditure earmarked for the project is Rs.1,435 crore, and it is expected to go live in 18 months.
- It will consolidate multiple platforms for allotment, updates, corrections, Aadhaar-PAN linking, re-issuance, and online PAN validation.
- The project will enhance security and efficiency in the PAN issuance process through technology-driven innovation.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Capacity Building Commission (CBC) for a three-year term?

- A. Adil Zainulbhai
- B. S Radha Chauhan
- C. Rajiv Gauba
- D. Nripendra Misra
- E. Alok Kumar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Mrs. S. Radha Chauhan took charge as the Chairperson of the Capacity Building Commission in New Delhi.
- She succeeded Shri Adil Zainulbhai, who had served as Chairman since April 2021.
- The Capacity Building Commission was constituted on 1 April 2021 by the Government of India.
- Mandate: To drive standardisation and harmonisation across the Indian civil services landscape.
- It is the custodian of civil services capacity building reforms and plays a key role in the institutional framework of Mission Karmayogi.

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Ques: Under the National Green Hydrogen Mission, what record low price was discovered in SECI's first-ever auction for Green Ammonia procurement in 2025?

- A. Rs.62.10/kg
- B. Rs.58.00/kg
- C. Rs.55.75/kg
- D. Rs.59.25/kg
- E. Rs.54.50/kg

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) conducted the first-ever auction for procurement of Green Ammonia under the SIGHT Scheme of the National Green Hydrogen Mission.
- Achieved a record low price discovery of Rs.55.75/kg.
- Auction covers 75,000 MT/year supply of Green Ammonia to Paradeep Phosphates Limited, Odisha.
- This is the first in a planned series of 13 auctions in the coming month, with a total procurement capacity of 7.24 lakh MT/year.

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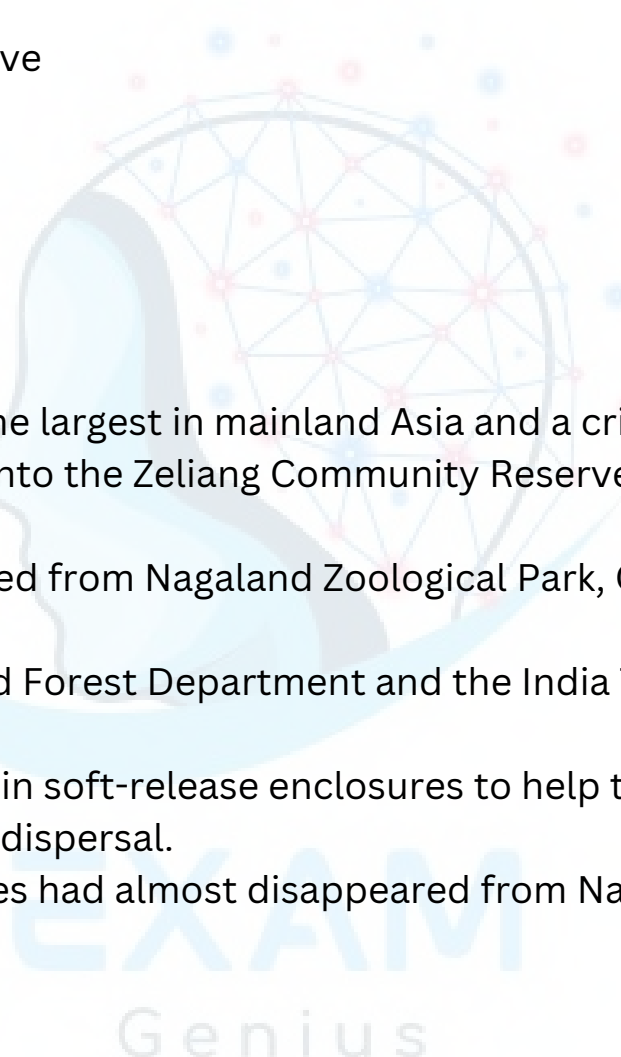
Ques: The critically endangered Asian giant tortoise was recently reintroduced into which reserve in Nagaland?

- A. Puliebadze Wildlife Sanctuary
- B. Zeliang Community Reserve
- C. Fakim Wildlife Sanctuary
- D. Ntangki National Park
- E. Intanki Community Reserve

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Asian giant tortoise, the largest in mainland Asia and a critically endangered species, was reintroduced into the Zeliang Community Reserve, Peren district, Nagaland.
- 10 individuals were released from Nagaland Zoological Park, Chümoukedima during a community event.
- Organised by the Nagaland Forest Department and the India Turtle Conservation Programme.
- The tortoises were placed in soft-release enclosures to help them adapt and develop site fidelity before dispersal.
- Once abundant, the species had almost disappeared from Nagaland over a decade ago.





Ques: The Indian men's and women's table tennis teams recently qualified for the World Table Tennis Championships (WTTC) 2026 after winning which tournament?

- A. Asian Table Tennis Championships
- B. South Asia Regional Championships 2025
- C. Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship
- D. Central Asia Regional Championships
- E. None of these

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian men's and women's teams remained undefeated at the 2025 South Asia Regional Championships held in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- With this victory, they secured direct qualification for WTTC 2026, scheduled to be held in London.
- In Asia, only 16 quota spots per gender were available for WTTC 2026.
- Four regional champions (Central Asia, South Asia, South-East Asia, West Asia) directly qualified, while the remaining 12 will be decided through the Asian Championships.
- South Asia Region countries: India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Maldives.

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Ques: Where was the 15th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP) to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands held?

- A. Wuhan, China
- B. Gland, Switzerland
- C. Victoria Falls National Park, Zimbabwe
- D. New Delhi, India
- E. Nairobi, Kenya

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 15th CoP to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands was held at Victoria Falls National Park, Zimbabwe.
- Organised by: Ramsar Secretariat, headquartered at the IUCN in Gland, Switzerland.
- Hosted by: Government of Zimbabwe.
- Theme: Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future.
- Frequency: Held every three years; 172 countries have signed the Ramsar Convention.
- India's participation: Led by Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav.
- Previous edition: 14th CoP held in Wuhan, China (5–13 November 2022).
- The CoP adopted an India resolution on Promoting Sustainable Lifestyles for the Wise Use of Wetlands, focusing on enabling conditions and awareness initiatives for wetland conservation.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the first Indian CEO of Jaguar Land Rover (JLR), effective November 2025?

- A. PB Balaji
- B. Ratan Tata
- C. N Chandrasekaran
- D. Adrian Mardell
- E. Guenter Butschek

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Tata Motors-owned Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) has appointed PB Balaji as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) from November 2025.
- PB Balaji will be the first Indian to head the British luxury automaker.
- He will succeed Adrian Mardell, who is retiring after a 35-year career at JLR, including 3 years as CEO.
- The selection process was conducted by the Tata Motors board over the past few months.
- N Chandrasekaran, Chairman of Jaguar Land Rover PLC, Tata Motors and Tata Sons, thanked Mardell for leading a strong turnaround and delivering record results.

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Ques: Which airport operator in India has raised Rs.9,000 crore through the issuance of unlisted Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) in 2025?

- A. Delhi International Airport Limited
- B. Bangalore International Airport Limited
- C. Mumbai International Airport Limited
- D. Hyderabad International Airport Limited
- E. Cochin International Airport Limited

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), which operates Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru, has successfully raised Rs.9,000 crore by issuing unlisted Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs).
- The fundraising is being executed in two tranches – Rs.4,362 crore completed on July 25, 2025, and Rs.4,638 crore scheduled for early October 2025.
- State Bank of India Capital Markets (SBICAPs) acted as the sole arranger for the issuance.
- The refinancing, with a 15-year tenure, will help BIAL conserve capital and direct resources towards future expansion plans.

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Ques: Who released the NITI Aayog report “Unlocking a USD 200 Billion Opportunity: Electric Vehicles in India”?

- A. Amitabh Kant
- B. Rajiv Gauba
- C. Arvind Panagariya
- D. Bibek Debroy
- E. Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The report “Unlocking a USD 200 Billion Opportunity: Electric Vehicles in India” was released by Rajiv Gauba, Member of NITI Aayog.
- It outlines a roadmap to achieve 30% share of EVs in total vehicle sales by 2030 and capture a \$200 billion market opportunity by 2035.
- EV sales in India rose from 50,000 in 2016 to 2.08 million in 2024, making India 6th globally.
- The report recommends scaling public charging stations from 25,000 in October 2024 to 2.9 million by 2035, supporting high-density e-bus and e-truck corridors, and rolling out a saturation program starting with 5 cities.

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Ques: Which Hyderabad-based spacetechn start-up will launch its first commercial space mission LEAP-1 aboard SpaceX's Falcon 9 in Q3 2025?

- A. Skyroot Aerospace
- B. Pixxel
- C. Dhruva Space
- D. Bellatrix Aerospace
- E. Astrogate Labs

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Dhruva Space, a Hyderabad-based spacetechn start-up, will launch its first commercial space mission, LEAP-1, aboard SpaceX's Falcon 9 in Q3 2025.
- This marks the company's transition from technology demonstrations to satellite deployments.

Using its P-30 satellite platform, Dhruva Space will launch two distinct missions:

- Akula Tech's Nexus-01 mission featuring an advanced AI module.
- Esper Satellites' OTR-2 mission featuring a hyperspectral imager.

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Ques: Which company has received approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI) to acquire Jaiprakash Associates Limited in 2025?

- A. Ultratech Cement
- B. Shree Cement
- C. ACC Limited
- D. Ambuja Cements
- E. Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the 100% acquisition of Jaiprakash Associates Limited (JAL) by Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited.
- The acquisition is being carried out under the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC).
- Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Dalmia Bharat Limited (DBL), the ultimate parent company of the Dalmia Bharat Group.

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Ques: Which organisation, along with the Ministry of Ayush, organised the inaugural WHO–IRCH workshops on herbal medicines in Ghaziabad in 2025?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy (PCIM&H)
- C. Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS)
- D. National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB)
- E. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• PCIM&H (Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy), under the Ministry of Ayush, hosted the inaugural session of the WHO–IRCH Workshops at its headquarters in Ghaziabad.

Workshop themes:

- Working Group-1: Safety and Regulation of Herbal Medicines
- Working Group-3: Efficacy and Intended Use of Herbal Medicines

Organised jointly by Ministry of Ayush and World Health Organization (WHO). Dr. Kim Sungchol, Chairperson WHO–IRCH & Head of Traditional, Complementary and Integrative Medicine at WHO, participated.

Countries represented include:

- EURO: Poland
- SEARO: Nepal, Bhutan
- WPRO: Brunei Darussalam, Japan, Indonesia
- AMRO: Cuba
- EMRO: Iran
- Observers: Sri Lanka, Paraguay
- Delegates from United States, Egypt, Brazil joined virtually.





Ques: Which state recorded the highest marine fisheries growth in India in 2024?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- In 2024, India's total marine fish landings were 3.47 million tonnes, showing a 2% decline compared to 2023, as per ICAR-CMFRI data.
- Gujarat topped the list in total catch with 7.54 lakh tonnes, followed by Tamil Nadu (6.79 lakh tonnes) and Kerala (6.10 lakh tonnes).
- The Indian mackerel was the most landed species (2.63 lakh tonnes), followed by oil sardine (2.41 lakh tonnes).
- Maharashtra recorded the highest growth rate in marine fisheries landings at 47% compared to the previous year.

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Ques: In which state was the Annadata Sukhibhava–Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme formally launched by the Chief Minister in Veerayapalem?

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

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu formally launched the Annadata Sukhibhava–Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme at Veerayapalem in Prakasam district.
- During the event, Rs.3,175 crore was disbursed to 46.86 lakh farmers as part of the first installment.
- Each eligible farmer received Rs.7,000 in the 1st tranche — Rs.5,000 from the State government and Rs.2,000 from the Government of India.
- Under the scheme, each eligible farmer will get Rs.20,000 annually in three installments — Rs.7,000 in two tranches and Rs.6,000 in the third.

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In a major stride towards strengthening the capacity-building framework for civil servants in Jammu & Kashmir, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, the Capacity Building Commission (CBC), and Karmayogi Bharat signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding

Recently, International Crops Research Institute for the SemiArid Tropics (ICRISAT) and ICAR have launched an AI-based context-specific Agromet Advisory Service to boost farming

V.O. Chidambaranar(VOC) Port in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu has become the 1st Indian Port to successfully produce green hydrogen and achieve over 1 Mega Watt of rooftop solar power generation.

Indian Army signed a MOU worth Rs.223.95 Crore with Axiscades Aerospace and Technologies Private Limited for the procurement of 212 advanced 50-ton Tank transporter trailers.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Indian Association of Gold Excellence and Standards have signed MOU to implement a robust accreditation framework for value chain partners in the gold industry, which currently includes an estimated 6 lakh partners across India.

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