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Ques: What was India's estimated real GDP growth in Q1FY26 (Apr–Jun 2025)?

- A. 6.5%
- B. 7.0%
- C. 7.8%
- D. 8.0%
- E. 8.8%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The National Statistics Office (NSO) released India's Q1FY26 GDP estimates, showing real GDP growth of 7.8%, marking a 5-quarter high.
- The Nominal GDP for Q1FY26 grew 8.8%, estimated at ₹86.05 lakh crore.
- Real Gross Value Added (GVA) registered 7.6% growth, while Nominal GVA grew 8.8%, estimated at ₹78.25 lakh crore.
- This surpasses RBI's projection of 6.5% growth for Q1FY26.

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Ques: SBI GIFT City signed a €100-million climate deal with which organization?

- A. World Bank
- B. AFD (Agence Française de Développement)
- C. IMF
- D. ADB
- E. NDB

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The State Bank of India (SBI) signed a €100-million line of credit with France's AFD at its GIFT City branch.
- The deal aims to promote green financing in India and support the transition to a low-carbon economy.
- Funds from this partnership will be utilized for climate mitigation (reducing greenhouse gas emissions) and adaptation measures to manage future climate risks.
- SBI targets a green portfolio of 7.5–10% of domestic gross advances by 2030.

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RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS :

- India aims to attract ₹10 trillion investment in its shipping, ports & shipbuilding sectors by reaching out to 100+ nations
- NaBFID (National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development) will raise \$1 billion from international markets in FY26
- Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) sanctioned a term loan of Rs. 199.70 crore to Surat Integrated Transportation Development Corporation Limited (SITCO) for developing India's first international standard Multi-Modal Transport Hub in Surat
- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has invested USD 40 million in the "Global Supply Chain Support Fund", which is managed by Aavishkaar Capital
- India Exim Bank signed a \$40 million commercial credit line agreement with ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID)
- Bharat Earth Movers Limited secured its first overseas rail and metro contract worth USD 1 million from Malaysia for retrofitting and reconditioning its Mass Rapid Transit system.
- The International Finance Corporation (IFC) will invest \$150 million (about Rs.1,300 crore) as an anchor equity investment in the H-DREAM Fund (HDFC Capital Development of Real Estate Affordable and Mid-Income Fund).
- 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 Asian Development Bank (ADB) has sanctioned a loan of Rs.975.26 crore for infrastructure development in nine industrial belts of Tripura
- BITS Pilani will invest a total of Rs.2,319 crore to expand its presence and academic offerings
- Interorient Navigation Co Limited and Danship & Partners Limited, two major shipping firms based in Cyprus, announced a Rs.10,000 crore investment in India's shipping industry in 2025
- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) provide \$100 million loan to IIFL Home Finance Limited to help more low-income families in India get access to affordable housing



Ques: The Reserve Bank of India imposed a monetary penalty on Bandhan Bank for non-compliance with which regulatory requirement?

- A. Non-adherence to KYC/AML norms
- B. Violation of RBI directions on automation of income recognition and asset classification
- C. Non-submission of statutory returns
- D. Breach of Basel III capital requirements
- E. Non-compliance with priority sector lending norms

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- RBI imposed a penalty of Rs. 44.70 lakh on Bandhan Bank for non-compliance with statutory and regulatory directions, specifically regarding the automation of Income Recognition, Asset Classification, and Provisioning (IRAC) processes in banks.
- The penalty was imposed under Section 47A(1)(c) read with Section 46(4) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- Bandhan Bank had paid certain employees via commission, violating RBI norms, and manually intervened in backend data without maintaining proper audit trails or user logs, leading to the regulatory action.

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Recent Penalties imposed on Banks:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a ₹75 lakh penalty on ICICI Bank for non-compliance with certain regulatory directions.
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has imposed a Rs.5 crore penalty on Policybazaar Insurance Brokers
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has imposed a penalty of Rs.3.39 crore on Star Health and Allied Insurance
- Shriram Finance Limited violated provisions of the RBI (Digital Lending) Directions, 2025. This led to a Rs.2.70 lakh penalty under the RBI Act, 1934
- RBI fined HDFC Bank Ltd. Rs.4.88 lakh for breaking rules when issuing a term loan to a customer
- SEBI imposed a Rs.25 lakh fine on BSE Ltd for regulatory violations between February 2021 and September 2022
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) imposed a fine of Rs.1 crore on Edelweiss Life Insurance for violating corporate governance norms
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a Rs.29.60 lakh penalty on Fino Payments Bank
- SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) imposed a fine of Rs.25 lakh on MCX, India's largest commodity exchange
- RBI imposed a penalty of Rs.63.6 lakh on Union Bank of India for violating provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and failing to comply with guidelines related to credit flow to agriculture, particularly in providing collateral-free agricultural loans
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) imposed a Rs.1 crore penalty on Acko General Insurance
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a Rs.50 lakh penalty on Deutsche Bank AG, India on May 13, 2025
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of Rs.29.60 lakh on Yes Bank Limited on May 16, 2025
- In May 2025, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) penalised State Bank of India (SBI) and Jana Small Finance Bank for non-compliance with regulatory norms. SBI was fined Rs.1.72 crore for failing to comply with certain RBI directions
- Jana Small Finance Bank was fined Rs.1 crore for contravening provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949





Ques: Which company has launched the 'Unity Bank BharatPe Credit Card' in partnership with Unity Small Finance Bank?

- A. Paytm
- B. BharatPe
- C. PhonePe
- D. Razorpay
- E. MobiKwik

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- BharatPe, India's leading financial services and UPI payments company, partnered with Unity Small Finance Bank to launch the Unity Bank BharatPe Credit Card.
- The card provides flexible EMI options up to 12 months for big-ticket purchases, helping customers manage expenses conveniently.
- This launch strengthens BharatPe's offerings in the credit and payment solutions space

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Ques: Japan provided a loan of Rs 3,500 crore to fund which biofuel project in Assam?

- A. Assam Bio Ethanol Private Limited (ABEPL)
- B. Assam Renewable Energy Corporation
- C. Assam Green Fuels Ltd
- D. Golaghat Bio Power Pvt Ltd
- E. North East Bioenergy Ltd

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) provided a Rs 3,500 crore (60 billion JPY) loan to Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC).
- The loan aims to fund Assam Bio Ethanol Private Limited (ABEPL) to establish a biofuel production and power generation plant in Golaghat district, Assam.
- This project directly supports India's National Policy on Biofuels, which targets 20% ethanol blending in gasoline (E20) by 2025.
- India is the world's third-largest CO₂ emitter, after China and the USA, highlighting the importance of biofuel initiatives.

About Power Finance Corporation Limited :

- Established : 1986
- HQ : New Delhi
- CMD : Parminder Chopra





Recently signed banking agreements

- Unity Bank BharatPe Credit Card Launched by Unity Small Finance Bank Limited (Unity Bank) & BharatPe. India's first Equated Monthly Instalment (EMI)-driven credit card
- Utkarsh Small Finance Bank (SFB) has partnered with Hitachi Payment Services to upgrade its payment processing and debit card management.
- VinFast Auto India, a subsidiary of the Vietnam-based electric vehicle (EV) manufacturer, has partnered with State Bank of India (SBI) to provide financing solutions for its customers
- SBI Card and Flipkart have launched a co-branded credit card called the 'Flipkart SBI Credit Card'.
- L&T Finance Limited (LTF) has collaborated with Google Pay(GPay), a mobile payment application(app) developed by Google, to offer personal loans to eligible users
- Thomas Cook (India) Limited, an omnichannel travel company, partnered with Mastercard to enable contactless cross-border payments via Google Pay (GPay), allowing users to make secure payments at merchant locations worldwide.
- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, collaborated with SEBI, CDSL, NSDL, BSE, and NSE to open three Niveshak Seva Kendras in Hyderabad
- HDFC ERGO General Insurance partnered with PhonePe to launch 'Suraksha Sankalp', an affordable health insurance scheme
- IndiGo and IDFC FIRST Bank jointly launched the IndiGo IDFC FIRST Credit Card. The card provides access to both Mastercard and RuPay networks through a single application
- Indian Overseas Bank announced signing a partnership with Mumbai Metro One for ticketing solutions.
- National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) signed MoUs with several private sector banks under its MSME Credit Facilitation Programme to streamline financing, improve last-mile connectivity, and support the growth and formalization of the MSME sector
- HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company Limited has partnered with PhonePe to launch an affordable health insurance product



Ques: Which company has partnered with ICICI Bank to implement India's first Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system?

- A. NHAI
- B. Indian Highways Management Company Limited (IHMCL)
- C. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
- D. Road Transport Corporation (RTC)
- E. FASTag Services Ltd

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indian Highways Management Company Limited (IHMCL), promoted by NHAI, has signed an agreement with ICICI Bank to implement the country's first Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system at Choryasi Fee Plaza, Gujarat on NH-48.
- MLFF is a barrier-less tolling system that uses FASTag and Vehicle Registration Number (VRN) recognition via high-performance RFID readers and ANPR cameras.
- It allows seamless toll collection without stopping vehicles, reducing congestion, travel time, fuel consumption, and emissions.
- IHMCL also plans to roll out MLFF at around 25 National Highway fee plazas in the current financial year.

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- 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)
- 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
- The Startup Policy Forum (SPF), in collaboration with the IndiaAI Mission under MeitY, launched the "IndiaAI in Action" podcast series in New Delhi
- The Department of Posts signed a MoU with MapmyIndia - Mappls, a leading provider of location technology, IoT, and geospatial solutions
- 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



Ques: The Telangana Legislative Assembly passed bills to ensure what percentage of reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) in local body polls?

- A. 35%
- B. 40%
- C. 42%
- D. 45%
- E. 50%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Telangana Legislative Assembly unanimously passed the Panchayat Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2025 and Telangana Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 2025.
- These bills propose to lift the 50% ceiling on total reservations set by Supreme Court rulings such as Indra Sawhney (1992).
- The move enables 42% reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) in panchayats, municipalities, and urban local bodies.
- In Telangana's local body polls: SCs already have ~17% reservation, STs have ~10%.

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Ques: Who is the author of the book Operation SINDOOR?

- A. Arundhati Roy
- B. Lt Gen KJS 'Tiny' Dhillon
- C. Rajiv Malhotra
- D. Gen Bipin Rawat
- E. Vikram Sampath

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The book "Operation SINDOOR" is authored by Lt Gen KJS 'Tiny' Dhillon and published by Penguin Veer.
- It reveals previously unrevealed details about India's deep strikes inside Pakistan, highlighting the strategic capabilities of the Indian military.
- The book serves as a testament to the strength and strategic planning of the Indian Armed Forces.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- Secession of the Successful: The Flight Out of New India : Sanjay Baru
- 'Justice Denied Justice Lost' : Kanchan Chakraborty
- "The Weight Loss Revolution – Weight Loss Drugs and How to Use Them". : Dr. Ambrish Mithal
- 'Why the Constitution Matters' : Former Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud
- My Name is Emilia del Valle : Isabel Allende
- The Conscience Network: A Chronicle of Resistance to a Dictatorship : Sugata Srinivasaraju
- "Mohan and Muhammad: Gandhi, Jinnah and the Break-up of British India" : Meghnad Desai
- "M S Swaminathan: The Man Who Fed India" : Priyambada Jayakumar
- The Conscience Network : Journalist–author Sugata Srinivasaraju
- "The Man Who Became Cinema" : Ashok Chopra
- "Sustainable Wellness of Students: A Collective Responsibility in Higher Education" : co-edited by Prof. Kamal Kishore Pandey , Prof. Lata Pandey, and Dr. Ramanand
- "The Rise of the Hitman: The Rohit Sharma Story" : R. Kaushik
- The New World: 21st Century Global Order and India : Ram Madhav
- "Eternal Light: The Life and Times of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama." : Arvind Yadav
- Das Paise ka Postcard : retired Army man S.N. Ahmed
- "Honest John: A Life of John Matthai" : Bakhtiar K. Dadabhoy
- 'One in a Billion' : Sonal Holland
- Confessions of a Shakespeare Addict : Retired IPS officer V.S. Ravi
- The Sour Mango Tree: Selected Works : Palyaada Lankesh (translated by Dr nataraj huliya)
- Swasthya Ke Prahari : Lalit Shaurya
- 'Ambedkar ke Sandesh' : compiled by D.S. Veeraiah
- The One: Cricket, My Life and More : Former Indian Cricketer Shikhar Dhawan
- 'Mujib's Blunders: The Powers and the Plot Behind His Killing' : Manash Ghosh





Ques: What is India's rank in the 2025 Global Peace Index (GPI) released by the Institute for Economics and Peace?

- A. 105
- B. 110
- C. 125
- D. 120
- E. 115

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The 2025 Global Peace Index (GPI) was released by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), headquartered in Sydney, Australia.
- The index covered 163 independent states and territories, representing 99.7% of the global population.
- India was ranked 115th out of 163 countries, showing a modest improvement from its previous position, with a GPI score of 2.229, marking a 0.58% improvement in peace levels compared to last year.
- Iceland has retained the top position since 2008 due to its high levels of safety, security, and low militarisation.
- In Asia, Singapore emerged as the safest country, ranked 6th globally in the 2025 report.

Ranking of top 5 countries :

- 1 Iceland
 - 2 Ireland
 - 3 New Zealand
 - 4 Austria
 - 5 Switzerland
- 163 Russia



Ranking of India & its neighboring countries :

- 76 Nepal
- 97 Sri Lanka
- 98 China
- 115 India
- 123 Bangladesh
- 144 Pakistan



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Ques: Where was the 16th Asian Shooting Championship held?

- A. Tokyo, Japan
- B. Shymkent, Kazakhstan
- C. Seoul, South Korea
- D. Bangkok, Thailand
- E. New Delhi, India

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 16th Asian Shooting Championship took place at the Shymkent Shooting Plaza in Shymkent, Kazakhstan.
- The event featured 748 athletes from 27 Asian countries competing in various shooting disciplines at both senior and junior levels.
- India's team of 35 senior shooters and 129 junior athletes topped the medal tally for the first time, winning a total of 99 medals, including 50 gold, 26 silver, and 23 bronze.
- The championship was organized by the Asian Shooting Confederation (ASC) in collaboration with the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) and the Kazakhstan Shooting Sport Federation

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- The Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) announced that Dharambir and Preeti Pal will be the flag bearers of the Indian contingent for the 12th World Para Athletics Championships (2025)
- Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya felicitated the young footballers of Minerva Academy Football Club (Mohali) in New Delhi
- 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
- India won the 7th edition of the SAFF U17 Women's Championship, defeating Nepal 5-0 at Changlimithang Stadium, Thimphu, Nepal
- 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





Ques: Maharashtra launched which initiative to provide a uniform education curriculum for students with intellectual disabilities?

- A. Disha Shiksha
- B. Buddhi Vikas Yojana
- C. Samagra Shiksha Vikas
- D. Disha Abhiyan
- E. Inclusive Learning Mission

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Maharashtra launched 'Disha Abhiyan', becoming the first state in India to implement a state-wide uniform curriculum for students with intellectual disabilities.
- Developed by the Jai Vakil Foundation and certified by the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID).
- The program focuses on improving teaching standards and learning outcomes through academics, life skills, and vocational training.
- Rolled out in 453 special schools across Maharashtra.

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Ques: What is the total length of the newly constructed Bairabi–Sairang rail line in Mizoram?

- A. 45.10 km
- B. 51.38 km
- C. 62.25 km
- D. 48.75 km
- E. 55.50 km

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Bairabi–Sairang broad-gauge rail line in Mizoram is 51.38 km long and was constructed at an estimated cost of ₹5,021 crore.
- It will connect Aizawl, Mizoram's capital, with Assam, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, and the rest of India.
- The line features 48 tunnels, 55 bridges, 87 minor bridges, 5 road overbridges, and 6 underbridges, significantly reducing travel time from about 10 hours to 3 hours.
- PM Modi laid the foundation stone in November 2014 and flagged off the first train on the Bairabi–Silchar section in 2016.

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Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and World :

- 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 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 Army Hospital Research and Referral (AHRR) became the first government institute in India and the second in South Asia to perform Robotic Custom Laser Cataract Surgery using the state-of-the-art ALLY Adaptive Cataract Treatment System.
- 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
- 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
- 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





Ques: Which country was accepted as a dialogue partner of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) at the 2025 summit?

- A. Vietnam
- B. Thailand
- C. Cambodia
- D. Myanmar
- E. Laos

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Laos was accepted as a dialogue partner of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) during the SCO summit held in Tianjin, China.
- The SCO merged the categories of dialogue partners and observers into a single status of SCO partners, with Laos being added to it.
- Following this, the grouping now comprises 10 members and 17 partners.
- The 2025 summit was the largest SCO gathering, with China, holding the Presidency, inviting 20 foreign leaders and 10 heads of international organisations, including UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, for the SCO Plus summit.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- 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.”
- 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
- 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
- Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth inaugurated MILMEDICON2025: “International Conference on Physical and Mental Trauma in Military Settings” organized by the Directorate General of Medical Services (Army) at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
- The 41st Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO) Convention will be hosted in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh in 2026. The 40th IATO Annual Convention was recently held in Puri, Odisha (22–24 August 2025).
- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh interacted with women military officers from 15 countries alongside Indian officers at the UN Women Military Officers Course (UNWMOC-2025) held at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
- The 11th Round of India-Australia Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) negotiations was held in New Delhi
- Ujjain will host “रूढमantic” – PHDCCI’s 2 nd Global Spiritual Tourism Conclave on 27 August 2025.
- The 28th National Conference on e-Government (NCeG) will take place in Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, on September 22 and 23, 2025
- The four-day Regional Workshop on WHO Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) for Herbal Medicines, jointly organised by the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of Ayush and the World Health Organization – South-East Asia Regional Office (WHO-SEARO), concluded at RRAP-Central Ayurveda Research Institute, Mumbai.
- Union Minister of Ayush chaired the 2nd meeting of the Society of NIA, Jaipur in New Delhi
- The Ministry of Defence (MoD) is organising the first-of-its-kind Tri-Services Seminar “Ran Samwad” at the Army War College, Mhow (Dr. Ambedkar Nagar)





Ques: Which states were the top performers in the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2024 for fiscal year 2023-24?

- A. Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Tripura
- B. Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Telangana
- C. Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Odisha
- D. Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh
- E. West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Sikkim

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2024, prepared by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) in collaboration with AEEE and published by the Ministry of Power, evaluates energy efficiency performance of 36 States and UTs for FY 2023-24.
- Top performing states in their respective groups were Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh (AP), Assam, and Tripura.
- The Front Runner category now includes AP, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu.
- Other states: Assam and Kerala are Achievers, while Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Odisha, and UP are Contenders.

Top Performing States by Energy Consumption Group :

- Group 1 : Maharashtra
- Group 2 : Andhra Pradesh (AP)
- Group 3 : Assam
- Group 4 : Tripura





Ques: On the occasion of the first Amma Samman Diwas, Sikkim CM launched which initiative for women?

- A. Nari Adalat
- B. Nari Shakti Vikas
- C. Mahila Nyaya Manch
- D. Stree Samman Sabha
- E. Women Justice Forum

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Sikkim CM Prem Singh Tamang launched 'Nari Adalat' on the occasion of the first Amma Samman Diwas at Rongpo.
- August 10 has been declared Amma Samman Diwas, a yearly tribute to mothers across the state.
- Nari Adalat is a community-based forum run by women, providing accessible and informal justice, especially in rural and semi-urban areas, without relying entirely on the formal court system.

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Ques: The annual three-day Mela Patt festival, dedicated to Lord Vasuki Nag, is celebrated in which Indian state/UT?

- A. Jammu and Kashmir
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Sikkim
- E. Assam

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Mela Patt is an annual three-day festival celebrated in Bhaderwah Valley, Doda district, Jammu and Kashmir.
- It is dedicated to Lord Vasuki Nag, the presiding deity of the valley, and is held at Khakhal Mohalla in Bhaderwah town.
- The festival has been celebrated since the 16th century and marks the historic meeting between Mughal Emperor Akbar and King Nag Pal of Bhaderwah.
- It begins every year on Nag Panchami, seven days after the conclusion of the Kailash Yatra.
- The Jhari procession, where a metallic “Jahari” is carried to the Vasuki Nag Temple.
- The iconic Patt display, a decorated conical arrangement of silk cloths and flowers.
- The traditional Dikko Dance, showcasing peace, pride, and communal harmony among people of all religions and backgrounds.





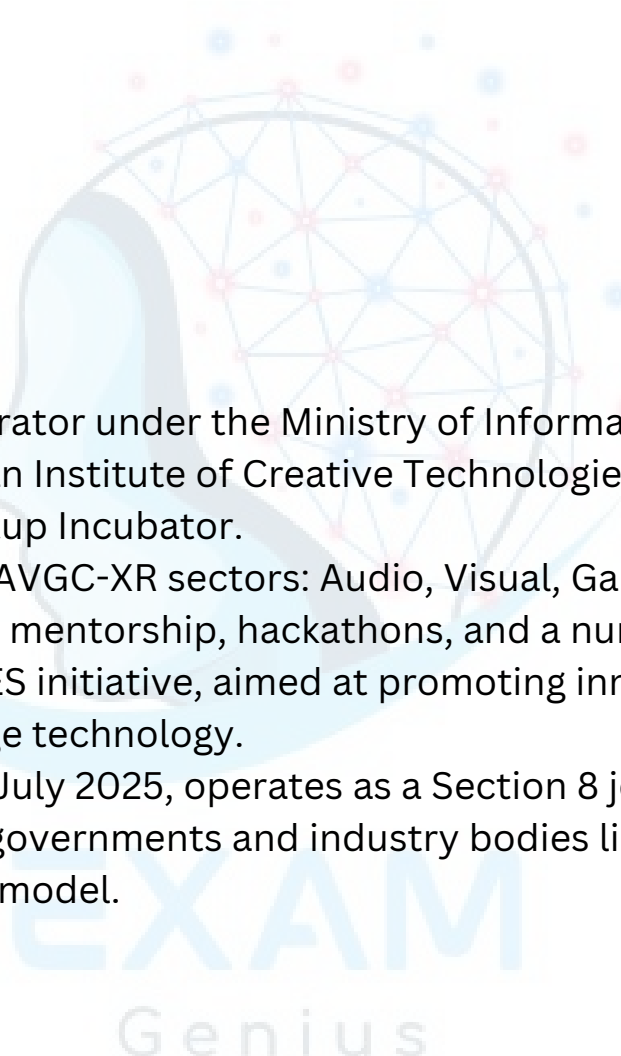
Ques: Which initiative recently launched a dedicated Media Tech Startup Incubator for the AVGC-XR sector?

- A. Startup India Accelerator
- B. WaveX by Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
- C. Atal Innovation Mission
- D. NITI Aayog Media Lab
- E. Make in India Media Hub

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- WaveX, the startup accelerator under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Creative Technologies (IICT), launched a dedicated Media Tech Startup Incubator.
- The incubator focuses on AVGC-XR sectors: Audio, Visual, Gaming, Comics, and Extended Reality, providing mentorship, hackathons, and a nurturing ecosystem.
- WaveX is part of the WAVES initiative, aimed at promoting innovation in media, entertainment, and language technology.
- IICT Mumbai, launched in July 2025, operates as a Section 8 joint venture, bringing together central and state governments and industry bodies like FICCI and CII in a public-private partnership model.





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