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Ques: When was Karnataka Grameena Bank formed under the 'One State, One RRB' concept?

- A. January 1, 2024
- B. May 1, 2025
- C. April 1, 2023
- D. June 1, 2025
- E. March 1, 2024

Answer :Option B

Explanation :

- Under the 'One State, One RRB' initiative, the two RRBs of Karnataka were amalgamated to form Karnataka Grameena Bank, effective May 1, 2025.
- The bank has 1,750 branches and handles business of over ₹1,03,451 crore.
- The new common logo was unveiled as part of a rebranding exercise by Shreekanth M Bhandiwad, Chairman of KGB, in Ballari.
- The logo is designed for all 11 amalgamated Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in India.

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Ques: India's fiscal deficit for April–July FY26 stood at what percent of the annual target?

- A. 17.2%
- B. 25%
- C. 29.9%
- D. 31%
- E. 33%

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- According to the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), India's fiscal deficit for April–July FY26 widened to ₹4.7 lakh crore, which is 29.9% of Budget Estimates (BE).
- In the same period of FY25, fiscal deficit was ₹2.8 lakh crore (17.2% of BE).
- Net tax revenues contracted 7.5% YoY to ₹6.62 lakh crore due to weak direct tax collections.
- Non-tax revenues rose 34% YoY, boosted by a higher-than-budgeted dividend transfer from RBI.
- Capital expenditure surged 33% YoY to ₹3.5 lakh crore, forming 31% of FY26 BE.
- Revenue expenditure increased 17% YoY, exceeding the required 9.5% growth to meet the annual target.
- Total expenditure of ₹15.63 lakh crore comprised ₹12.16 lakh crore revenue account and ₹3.46 lakh crore capital account.

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Ques: What milestone did India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) achieve in August 2025?

- A. Crossed ₹25 lakh crore monthly transaction value
- B. Crossed 20 billion monthly transactions
- C. Crossed 700 million yearly transactions
- D. Crossed 721 million annual transactions
- E. Crossed 15 billion daily transactions

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) crossed 20 billion monthly transactions in August 2025, recording 20.01 billion transactions compared to 19.47 billion in July.
- The total transaction value for August was Rs 24.85 lakh crore, slightly lower than July's Rs 25.08 lakh crore.
- Year-on-year, UPI transactions grew 33% from nearly 15 billion in August 2024.
- The daily UPI transaction crossed 700 million for the first time on August 2, with a peak of 721 million transactions a few days later.
- On average, UPI handled 645 million daily transactions worth Rs 80,177 crore in August 2025.

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Ques: What is the unique feature of Jio Payments Bank's upcoming 'Savings Pro' account?

- A. Free insurance coverage
- B. Auto-invest idle cash in overnight mutual funds
- C. Cashback on every transaction
- D. No minimum balance requirement
- E. International debit card facility

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Jio Payments Bank's 'Savings Pro' account will automatically invest idle cash in customer accounts into overnight mutual funds to offer better returns.
- This feature is designed to maximize returns on idle balances without manual intervention by customers.
- The announcement was made by Hitesh Sethi, MD & CEO, Jio Financial Services, during the company's second AGM.
- As of June-end, Jio Payments Bank had 2.58 million depositors with deposits worth ₹358 crore and over 50,000 business correspondents across India.

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Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector:

- Malaysia launched Ryt Bank, the world's first AI-powered bank developed by Malaysians for local users
- South Indian Bank has launched a new gold loan product called SIB Gold Xpress
- AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) has launched UPI services for its NRE and NRO account holders using foreign/international mobile numbers
- Bank of Maharashtra SBI Card Launched by Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) and SBI Cards & Payment Services Limited in Three variants -ELITE, PRIME, and SimplySAVE.
- According to people familiar with the matter, fintech unicorn CRED is working with IndusInd Bank to launch its first co-branded credit card.
- ICICI Bank will manage the online payment services for India's first barrier-less toll collection system
- ICICI Bank has increased the minimum average monthly balance (MAB) in metros & urban areas for new savings accounts from ₹10,000 to ₹50,000.
- Bank of Baroda has launched its new Unified Payments Interface (UPI) application named 'bob e-Pay' to provide secure, seamless, and real-time cross-border digital payments
- Tata AIA Life Insurance has launched "Shubh Shakti", a term insurance plan specifically designed for women
- RemitFIRST2India is a modern digital remittance platform launched by IDFC First Bank in collaboration with SingX
- Axis Bank has launched the 'Lock FD' feature to protect customers' Fixed Deposits from premature closure through digital channels
- Bank of Baroda has launched 'bob FxOne', a digital foreign exchange platform designed for corporate and MSME customers
- IDFC First Bank Limited and IndiGo have launched new credit card named 'IndiGO IDFC FIRST Dual Credit Card'.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) launched its new and modernized website under the project PFRDA CONNECT initiative
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has launched a nationwide Aadhaar-based Face Authentication facility for customer transactions
- Federal Bank Limited has launched India's first-ever biometric authentication solution for e-commerce transactions using credit and debit cards





Ques: Outward remittances under RBI's LRS scheme stood at how much in Q1 FY26?

- A. \$5.7 billion
- B. \$6.92 billion
- C. \$7.8 billion
- D. \$8.5 billion
- E. \$9.26 billion

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Outward remittances under RBI's Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) remained broadly flat at \$6.92 billion in Q1 FY26 (April–June 2025).
- The LRS scheme, introduced in 2004, allows resident individuals to remit up to \$250,000 per year for any permissible transaction.
- In Q1 FY26, the largest contributor was the international travel segment at \$3.9 billion, while overseas education outflows declined 24.15% YoY to \$452.1 million.
- Remittances under deposits rose 15.9% YoY to \$190.92 million; purchase of immovable property surged 95.02% YoY to \$124.13 million.
- Investment in equity or debt rose 62% YoY to \$514.5 million, while gift remittances fell 12% YoY to \$714.7 million.

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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The RBI has begun the September 2025 round of its Urban Consumer Confidence Survey (UCCS) and Rural Consumer Confidence Survey (RCCS), inviting households across the country
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has instructed Indian banks to tighten checks on funds indirectly flowing from Pakistan
- RBI granted 'in-principle' approval to Aditya Birla Capital Digital (ABCD), the digital arm of Aditya Birla Capital, on 20 August 2025
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC), Japan, to acquire up to 24.99% stake (voting rights) in Yes Bank
- RBI has announced premature redemption for 28 Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) issued between May 2018 and March 2021
- According to RBI & NABARD, India has 1,457 Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs). Maharashtra (458) has the highest number, followed by Karnataka (250) and Gujarat (211).
- RBI survey revealed that foreign liabilities of India's mutual fund (MF) industry rose 19.9% in FY25, reaching \$30.5 billion
- RBI's Master Circular on Customer Service in Banks requires all customer-facing materials at branches of Scheduled Commercial Banks to be available in Hindi, English, and the concerned regional language
- RBI had set up a committee under Pushpak Bhattacharya to prepare a framework for Responsible and Ethical Enablement of Artificial Intelligence (FREE-AI).
- RBI will implement a new cheque clearance mechanism from October 4, 2025, reducing the settlement cycle from the current T+1 days (up to 2 working days) to just a few hours
- RBI granted Equirus Group a non-deposit taking NBFC license, enabling the launch of Equirus Finance.
- RBI has proposed that banks must settle deposit account claims of deceased customers within 15 calendar days from receipt of all required documents
- RBI released a draft circular proposing easier claim settlement after the death of an account holder, covering deposit accounts, lockers, and articles in safe custody.
- RBI introduced Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) for Treasury Bills and Auto-Bidding facility on its Retail Direct platform. SIP allows small, periodic investments in T-Bills instead of lump sums.



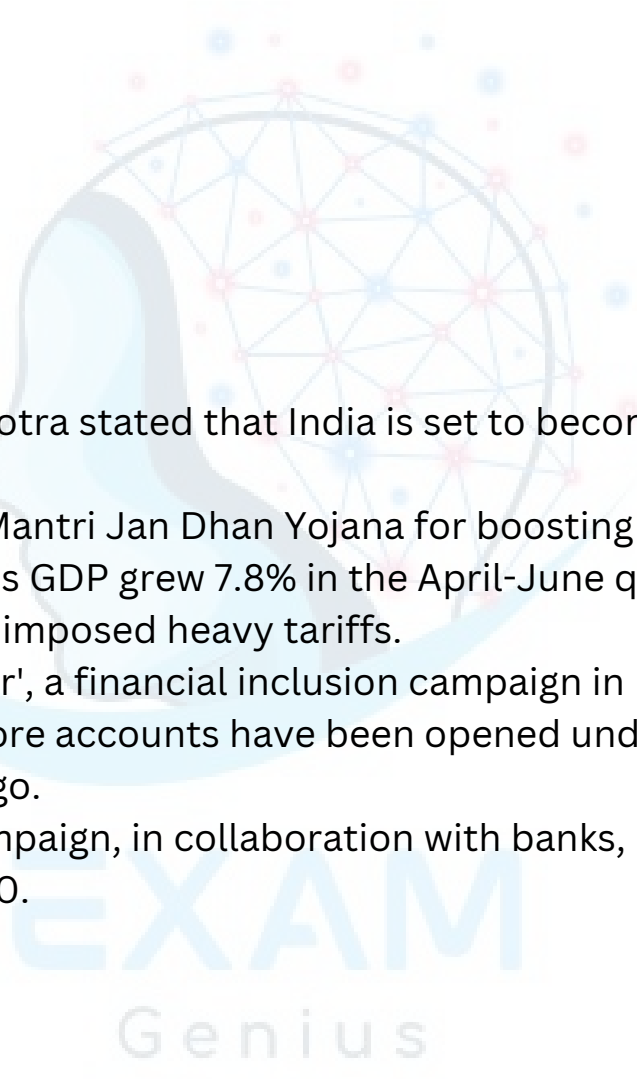
Ques: Who said that India will soon become the world's third largest economy and credited the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana for boosting growth?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Nirmala Sitharaman
- C. Sanjay Malhotra
- D. Shaktikanta Das
- E. Raghuram Rajan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra stated that India is set to become the world's third largest economy soon.
- He credited the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana for boosting the country's growth.
- His remarks came as India's GDP grew 7.8% in the April-June quarter, the highest in five quarters before the US imposed heavy tariffs.
- Addressing 'Santripati Shivir', a financial inclusion campaign in Rangwasa village, Indore, he noted that 55 crore accounts have been opened under the Jan Dhan Yojana launched 11 years ago.
- The financial inclusion campaign, in collaboration with banks, is running nationwide from July 1 to September 30.





Ques: What was India's net FDI in Q1FY26 (Apr–Jun 2025)?

- A. \$6.22 billion
- B. \$25.17 billion
- C. \$4.91 billion
- D. \$7.87 billion
- E. \$12.38 billion

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- India's net FDI declined 21.1% YoY to \$4.91 billion in Q1FY26 (Apr–Jun 2025) from \$6.22 billion in Q1FY25.
- Gross FDI rose to \$25.17 billion, indicating India remains attractive for investors.
- Outward FDI (Indian entities' overseas investments) surged to \$7.87 billion from \$4.38 billion in Q1FY25.
- Repatriation/divestment stood at \$12.38 billion, slightly higher than last year's \$12.17 billion.
- In June 2025 alone, net FDI fell sharply to \$1.07 billion from \$2.24 billion in June 2024.

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Ques: Which company is developing one of the world's largest solar projects in Kutch, Gujarat, aiming to meet nearly 10% of India's electricity needs?

- A. Adani Group
- B. Tata Power
- C. NTPC Limited
- D. Reliance Industries
- E. ReNew Power

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Reliance Industries announced a transformative energy plan to make Jamnagar and Kutch in Gujarat global hubs for clean energy production.
- At the company's 48th Annual General Meeting, Anant Ambani revealed that the solar park being built in Kutch could meet nearly 10% of India's electricity demand within the next decade.
- Reliance is setting up a massive solar project spanning 550,000 acres, which is about three times the size of Singapore.
- The company is also constructing a battery gigafactory, starting in 2026 with an initial capacity of 40 GWh/year, scalable to 100 GWh/year.

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Ques: Which company has been awarded the contract to replace India Post Payments Bank's (IPPB) fleet of 1,000 ATMs and cash dispensers?

- A. CMS Info Systems
- B. AGS Transact Technologies
- C. HDFC Bank
- D. ICICI Bank
- E. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) awarded CMS Info Systems the contract to replace its fleet of 1,000 ATMs and cash dispensers after the bankruptcy of its earlier service provider, AGS Transact Technologies.
- IPPB faced disruptions in ATM operations due to AGS's financial troubles.
- As of March 31, 2025, CMS managed 73,000 ATMs (about 47% of all outsourced ATMs in India) and 65,000 retail touchpoints.
- The collapse of AGS, which once operated nearly 40,000 ATMs, forced several banks to transition to CMS.
- RBI data shows that the total ATM network in India contracted by 4% to 208,063 by end-July 2025, compared to 216,352 a year earlier.

About India Post Payments Bank Limited (IPPB) :

- Established : 2017
- HQ : New Delhi, Delhi
- CEO & MD : R. Viswesvaran
- Tagline : Your Bank at Your Doorstep





Ques: Who has been elected as the new Chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI)?

- A. Aweek Sarkar
- B. N Ravi
- C. Viveck Goenka
- D. MV Shreyams Kumar
- E. Mahendra Mohan Gupta

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Mahendra Mohan Gupta, Chairman of Jagran Prakashan Ltd (publisher of Dainik Jagran), has been elected as the Chairman of PTI Board of Directors.
- MV Shreyams Kumar of Mathrubhumi Group has been elected as Vice-Chairman.
- The 15-member PTI board includes leaders from India's top media houses such as Aweek Sarkar, Vijay Kumar Chopra, Vineet Jain, N Ravi, Viveck Goenka, Riyad Mathew, Sameer Singh, L Adimoolam, Hormusji N Cama.
- Other eminent members include Prof. Deepak Nayyar, former Foreign Secretary & NSA Shivshankar Menon, and former Tata Sons Executive Director R. Gopalakrishnan.

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Ques: The Department of Posts signed an MoU with which company to develop and implement the DIGIPIN system?

- A. Google Maps
- B. HERE Technologies
- C. Microsoft India
- D. ESRI India
- E. MapmyIndia - Mappls

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Department of Posts signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with MapmyIndia - Mappls, a leading provider of location technology, IoT, and geospatial solutions.
- The collaboration focuses on developing and implementing DIGIPIN, a digital location identification system.
- MapmyIndia will provide base maps for integration into the Know Your DIGIPIN application, enabling accurate generation of DIGIPINs based on geographic location.
- The DIGIPIN functionality will also be integrated into the Mappls application, allowing users to search and navigate locations using DIGIPIN seamlessly.

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Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Amit Kapur : Head of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Services Transformation Unit
- S.C.Jain (Currently serves as Advisor in the Railway Board) : Additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) (Replaced Pradeep Gaur)
- Akash Tripathi : Managing Director of Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) (succeeds Santosh Kumar Sarangi)
- Teymur Abasgulyev, a senior executive from SOCAR Turkiye Enerji A.Ş. : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Nayara Energy (Replaced Sergey Denisov)
- Sajith Sivanandan : CEO of Tata Digital
- Former India captain Sourav Ganguly : Head Coach of Pretoria Capitals for the SA20 2026 season (Replaced England batter Jonathan Trott)
- Rajit Punhani (Secretary in the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship) : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) (Replaced Ganji Kamala V. Rao)
- Sushil Kumar Lohani and D. Anandan : observers for the 17th Vice-Presidential Election
- Anish Dayal Singh : PM Modi's new Deputy NSA
- Ajay Singh : re-elected as President of Boxing Federation of India for third straight term
- Pramod Kumar (Uttar Pradesh) : Secretary General of
- Pon Baskaran (Tamil Nadu) : Treasurer of Boxing Federation of India
- Jaideep Gandhi : Vice President of the Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI)
- Srinivasan. K. Swamy : president of Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) for 2025-26
- H.E. Zeenat Kureshi : Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)-India Trade Commissioner
- Noel Tata : Director on the Tata Sons Board at the 107th Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- Chief operating officer of VI Abhijit Kishore : Chief executive officer of Vodafone Idea for Three years (Replaced Akshaya Moondra)
- Mir Mohammed Ali : Director in the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE)





Ques: Where was India's first tempered glass manufacturing facility for mobile devices inaugurated?

- A. Gurugram
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Pune
- D. Noida
- E. Hyderabad

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India's first tempered glass manufacturing facility for mobile devices was inaugurated at Noida by Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw.
- The facility was set up by Optiemus Electronics in collaboration with Corning Incorporated, USA.
- Shri Vaishnaw highlighted that in the past 11 years, electronics manufacturing in India has grown six times, reaching a production value of ₹11.5 lakh crore, with exports exceeding ₹3 lakh crore.
- The sector has also generated direct and indirect employment for 2.5 million people.

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- India-Africa trade crossed USD 100 billion in FY 2024–25, nearly doubling from USD 56 billion in 2019–20. Cumulative Indian investments in Africa stood at over USD 75 billion between 1996 and 2024, making India one of the top five investors on the continent
- The MoU was signed by India's Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Bhutan's Ministry of Agriculture & Livestock in Thimphu
- 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.



Ques: Which team won the 7th edition of the SAFF U17 Women's Championship?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- India won the 7th edition of the SAFF U17 Women's Championship, defeating Nepal 5-0 at Changlimithang Stadium, Thimphu, Nepal.
- The championship featured four teams – India, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Bhutan – competing in a round-robin format.
- India is also the most successful team in the tournament's history, with 3 titles since the championship started in 2017.

Awards given are :

- Top scorer : Anushka Kumari (India) (8 goals)
- Best player : Abhista Basnett (india)
- Best goalkeeper : Meghla Rani Roy (Bangladesh)
- Fair play award : Bangladesh





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports Smt. Raksha Khadse launched the “Khelo Raver – Sansad Khel Mahotsav” on National Sports Day 2025 in her Lok Sabha constituency
- Indian boxers ensured 26 medals at the 3rd "Belt and Road" International Youth Boxing Gala -- U17/U19/U23 International Training Camp & Tournament in Xinjiang, China.
- The 19th World Youth Archery Championships (WYAC) 2025 was held in Winnipeg, Canada
- India hosted the Asian Short Track Speed Skating Trophy 2025 at Himadri Ice Rink, Maharana Pratap Sports College, Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- Goa will host the FIDE World Cup 2025 from October 30 to November 27, 2025
- 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)





Ques: Recently, Gangwal family sold how much stake in IndiGo for ₹2,933 crore?

- A. 0.8%
- B. 1.0%
- C. 1.3%
- D. 2.0%
- E. 3.0%

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Rakesh Gangwal's Chinkerpoo Family Trust sold a 1.3% stake in IndiGo (InterGlobe Aviation) for ₹2,933 crore through open market transactions.
- With this transaction, the Gangwal family's total holding in IndiGo reduced from 7.81% to 6.51%.
- Following the deal, IndiGo's share price fell 5.22% to ₹5,734 on NSE.
- So far in 2025, the Gangwals have sold shares worth ₹14,497 crore, and their cumulative divestment since 2022 is \$4.51 billion (₹39,532.79 crore).

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Ques: What position did Neeraj Chopra finish in the Diamond League Final 2025 held in Zurich, Switzerland?

- A. Winner
- B. Runner-up
- C. Third Place
- D. Fourth Place
- E. Did not place

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Neeraj Chopra, two-time Indian Olympic medallist, finished runner-up with a best throw of 85.01 meters at the Diamond League Final 2025 in Zurich, Switzerland.
- This marked his 26th consecutive top-two finish in the overall Diamond League standings.
- Julian Weber (Germany) won the event with a personal best throw of 91.57m, claiming his first Diamond League trophy.

Top 3 in Diamond League Final 2025 :

- 1 Julian Weber (Germany) - 91.51 m
- 2 Neeraj Chopra (India) - 85.01 m
- 3 Keshorn Walcott (Trinidad & Tobago) - 84.95 m

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Head of OpenAI's education initiatives across India and the broader Asia-Pacific (APAC) region?

- A. Sundar Pichai
- B. Raghav Gupta
- C. Satya Nadella
- D. Sam Altman
- E. Nandan Nilekani

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Raghav Gupta, former Coursera Asia-Pacific Managing Director, has been appointed as the Head of OpenAI's education initiatives across India and the broader APAC region.
- OpenAI launched an India-first initiative to empower educators with AI tools and training, alongside a research project with IIT Madras, backed by USD 500,000 funding.
- The initiative, named OpenAI Learning Accelerator, will distribute about 500,000 ChatGPT licenses and training to educators and students over the next six months.
- Partnerships will be made with the Ministry of Education (MoE), AICTE, and ARISE member schools.
- This move comes as OpenAI prepares to open its first India office in New Delhi later this year.

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Ques: Japan recently pledged how much investment in India over the next 10 years?

- A. \$57 billion
- B. \$60 billion
- C. \$65 billion
- D. \$67 billion
- E. \$70 billion

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- At the 15th India-Japan Annual Summit held in Tokyo (August 2025), Japan pledged \$67 billion (10 trillion yen) in private-sector investments in India over the next decade.
- The summit resulted in 21 key outcomes, including 13 agreements covering defence, critical minerals, semiconductors, high-speed rail, and skill development.
- Japan will also train 50,000 skilled and semi-skilled Indian workers in the next five years.
- This investment aims to strengthen industrial cooperation between Indian states and Japanese prefectures.
- The move is expected to boost economic and strategic ties between India and Japan significantly.

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Qus: What is the name of Google's new AI-powered photo editing tool in the Gemini app?

- A. Pixel Painter
- B. Gemini Editor
- C. Image Master
- D. Photo Genie
- E. Nano Banana

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Google has unveiled a new AI-powered photo editing tool “Nano Banana” in its Gemini app.
- Developed by Google DeepMind, it is considered one of the world's best image-editing tools.
- The tool has now been formally released as Gemini 2.5 Flash Image.
- Free users can make up to 100 edits daily, while paid users can enjoy 1,000 edits.

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Ques: Bihar Cabinet recently approved which scheme to provide financial aid to women for starting businesses?

- A. Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana
- B. Bihar Women Empowerment Yojana
- C. Mahila Udyam Sahayata Yojana
- D. Nitish Kumar Nari Shakti Yojana
- E. Mahila Aatmanirbhar Mission

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Bihar Cabinet approved the Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana in 2025 to empower women and promote entrepreneurship.
- Under this scheme, one woman from every family in Bihar will receive ₹10,000 as the first installment, starting September 2025.
- After six months, based on performance, an additional ₹2 lakh will be given, and later up to ₹12 lakh can also be provided as a grant.
- The amount given under this scheme will not need to be repaid by beneficiaries.
- The initiative aims to create better job opportunities and strengthen women-led businesses in the state.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, approved restructuring and extension of the PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme till 31st March 2030
- The Government of India has sanctioned 23 chip-design projects under the Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme to strengthen semiconductor design capabilities
- The Made in India Label Scheme is a voluntary certification scheme that allows manufacturers to demonstrate their products are manufactured in India with good quality
- "One Freezone Passport," a new program launched by Dubai (United Arab Emirates (UAE)), enables businesses licensed in one free zone to expand operations into other free zones within the emirate without needing a second license.
- The Shakti Scheme was implemented by the Karnataka Government on June 11, 2023. It provides free bus travel for women across all state-run transport corporations
- West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee launched the Shramshree Scheme for migrant workers returning to Bengal after facing harassment in other states
- The SASCI scheme (Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure and Investment) was launched in FY21 with an initial allocation of ₹12,000 crore (COVID pandemic support)
- Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis launched the Garuda Drishti scheme at Police Bhavan, Nagpur. It is a social media monitoring and cyber-intelligence initiative
- The Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved the Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee-Chevening Uttar Pradesh State Government Scholarship Scheme.
- The BJP government in Chhattisgarh will relaunch the Congress-era 'Gothan' scheme under the new name 'Gaudham' to Reduce road & highway accidents caused by stray cattle by keeping them in Gaudham centres.
- The Union Cabinet approved ₹12,000 crore for Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) in FY26
- Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu formally launched the Annadata Sukhibhava-Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme at Veerayapalem in Prakasam district





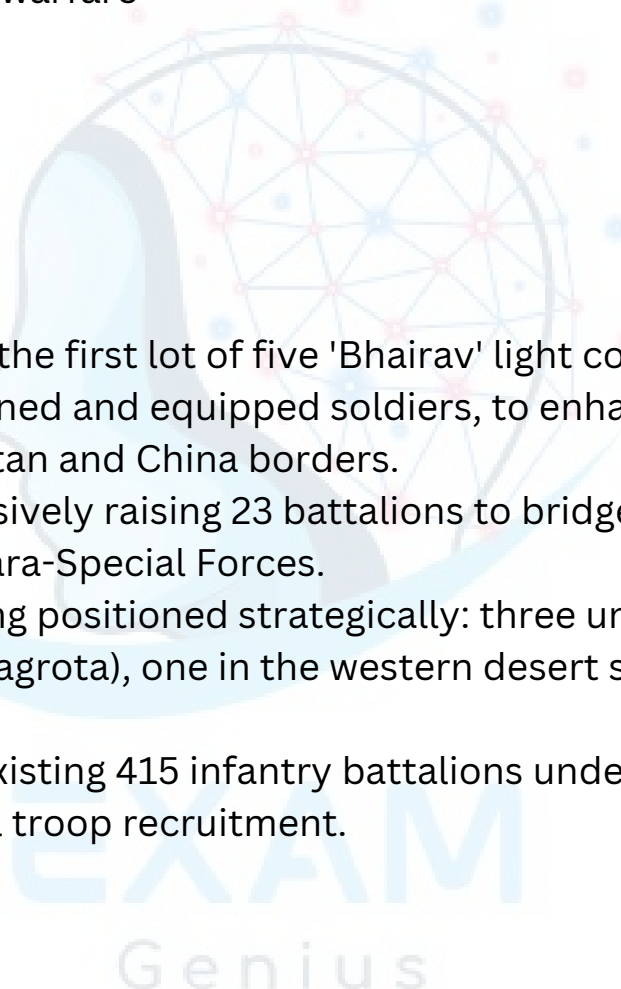
Ques: What is the purpose of raising the new 'Bhairav' light commando battalions by the Indian Army?

- A. To conduct peacekeeping missions abroad
- B. To enhance swift strike capabilities along borders with Pakistan and China
- C. To replace regular infantry units
- D. To provide disaster relief in remote areas
- E. To train soldiers in cyber warfare

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Indian Army is raising the first lot of five 'Bhairav' light commando battalions, each with 250 specially trained and equipped soldiers, to enhance swift strike capabilities along the Pakistan and China borders.
- The plan includes progressively raising 23 battalions to bridge the gap between regular infantry and elite Para-Special Forces.
- The first five units are being positioned strategically: three under Northern Command (Leh, Srinagar, Nagrota), one in the western desert sector, and one in the eastern hilly sector.
- Soldiers are drawn from existing 415 infantry battalions under the "save and raise" concept, without additional troop recruitment.





Ques: By which year does the Indian government plan to start bullet train operations on the Gujarat section of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail project?

- A. 2026
- B. 2027
- C. 2028
- D. 2029
- E. 2030

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India and Japan agreed to immediately begin signalling work, including the Japanese system, to prepare for the introduction of the E5 series Shinkansen train for testing.
- The Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR) project was launched in September 2017, with the foundation stone laid by PM Narendra Modi and then Japan PM Shinzo Abe in Sabarmati, Gujarat.
- The first section of the bullet train corridor will open in Gujarat by December 2027, while the full route is expected to be operational by 2028, covering 508 km in 2 hours and 7 minutes.
- Japan also plans to debut the advanced E10 Shinkansen trains in both Japan and India around 2030, after initial trials with E5 trains in 2026-27.
- Designed by the East Japan Railway Company, the E10 has a maximum speed of 320 km per hour, which is the same as the E5 series





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Government of India has increased usage charges for gunny bags by nearly 40% bringing financial relief to State Governments and Union Territories in the country

President Murmu SCOPE Eminence Awards 2022-23 to Public Sector Enterprises In New Delhi. The SCOPE Eminence Awards, instituted by the Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE)

IIT Hyderabad) & Army Training Command, Shimla signed an MOU to establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE) titled VIGRAHA (Virtual, Intelligent, Ground-breaking Research in AR/VR and High-tech Applications for Indian Army)

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ayush and Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Shri Prataprao Jadhav, presided over the BRICS CCI Healthcare Summit 2025 in New Delhi, held on the theme "Bridging Tradition and Innovation."

The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and Delhi Teachers University collaborated to host a special screening of the critically acclaimed short film "Selfie Please" at the IGNCA's Samvet Auditorium.

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भारत सरकार ने देश के राज्य सरकारों और केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों को वित्तीय राहत प्रदान करते हुए बोरियों के उपयोग शुल्क में लगभग 40% की वृद्धि की है।

राष्ट्रपति मुर्मू ने नई दिल्ली में सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उद्यमों को स्कोप एमिनेंस पुरस्कार 2022-23 प्रदान किए। स्कोप एमिनेंस पुरस्कार, सार्वजनिक उद्यमों के स्थायी सम्मेलन (स्कोप) द्वारा स्थापित किए गए हैं।

आईआईटी हैदराबाद) और सेना प्रशिक्षण कमान, शिमला ने विग्रह (भारतीय सेना के लिए एआर/वीआर और उच्च-तकनीकी अनुप्रयोगों में आभासी, बुद्धिमान, अभूतपूर्व अनुसंधान) नामक एक उत्कृष्टता केंद्र (सीओई) की स्थापना के लिए एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए।

केंद्रीय आयुष राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) और स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण राज्य मंत्री, श्री प्रतापराव जाधव ने नई दिल्ली में "परंपरा और नवाचार को जोड़ना" विषय पर आयोजित ब्रिक्स सीसीआई हेल्थकेयर शिखर सम्मेलन 2025 की अध्यक्षता की।

इंदिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय कला केंद्र (आईजीएनसीए) और दिल्ली शिक्षक विश्वविद्यालय ने मिलकर आईजीएनसीए के समवेत सभागार में समीक्षकों द्वारा प्रशंसित लघु फिल्म "सेल्फी प्लीज" की विशेष स्क्रीनिंग आयोजित की।

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