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Ques: Who has been appointed as Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in August 2025?

- A. Raghuram Rajan
- B. Shaktikanta Das
- C. Urjit Patel
- D. D. Subbarao
- E. Arvind Subramanian

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Urjit Patel, former RBI Governor (2016–2018), has been appointed as Executive Director at the IMF for a period of three years, as per the order dated 28 August 2025.
- He served as RBI Governor succeeding Raghuram Rajan and resigned in December 2018 citing personal reasons.
- Patel is notable as the first RBI Governor since 1990 to resign before completing his term.
- His appointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Arjun Chowdhry : MD & CEO of Grihum Housing (formerly Poonawalla Housing Finance)
- Rajiv Ranjan : Vice President & Chief Risk Officer (CRO) of New Development Bank (NDB)
- Amit Pradhan (Legal Affairs Department), Avneesh Pandey (Informational Technology Department), and Sanjay Chandrakant Puroo (Corporation Finance Investigation Department) : Executive Directors (EDs) of SEBI
- Vishwas Patel : Chairperson of Payments Council of India (PCI)
- Indranil Bhattacharyya : member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)
- Rajiv Anand : CEO of IndusInd Bank for a three-year term starting August 25, 2025
- Deepak Reddy : Chief Executive Officer of Manappuram Finance
- Anuradha Thakur : nominated as a Director on the Central Board of RBI
- Ajay Seth : Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- Neeraj Gambhir : Executive Director (ED) of Axis Bank for 3 years
- R. Doraiswamy : MD and CEO of LIC
- Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat : Interim MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank
- Kumar Mangalam Birla : Board of Directors of the United States-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF)
- Babitha B P : Deputy Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) at the SBI in the rank of General Manager – Infrastructure Security & Special Projects
- Sahil Kini : CEO of the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)
- Bhanu Pratap Sharma : Chairman of the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)
- Sunil Jayawant Kadam : Executive Director of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- Bhanu Pratap Sharma : Chairman of Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) Govt extends tenure by one year
- Shri Kesavan Ramachandran : Executive Director (ED) of RBI
- Amitabh Kant : Senior adviser of Fairfax Financial Holdings
- Zou Jiayi, former Vice Finance Minister of China : President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- Anuj Pandey : Chief Executive Officer of UGRO Capital Limited





Ques: Which ministry launched an additional module on the UMEED portal to help widows, divorced women, and orphans apply for maintenance support from Waqf-alal-aulad properties?

- A. Ministry of Women & Child Development
- B. Ministry of Minority Affairs
- C. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- D. Ministry of Law & Justice
- E. Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Minority Affairs launched an additional module on the UMEED portal.
- This module allows widows, divorced women, and orphans to apply for maintenance support from Waqf-alal-aulad properties under Rule 8(2) of the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Rules, 2025, framed under the UWMEED Act, 1995.
- UMEED portal aims to simplify Waqf property management, enable real-time data updates, and provide the public access to verified information.
- The portal was launched by Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, with the Ministry of Minority Affairs as the nodal ministry.

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Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals

- The Press Sewa Portal was launched by Press Registrar General of India (PRGI) Yogesh Baweja
- The National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL), a constituent board of the Quality Council of India (QCI), launched a Medical Application Portal for ISO 15189:2022 applicant laboratories
- Union Panchayati Raj Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh 'Lalan' launched 'SabhaSaar', an AI-powered tool
- NITI Aayog launched the "Work for Viksit Bharat" portal to Recruit professionals in sectors like economics, big data, infrastructure, climate change, telecom, and IT to support India's Viksit Bharat growth vision.
- Tutoz is India's first AI-powered learning app, launched by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan
- Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia launched the Sanchar Saathi mobile app in 22 Indian languages, including Hindi and 21 regional languages, to enhance accessibility and combat telecom frauds
- Meri Panchayat App is an e-Governance platform developed by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and NITI Aayog
- UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India) launched the "Reporting of Death of a Family Member" service on the myAadhaar Portal on 9th June 2025
- The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) has launched a new dedicated portal: <https://grants.depwd.gov.in>
- The Government of India has recently added 7 products from Bihar to the e-NAM (National Agriculture Market) platform to promote online trading
- ATLAS (Asteroid Terrestrial-impact Last Alert System) is an early warning system developed by the University of Hawaii and funded by NASA
- The Coal Ministry is launching a new initiative named RECLAIM, a structured community engagement and development framework for mine closure and repurposing
- C-FLOOD stands for Unified Flood Inundation Forecasting System, developed by C-DAC Pune, CWC, Department of Water Resources, and the Ministry of Jal Shakti
- RailOne is an all-in-one mobile application launched by Indian Railways to integrate key passenger services such as ticket booking (unreserved/platform), live train tracking, e-catering, grievance redressal, porter and taxi booking, etc



Ques: Where was the 19th edition of the World Youth Archery Championships (WYAC) 2025 held?

- A. Lausanne, Switzerland
- B. New Delhi, India
- C. Winnipeg, Canada
- D. Tokyo, Japan
- E. Paris, France

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The 19th World Youth Archery Championships (WYAC) 2025 was held in Winnipeg, Canada.
- Organized by World Archery (WA), headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 570 archers from 63 countries participated in Recurve and Compound events for Under-18 (Cadet) and Under-21 (Junior) categories.
- India excelled, winning 8 medals: 4 gold, 2 silver, and 2 bronze.

Ranking of Top three countries in medal tally :

- 1 South Korea : 7 gold, 6 silver, and 4 bronze
- 2 India : 4 gold, 2 silver, and 2 bronze
- 3 USA : 4 gold, 2 silver

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- North East United FC (NEUFC) retained the Durand Cup by defeating Diamond Harbour FC (DHFC) 6-1 in the final of the 134th edition, held at Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan (VYBK), Kolkata
- The 18th IOAA 2025, an international competition in astronomy and astrophysics for school students, was hosted in Mumbai
- The Chess World Cup 2025 will be hosted in Goa from 1 to 26 November 2025
- Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Mirabai Chanu clinched gold at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2025 in Ahmedabad
- Tommy Fleetwood, from England, not only secured his first-ever PGA Tour title, but he did so by winning the Tour Championship, which also awarded him the FedEx Cup crown – plus a staggering \$10 million prize
- The inaugural Khelo India Water Sports Festival (KIWSF) 2025 was held at the Dal Lake, Srinagar (J&K) from 21–23 August 2025
- Cricket South Africa (CSA) confirmed that the 2027 ODI World Cup will be held in South Africa, Namibia, and Zimbabwe
- The first World Humanoid Robot Games concluded in Beijing, China, at the National Speed Skating Oval, originally built for the 2022 Winter Olympics
- The U20 World Wrestling Championships 2025 was held in Samokov, Bulgaria, from August 17 to 24. Indian wrestlers finished the Bulgaria meet with nine medals - two gold, four silver and three bronze medals.
- Liverpool's Mohamed Salah became the first man to win the PFA Player of the Year award three times (2018, 2022, and 2025)
- The 18th International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO 2025) was held in Jining, China. India's Performance (2025) : Total: 7 medals + 1 special award
- Sara Errani and Andrea Vavassori, clinched the \$1 million top prize at the US Open mixed doubles tournament
- Real Madrid has been crowned the world's most valuable football club in the Brand Finance Football 50–2025 report
- Spanish tennis star Carlos Alcaraz lifted his first-ever Cincinnati Open title after rival Jannik Sinner (Italy) was forced to retire just 23 minutes into the final.
- The Iga Świątek, Polish star defeated Jasmine Paolini (Italy) 7-5, 6-4 to claim the 2025 Cincinnati Open title, her first hard-court trophy in over a year.





Ques: The Government of India has extended the import duty exemption on cotton till which date?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Government of India has extended the import duty exemption on cotton till 31st December 2025, as notified by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- Aim: To stabilize input costs across the textile value chain (yarn, fabric, garments, made-ups) and support global competitiveness while safeguarding domestic cotton farmers.
- India's textile-apparel sector employs over 45 million people, making it the second-largest employment provider in the country.
- Farmers' interests are protected through the Minimum Support Price (MSP) by Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), ensuring at least 50% above the cost of production.
- Cotton textile exports accounted for 33% of total textile & apparel exports (USD 7.08 billion) during April–October 2024–25.

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Ques: What is the primary objective of the Rhisotope Project launched by the University of the Witwatersrand?

- A. To increase rhino population
- B. To make rhino horns traceable and deter illegal trafficking
- C. To study rhino behavior
- D. To provide medical care to rhinos
- E. To promote tourism in South Africa

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Rhisotope Project uses radioactive isotopes injected into rhino horns to make them traceable.
- The campaign is aimed at deterring illegal trafficking of rhino horns globally.
- It is supported by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).
- The project began by tagging five rhinos at the Waterberg Biosphere Reserve.
- The radioactive tagging is claimed to be harmless to the animals and detectable by global customs radiation monitors.

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Ques: Which Indian cricketer recently retired from the Indian Premier League (IPL) in 2025?

- A. Ravichandran Ashwin
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. Rohit Sharma
- D. Jasprit Bumrah
- E. MS Dhoni

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Ravichandran Ashwin, one of India's legendary off-spinners, officially retired from the IPL in 2025.
- He last played for Chennai Super Kings (CSK), marking the end of a decorated domestic T20 career.
- Ashwin made his IPL debut in 2009 and played 221 matches in total.
- He had already retired from international cricket in December 2024, following the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Australia.

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Ques: Which ministry released the Revised National Action Plan on Glanders to strengthen surveillance, prevention, and control of the disease in India?

- A. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- B. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare
- C. Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
- D. Ministry of Science & Technology
- E. Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying issued the Revised National Action Plan on Glanders.
- The plan focuses on strengthening surveillance, prevention, control, and eradication of Glanders, a contagious and often fatal disease of equines.
- Major revisions include: reducing the infected zone from 5 km to 2 km, redefining the surveillance area as 2–10 km, and aligning restrictions accordingly.
- The DAHD collaborates with ICAR–National Research Centre on Equines (NRCE), Hissar for advanced diagnostics and epidemiological studies.
- Glanders, caused by *Burkholderia mallei*, primarily affects horses, mules, and donkeys and is notifiable under the PCICDA Act, 2009.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as India's new High Commissioner to Canada in August 2025?

- A. Sanjay Kumar Verma
- B. Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- C. Dinesh K Patnaik
- D. Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- E. Ruchira Kamboj

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Dinesh K Patnaik, a 1990-batch IFS officer, has been appointed as India's High Commissioner to Canada in August 2025.
- He is currently serving as India's Ambassador to Spain and has held postings in Geneva, Dhaka, Cambodia, Morocco, and the UK.
- Canada has appointed Christopher Cooter as its new High Commissioner to India.
- This appointment marks a reset in bilateral ties after tensions in 2023, when both nations expelled each other's envoys over the Hardeep Singh Nijjar controversy.
- The move follows the Modi-Mark Carney meeting in June 2024 (G7 Summit), where both sides agreed to restore diplomatic engagement, trade, and people-to-people connectivity

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Recently Retired Players :

- Cheteshwar Pujara : retirement from all forms of cricket
- Andre Russell (West Indies all-rounder) : international cricket
- Lalit Kumar Upadhyay : international hockey
- Piyush Pramod Chawla : All formats of professional cricket
- Glenn Maxwell : Retirement from ODIs
- Power-hitter Heinrich Klaasen (South African) : international cricket
- Virat Kohli : retired from Test cricket
- Rohit Sharma (Indian) : retired from Test cricket
- Vandana Katariya (Indian) : Hockey
- B Sumeeth Reddy (Indian) : badminton player
- Mushfiqur Rahim (Bangladesh) : Retirement from One-Day International cricket
- Sharath Kamal (Indian) : Retired from table tennis
- Steve Smith (Australia) : Retirement from the ODI format
- Dimuth Karunaratne (Sri Lankan) : Retired from international cricket
- Marcelo (Brazil) : retirement from football
- Marcus Stoinis : End his ODI career
- Simona Halep (Romanian) : retired from tennis
- Tamim Iqbal (Bangladesh) : Retirement from international cricket
- Varun Aaron (India) : Retirement from all kinds of cricket
- Martin Guptill (New Zealand) : Retirement from international cricket
- Rishi Dhawan : Retirement from Indian limited overs cricket
- Ravichandran Ashwin (Indian) : International cricket
- Imad Wasim (Pakistan) : International cricket
- Siddarth Kaul (Indian) : cricket
- Emma McKeon (Australia) : professional swimming
- Rafael Nadal (Spain) : professional tennis
- Tim Southee (New Zealand) : international cricket
- Mohammad Nabi (Afghanistan) : Retire from ODI Cricket
- Wriddhiman Saha (India) : retired from all cricket formats
- Rani Rampal : Retirement from Hockey
- Wicketkeeper-Batter Matthew Wade : Retires from International Cricket





Ques: Where was the Asian Short Track Speed Skating Trophy 2025 hosted in India?

- A. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
- B. Manali, Himachal Pradesh
- C. Gangtok, Sikkim
- D. Leh, Ladakh
- E. Dehradun, Uttarakhand

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- India hosted the Asian Short Track Speed Skating Trophy 2025 at Himadri Ice Rink, Maharana Pratap Sports College, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
- Skaters from 11 Asian nations participated, including India, China, Japan, Thailand, Chinese Taipei, Vietnam, Singapore, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Indonesia, and Malaysia.
- The event was organized by the Ice Skating Association of India.
- Thailand led the medal tally with 30 medals (15 Gold, 12 Silver, 3 Bronze), followed by India with 39 medals (9 Gold, 12 Silver, 18 Bronze), and Japan in third with 23 medals (8 Gold, 8 Silver, 7 Bronze).

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Ques: Which Indian state will host the FIDE World Cup 2025, marking the tournament's return to India after 23 years?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Goa will host the FIDE World Cup 2025 from October 30 to November 27, 2025.
- This is the first time in 23 years that India is hosting the event, the last being Hyderabad (2002) when Viswanathan Anand won the trophy.
- The event, organized by FIDE, will feature 206 top players from 90+ countries.
- Prize pool: \$2 million.
- The tournament offers 3 spots in the 2026 Candidates Tournament.
- Format: 8-round knockout, with each match consisting of two classical games, plus Rapid & Blitz tie-breakers if needed.
- The top 50 seeds get byes into the second round, giving them a strategic edge.

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Ques: Which two states expressed willingness to resolve the Mahanadi water dispute amicably?

- A. Odisha and Chhattisgarh
- B. Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh
- C. Odisha and Maharashtra
- D. Odisha and West Bengal
- E. Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The Mahanadi River originates in Chhattisgarh and flows into Odisha, draining into the Bay of Bengal.
- About 53% of its catchment lies in Chhattisgarh and 47% in Odisha.
- The dispute arose because Odisha accused Chhattisgarh of constructing barrages and dams upstream without consultation, affecting water flow to Odisha, especially during lean months, impacting the Hirakud Dam.
- Odisha approached the Supreme Court in 2016, alleging violation of interstate water-sharing norms.
- The SC referred the matter to a Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal in 2018 under the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956.

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Ques : The Income Tax Department has recently raised the prosecution threshold under the Black Money Act (BMA), 2015 for undisclosed foreign assets (excluding immovable property) to what amount?

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

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The threshold increased from ₹5 lakh to ₹20 lakh, effective October 1, 2024.
- Aimed at reducing compliance burden, especially for employees working abroad.
- Applies under the Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015 (BMA).
- Earlier: penalty up to ₹10 lakh under Sections 42 & 43 and prosecution under Sections 49 & 50.
- Now: If undisclosed foreign assets (excluding immovable property) are valued up to ₹20 lakh, no penalty or prosecution will be initiated.

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Ques: What is the purpose of the 'NAKSHA' project recently launched in Puducherry?

- A. To provide employment in rural areas
- B. To improve public transportation
- C. To promote renewable energy in cities
- D. To develop smart cities
- E. To create highly accurate digital land records of urban areas

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- The NAKSHA (NAtional geospatial Knowledge-based land Survey of urban HAbitations) project is a pilot programme launched by the Department of Land Resources (DoLR) under DILRMP.
- It uses advanced technologies like aerial mapping and drones to create highly accurate digital land records, replacing traditional land survey methods.
- The programme was inaugurated by Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in Raisen, Madhya Pradesh in February 2025 and has now been launched in Puducherry.

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Ques: Recently, India and Bhutan signed an MoU in Thimphu to strengthen cooperation in which sector?

- A. Defence sector
- B. Renewable energy sector
- C. Education & skill development
- D. Space research sector
- E. Agriculture & allied sectors

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The MoU was signed by India's Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Bhutan's Ministry of Agriculture & Livestock in Thimphu.
- It aims to strengthen cooperation in agriculture research, livestock health, post-harvest management, value chain development, and exchange of knowledge, skills, and expertise.
- The MoU reflects the shared commitment of India and Bhutan towards food security, sustainable farming, and rural prosperity.

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- India will sign a contract with the International Seabed Authority (ISA) in September 2025 to explore critical minerals such as cobalt, nickel, copper, and manganese in the northwest Indian Ocean
- India's Akums Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited signed a framework agreement with the Government of Zambia (GRZ) to establish a pharmaceutical manufacturing facility and supply medicines for Zambia's national health programs
- Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), a national university dedicated to national security and policing education under the Ministry of Home Affairs, signed an MoU with the Sahastra Seema Bal (SSB), Alwar (Rajasthan).
- The Karnataka Agriculture Department signed an MoU with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) to provide real-time advisory services to farmers
- The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) signed a performance-based MoU with the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE). Under this MoU, the revenue target for FY26 has been set at ₹8,200 crore
- India and Fiji decided to enhance cooperation in defence, health, trade, agriculture, and maritime security sectors
- NHAI, in collaboration with Vertis Infrastructure Trust, launched 'Project Aarohan' to support the educational aspirations of toll plaza employees' children
- Dao Division of the Indian Army signed a MOU with Bharti Airtel to enhance digital and mobile connectivity in the forward areas of Dibang Valley and Anjaw districts of Arunachal Pradesh
- The Department of Posts signed a MOU with the Association of Mutual Funds in India during AMFI's 30th Foundation Day Celebration in Mumbai. The MoU allows residents in rural and semi-urban areas to invest in mutual funds directly at India Post branches for the first time.
- Dao Division of the Indian Army signed a MOU with Bharti Airtel to enhance digital and mobile connectivity in the forward areas of Dibang Valley and Anjaw districts of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Mitsui O.S.K Lines Limited (MOL), TradeWaltz Inc., and Suzuki Motor Corporation have signed MOU to improve vehicle trade cooperation between India and Africa during the 9th Tokyo International Conference on African Development in Yokohama, Japan.



Ques: What is the name of the strategic roadmap unveiled by Tripura CM Dr. Manik Saha?

- A. Viksit Tripura 2047
- B. Tripura Vision 2030
- C. Unnati Tripura 2050
- D. Shrestha Tripura 2040
- E. Tripura Progressive Plan

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Tripura CM Dr. Manik Saha unveiled “Viksit Tripura 2047” at Pragya Bhavan, Agartala.
- The vision document carries the theme “Unnata Tripura, Shrestha Tripura” (Advanced Tripura, Best Tripura).
- Objectives include strengthening Tripura’s economy, increasing per capita income and GSDP, achieving 100% renewable energy usage, 100% literacy, promoting women empowerment, and expanding international trade.
- Tripura’s Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) has grown by 14.21%, targeting USD 124 billion by 2047.
- The roadmap follows guidelines of NITI Aayog.

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Ques: Who inaugurated India's first National Biofoundry Network in August 2025?

- A. Dr. Harsh Vardhan
- B. Dr. Jitendra Singh
- C. Dr. K. Vijay Raghavan
- D. Dr. Renu Swarup
- E. Dr. Ashwini Kumar Choubey

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- On 27 August 2025, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh (Ministry of Science & Technology) inaugurated India's first National Biofoundry Network along with the BioE3 Challenge for Youth.
- Nodal Ministry: Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology.
- Both initiatives are under the BioE3 Policy, launched in August 2024, aimed at boosting Biotechnology for Economy, Environment, and Employment.
- Bioeconomy target: \$300 billion by 2030.
- Platform: National-level collaboration of six premier institutions to foster innovation, youth engagement, and start-up development.
- BioE3 Challenge for Youth: Theme "Design Microbes, Molecules & More", open to school & university students, researchers, startups, Indian nationals.
- Awards: ₹1 lakh for top 10 monthly winners; funding up to ₹25 lakh for 100 selected innovators.

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Ques: Which company's subsidiary, CG Semi, will roll out the first made-in-India semiconductor chip?

- A. Tata Electronics
- B. Vedanta Resources
- C. CG Power and Industrial Solutions
- D. Reliance Industries
- E. Bharat Electronics Limited

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- CG Semi, a subsidiary of CG Power and Industrial Solutions (Murugappa Group), will roll out India's first made-in-India semiconductor chip from its Sanand, Gujarat facility.
- The project involves an investment of ₹7,600 crore to develop two units — G1 & G2.
- G1 unit (commercial production 2026) has a peak capacity of 0.5 million units/day.
- G2 unit (to be completed by end of 2026) will have a peak capacity of 14.5 million units/day.
- Together, G1 & G2 are expected to create 5,000 direct and indirect jobs, boosting India's semiconductor ecosystem, supporting self-reliance, and enabling global market entry.

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Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and world :

- India unveiled its first indigenous MALE Autonomous Combat Aircraft in Bengaluru under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative
- The first experiment to artificially incubate the largest tortoise in mainland Asia has succeeded in Manipur.
- OpenAI, the provider of ChatGPT, confirmed that it will open its first India office in New Delhi by late 2025
- The CISF has launched its first all-women commando unit to boost gender parity
- India's first urban ropeway is undergoing a three-month trial run in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- Suzlon Group has become the first Indian company from the energy sector to join the Renewable Energy 100 (RE100) Initiative
- Kerala has been declared India's first fully digitally literate state, marking the completion of Phase I of the Digi Kerala project
- Mumbai-based XED Executive Development Ltd, a global executive education provider, became the first company to file for an IPO at GIFT IFSC, Gujarat, targeting \$12 million
- For the first time in South-Central Railway (SCR) history, five key departments – Operations, Commercial, Finance, Security, and Medical – are being led by women officers
- Champa Raspeda, a student from Odisha's Malkangiri district, has made history by becoming the first member of the Didayi, a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG), to clear NEET 2025.
- India's first Hydrogen (H₂) powered train has cleared load tests under the Research Designs & Standards Organization (RDSO) at Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai
- NTPC Limited has become the 1st Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) in the Indian power sector to adopt a comprehensive Business Continuity Plan (BCP) aligned with International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 22301:2019, global standard for Business Continuity Management Systems (BCMS).



Ques: Where was India's first phytosaur fossil discovered?

- A. Leh, Ladakh
- B. Thulus Spang, Suru Valley, Kargil, Ladakh
- C. Nubra Valley, Ladakh
- D. Pangong Lake, Ladakh
- E. Zaskar Valley, Ladakh

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Researchers discovered the fossilized remains of a rare crocodile-like species, known as a phytosaur, in Megha village, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- The fossil measures 1.5 to 2 meters and is estimated to be over 200 million years old.
- Phytosaurs lived during the Late Triassic Period (~242–201 million years ago).
- These reptiles were freshwater-dwelling and abundant in the Late Triassic, with distinct groups evolving successively over time.
- The discovery was made by Dr. Narayandas Inkhiya, a senior hydrogeologist, and his team from Rajasthan's water department.

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Ques: Where was the Suru Summer Festival organized for the first time in 2025?

- A. Leh, Ladakh
- B. Thulus Spang, Suru Valley, Kargil, Ladakh
- C. Nubra Valley, Ladakh
- D. Pangong Lake, Ladakh
- E. Zaskar Valley, Ladakh

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Suru Summer Festival was organized for the first time on 26th August 2025 at Thulus Spang, Suru Valley, Kargil, Ladakh.
- It was conducted by the Department of Tourism, UT Ladakh, in collaboration with LAHDC Kargil and District Administration Kargil.
- The festival celebrates the natural beauty, adventure sports potential, and cultural richness of Suru Valley.
- National Geographic recognized Suru Valley as one of the 25 best places in the world to visit in 2025.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Festivals & Fairs :

- Onam : 10-day harvest festival celebrated by the Malayali community in Kerala
- The Marbat Festival : Nagpur
- Tendong Lho Rum Faat : traditional nature-worshipping festival of the Lepcha tribe.
- 1st BIMSTEC Traditional Music Festival, titled “SaptaSur: Seven Nations, One Melody” : New Delhi
- Gavri festival : 40-day dance-drama festival performed by the Bhil tribal community of Mewar region in southern Rajasthan
- Mango Festival 1st Edition : at Longmatra village, Kiphire district, Nagaland
- Behdeinkhlam Festival : cultural festivals of the Pnar community in Meghalaya
- Jagannath Rath Yatra : celebrated annually in Puri, Odisha, on the second day of the bright fortnight (Shukla Paksha) of the Odia month Ashadha
- Bonalu : Hindu folk festival celebrated primarily in Telangana, especially in Hyderabad, Secunderabad during the Ashada Masam (July–August) as a form of thanksgiving to Goddess Mahakali
- Kataragama Esala festival : commence in Sri Lanka with the flag hoisting ceremony.
- Ashadhi Bij : falls on the second day of Shukla paksha of Ashada month of Hindu calendar. It is associated with the beginning of rains in the Kutch region of Gujarat.
- Ambubachi Mela : held at the Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati, Assam
- ‘Beej Utsav’ (Seed Festival) : held in the tribal regions at the tri-junction of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat for 4 Days
- Deva Snana Purnima ritual, also called Snana Yatra : Rath Yatra festivities in Puri
- Poson Poya festival : Sri Lanka is celebrating to mark the historic arrival of Buddhism over 2,000 years ago
- Lavender Festival 3rd Edition : Organized by CSIR – Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM) at Bhaderwah, J&K
- Strawberry Festival : Meghalaya
- Festival Garia and Borsho Boron Utsav 2025 : at Swami Vivekananda Maidan, Agartala, Tripura
- Defence Literature Festival ‘Kalam & Kavach 2.0’ : 2nd edition held at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi





Ques: With traditional destinations tightening immigration norms, which country is emerging as a major new job frontier for Indian workers, potentially employing up to 1 million Indians by 2025?

- A. Germany
- B. Russia
- C. Australia
- D. Japan
- E. France

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- With UK, US, and Canada tightening immigration, Russia is emerging as a key new destination for Indian workers.
- By the end of 2025, up to 1 million Indians could be employed in Russia.
- Major sectors: construction, machinery, textiles, electronics – all facing labour shortages.
- India's Ambassador to Russia Vinay Kumar confirmed a sharp rise in consular activity.
- To manage this, India will open a new Consulate General in Yekaterinburg (Sverdlovsk region, an industrial hub).
- Indian workers started moving in 2024, with Za Rodinu fish processing plant (Kaliningrad) being one of the first recruiters.
- Russia's Ministry of Labour projects a 3.1 million worker shortfall by 2030.





Ques: 29 August is observed internationally as which day?

- A. International Day of Peace
- B. International Day against Nuclear Tests
- C. International Day for Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons
- D. International Atomic Energy Day
- E. World Environment Day

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- In 2009, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared 29 August as the International Day against Nuclear Tests.
- The first commemoration took place in 2010.
- UNGA also designated 26 September as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons.
- India conducted two nuclear tests in 1998 under Pokhran-II.

India's nuclear program highlights:

- Smiling Buddha (1974): India's first successful nuclear test at Pokhran, Rajasthan, making India the sixth nuclear-capable nation after the US, USSR, UK, France, and China.
- Operation Shakti (1998 / Pokhran-II): Series of five nuclear tests, including a thermonuclear bomb.





Ques: National Sports Day in India marks the birth anniversary of which sports legend?

- A. Milkha Singh
- B. P.T. Usha
- C. Major Dhyan Chand
- D. Kapil Dev
- E. Saina Nehwal

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- National Sports Day in India is celebrated on 29 August to mark the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand.
- The day has been nationally recognized since 2012.
- In 2019, it also served as the launch platform for the Fit India Movement.
- Celebration Theme 2025: “Ek Ghanta, Khel ke Maidan Main”.
- India will celebrate National Sports Day 2025 from August 29 to 31, led by Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya through a three-day nationwide campaign under the Fit India Mission promoting sports and fitness.

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Important days :

- 6 August : Hiroshima Day
- 7 August : National Javelin Day
- 9 August : World Sanskrit Day
- 9 August : Nagasaki Day
- 9 August : World Tribal Day, also called World Indigenous Day (2025 Theme: "Indigenous Peoples and Artificial Intelligence – Defending Rights, Shaping the Future".)
- 10 August : World Lion Day 2025
- 10 August : World Biofuel Day
- 12 August : International Youth Day (Theme 2025 - Local Youth Actions for the SDGs and Beyond.)
- 12 August : World Elephant Day (2025 Theme - "Matriarchs & Memories")
- 12th - 26th August : World Photography Week
- 13 August : World Organ Donation Day (Theme 2025 Answering the Call)
- 13 August : International Left Handers Day 2025
- 13 August : Manipur observed the Patriots' Day remembering those martyrs who died in Anglo-Manipuri War, in 1891
- 14 August : Partition Horrors Remembrance Day (Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas)
- 14 August : World Lizard Day
- 14 August : Youm-e-Azadi (Pakistan Independence Day)
- 16 August : 7th Death Anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- 17 August : Gabon Independence Day
- 19 August : Afghanistan Independence Day
- 19 August : World Photography Day (Theme 2025 MY FAVORITE PHOTO)
- 19 August : Afghanistan Independence Day
- 19 August : World Orangutan Day 2025
- 19 August : World Humanitarian Day (Theme 2025: "Strengthening Global Solidarity and Empowering Local Communities")
- 20 August : World Mosquito Day
- 20 August : Sadbhavna Diwas
- 20 August : Indian Akshay Urja Day





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Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education selects 21 teachers in Higher Education Institutions and Polytechnic for National Awards to Teachers 2025.

Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini announced the waiver of stamp duty on houses allotted under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), Mukhyamantri Shahri Awas Yojana and Mukhyamantri Gramin Awas Yojana. The waiver is also applicable on residential plots up to 100 yards.

Death sentence can be challenged under Article 32 on ground of breach of procedural safeguards, says Supreme Court

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan chairs 56th Meeting of the Council of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) Held at IIT Delhi. 55th Edition held at IIT Bhubaneswar in 2023

India established a 21-member National Designated Authority (NDA), led by the Union Environment Secretary, under the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC). This measure aims to monitor carbon trading and market-based methods that conform with the Paris Agreement.

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