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**Ques: Which bank celebrated its 8th Foundation Day, leveraging India's postal network for financial inclusion?**

- A. State Bank of India (SBI)
- B. India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)
- C. Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- D. HDFC Bank
- E. Bank of Baroda

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) celebrated its 8th Foundation Day, also called IPPB Day, marking progress in transforming India's banking landscape.
- Established under the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications, with 100% equity owned by the Government of India, IPPB was launched on 1st September 2018.
- It leverages over 1.64 lakh Post Offices and 1.90 lakh Postmen and Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS) to provide inclusive, accessible, and affordable banking services across 5.57 lakh villages and towns.
- IPPB offers services in 13 languages to around 11 Crore customers, aiming to be the most accessible and trusted bank for the common man in India.

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**Ques: How many UPI transactions were recorded in August 2025, crossing a historic milestone?**

- A. 19.47 billion
- B. 24.85 billion
- C. 25.08 billion
- D. 21.67 billion
- E. 20.01 billion

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- In August 2025, UPI transactions crossed a historic milestone of 20.01 billion, with a total transaction value of ₹24.85 lakh crore.
- The daily average of UPI transactions in August was 645 million.
- Year-on-year growth: transaction volume rose 34%, and transaction value increased 21%.
- Top usage categories included groceries, restaurants, mobile recharges, service stations, and gaming apps.
- Maharashtra led UPI usage, followed by Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh.

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**Ques: What was India's GST collection in August 2025?**

- A. ₹1.75 lakh crore
- B. ₹1.84 lakh crore
- C. ₹2.01 lakh crore
- D. ₹1.96 lakh crore
- E. ₹1.86 lakh crore

**Answer: Option E**

**Explanation:**

- India's GST collections for August 2025 rose by 6.5% year-on-year, reaching ₹1.86 lakh crore (₹1,86,315 crore), compared to ₹1.75 lakh crore in August 2024.
- Between April and August 2025, the gross GST collections totaled ₹10,04,414 crore, showing a 9.9% growth over the same period last year.

**Recent month-wise GST collections :**

March 2025 : ₹1,96,141 crore  
April 2025 : ₹2,36,716 crore  
May 2025 : ₹2,01,050 crore  
June 2025 : ₹1,84,567 crore  
July 2025 : ₹1,95,735 Crore

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**Ques: BSE and NSE imposed a total fine of ₹10.72 lakh on Coal India Ltd for non-compliance with which SEBI regulation?**

- A. Regulation 10
- B. Regulation 15
- C. Regulation 17
- D. Regulation 19
- E. Regulation 21

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- Coal India Ltd was fined a total of ₹10.72 lakh (₹5.36 lakh each by BSE and NSE) for non-compliance with Regulation 17 of SEBI LODR.
- Regulation 17 deals with the appointment of independent directors on the board.
- The violation was observed for the quarter ending June 30, 2025, and the penalty was imposed due to the company not maintaining the required number of independent directors.
- This fine ensures compliance with SEBI norms to strengthen corporate governance in listed companies.

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## Recent Penalties imposed on Banks:

- 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 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





**Ques: Which two organisations signed an MoU to enhance insurance benefits for railway employees in India?**

- A. Indian Railways & LIC
- B. Indian Railways & SBI
- C. Indian Railways & HDFC
- D. Indian Railways & ICICI Bank
- E. Indian Railways & PNB

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- Indian Railways (IR) and the State Bank of India (SBI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance insurance benefits for railway employees, especially frontline Group C workers.
- Under this MoU, insurance coverage for railway employees with SBI salary accounts has been raised to ₹1 crore, compared to earlier lower coverage under the Central Government Employees Group Insurance Scheme (CGEGIS).
- Employees holding SBI salary accounts are eligible for ₹10 lakh coverage without paying any premium or undergoing a medical examination.

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## Recently signed banking agreements

- Scienaptic AI, a global leader in AI-powered credit decisioning, announced that Jana Small Finance Bank (Jana SFB) has partnered with it to launch Jana Bank's Used Car Loan product
- 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
- 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.





**Ques: Who chaired the first-ever Sports Goods Manufacturing Conclave held in New Delhi?**

- A. Union Minister of Commerce
- B. Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment
- C. Prime Minister of India
- D. Union Minister of MSME
- E. Union Minister of Industry

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The first-ever Sports Goods Manufacturing Conclave in New Delhi was chaired by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment.
- Organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, the conclave brought together stakeholders from NITI Aayog, Commerce Ministry, DPIIT, FICCI, CII, MSMEs, and leading sports industry representatives.
- For the first time, Sports Goods Manufacturing has been formally included in the Allocation of Business Rules, 1961 under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, granting it official policy recognition like other national industries.
- During the Sports Goods Manufacturing Conclave, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports announced that two nutritional supplement testing labs received NABL accreditation and FSSAI referral lab approval. These labs are:
  1. Centre of Excellence for Research and Analysis of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances at NFSU, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, and
  2. Analytical Testing Laboratory at NIPER, Hyderabad.





## Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- 17th BioFach India to Begin in Greater Noida with Focus on Organic Growth. 30 Aug – 1 Sep 2025 at the India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida.
- Laos was accepted as a dialogue partner of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) during the SCO summit held in Tianjin, China
- 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 “रूढ़मantic” – 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





**Ques: How many medals did India win at the World Games 2025 in Chengdu, China?**

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. Four
- E. Five

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

- India secured a record haul of three medals at the World Games 2025 held in Chengdu, China from 7–17 August.
- The medals included one silver (Namrata Batra in women's sanda 52kg) and two bronze (Rishabh Yadav in men's individual compound archery and Anandkumar Velkumar in men's 1000m sprint).
- This performance marked India's first-ever medal in wushu at the World Games.
- India finished 65th in the overall medal table

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## Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Indian Pickleball Association announced India's first-ever team to participate in the Pickleball World Cup 2025. The selected team will compete in the Pickleball World Cup 2025, held under Global Pickleball Federation, from October 27 to November 2, 2025, in Florida, USA
- Australian Formula One driver Oscar Piastri (McLaren) secured victory at the 35th edition of the Dutch Grand Prix 2025
- India's champion jockey Suraj Narredu etched his name in the history books by steering Fireblade, trained by Dylan Cunha, to a resounding victory in the Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup Stayers at the prestigious Ascot racecourse
- The 16th Asian Shooting Championship took place at the Shymkent Shooting Plaza in Shymkent, Kazakhstan
- 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





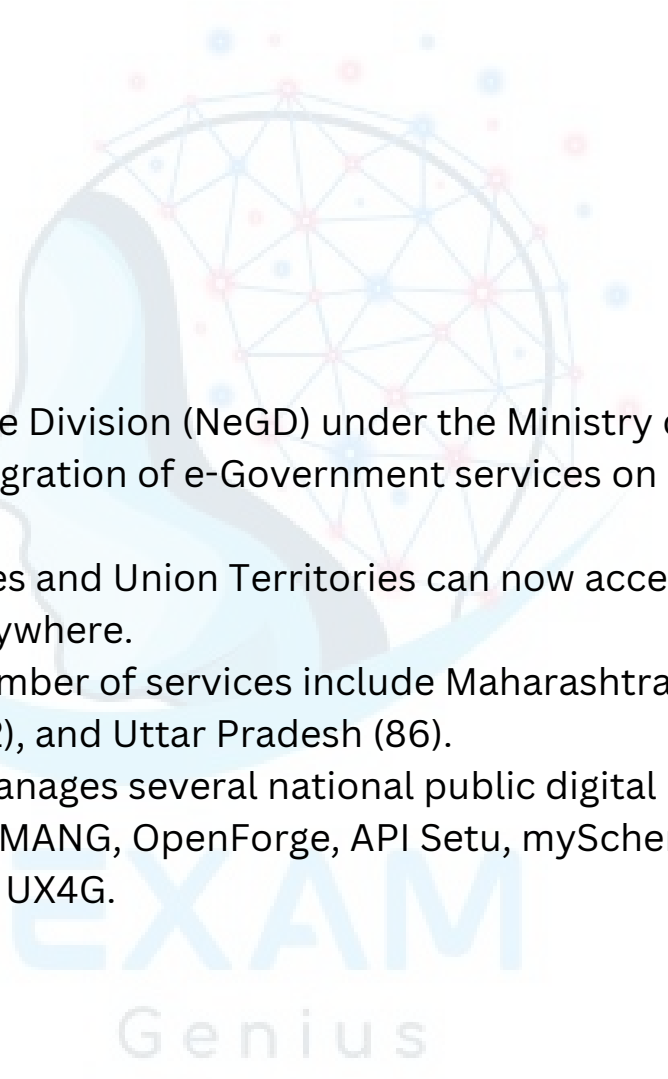
**Ques: Which national initiative has enabled Pan-India integration of e-Government services on DigiLocker and e-District platforms?**

- A. Digital India
- B. National e-Governance Division (NeGD)
- C. UMANG
- D. MyGov
- E. India Stack

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- The National e-Governance Division (NeGD) under the Ministry of Electronics and IT has achieved Pan-India integration of e-Government services on DigiLocker and e-District platforms.
- Citizens across all 36 States and Union Territories can now access close to 2,000 digital services anytime, anywhere.
- States with the highest number of services include Maharashtra (254), Delhi (123), Karnataka (113), Assam (102), and Uttar Pradesh (86).
- NeGD, created in 2009, manages several national public digital platforms such as DigiLocker, Entity Locker, UMANG, OpenForge, API Setu, myScheme, India Stack Global, Meri Pehchaan, and UX4G.





**Ques: The Matsya Shakti Project, launched in August 2025, aims to empower which community through skill development and sustainable livelihood training?**

- A. Tribal communities
- B. Small-scale farmers
- C. Women entrepreneurs
- D. Minority fishing communities
- E. Artisans

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

- The Matsya Shakti Project was launched in August 2025 by Union Minister George Kurian in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- It is designed to empower minority fishing communities through skill development, sustainable livelihood training, and entrepreneurial support under the Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) scheme.
- Managed by ICAR–Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) through its Vizhinjam Regional Centre and in collaboration with the Ministry of Minority Affairs, the one-year program targets 690 beneficiaries, providing stipends during training and post-training support to start enterprises or work as consultants.

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**Ques: Where was the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Healthcare Summit 2025 held?**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Beijing
- C. Mumbai
- D. Moscow
- E. Johannesburg

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Healthcare Summit 2025 was held in New Delhi with the theme "Bridging Tradition and Innovation."
- It was presided over by Shri Prataprao Jadhav, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ayush and Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare.
- During the summit, the minister highlighted that the Ministry of Ayush has signed MoUs with 25 countries, fostering international collaboration in traditional medicine and strengthening global healthcare partnerships.

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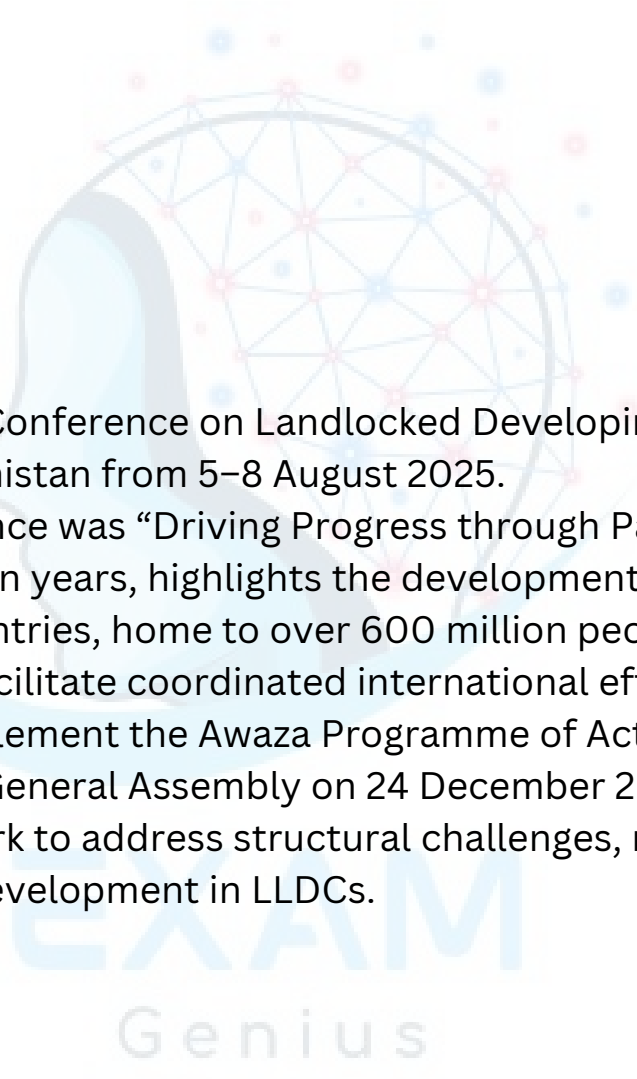
**Ques: Where was the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3) held in 2025?**

- A. Awaza, Turkmenistan
- B. Geneva, Switzerland
- C. New York, USA
- D. Vienna, Austria
- E. Nairobi, Kenya

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- The third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3) was held in Awaza, Turkmenistan from 5–8 August 2025.
- The theme of the conference was “Driving Progress through Partnerships.”
- LLDC3, held once every ten years, highlights the development challenges of 32 landlocked developing countries, home to over 600 million people.
- The conference aims to facilitate coordinated international efforts to bridge development gaps and implement the Awaza Programme of Action (APoA 2024–2034), adopted by the UN General Assembly on 24 December 2024.
- APoA provides a framework to address structural challenges, mobilize investment, and advance sustainable development in LLDCs.





**Ques: Which company has announced the acquisition of a majority stake in Pinkvilla India Pvt Ltd?**

- A. Amazon
- B. Flipkart
- C. Reliance Retail
- D. Zomato
- E. Tata Digital

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

- Flipkart announced the acquisition of a majority stake in Pinkvilla India Pvt Ltd.
- This move is part of Flipkart's strategy to expand its content footprint and enhance engagement with Gen Z and millennial audiences.
- Flipkart aims to leverage Pinkvilla's strong brand, capabilities, and loyal audience base.
- The deal size was not disclosed by Flipkart.
- This acquisition will strengthen Flipkart's position in the digital content and lifestyle media space

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**Ques: Which tech company has partnered with the ICC to enhance fan engagement in women's cricket?**

- A. Microsoft
- B. Google
- C. Apple
- D. Amazon
- E. Facebook

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) partnered with Google to enhance fan engagement in women's cricket.
- Google became the second women's-only partner of ICC after Unilever.
- The partnership, announced ahead of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 (India & Sri Lanka) and Women's T20 World Cup 2026 (England & Wales), will leverage Google's ecosystem—Android, Google Gemini, Google Pay, and Google Pixel—to provide fans smarter, interactive ways to follow matches and highlights.

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**Ques: According to the National Annual Report and Index (NARI) 2025, which city is ranked among the safest for women in India?**

- A. Patna
- B. Jaipur
- C. Kohima
- D. Delhi
- E. Kolkata

**Answer: Option C**

**Explanation:**

- The National Annual Report and Index (NARI) 2025, published by the National Commission for Women (NCW), surveyed 12,770 women across 31 major cities to assess women's safety.
- The report ranked Kohima, Visakhapatnam, Bhubaneswar, Aizawl, Gangtok, Itanagar, and Mumbai as the safest cities for women.
- The national safety score is 65%, with cities categorized as “much above,” “above,” “below,” or “much below” this benchmark.
- Public spaces such as neighbourhoods (38%) and public transport (29%) were reported as common hotspots for safety concerns.
- Overall, six in ten women surveyed felt safe in their city, while 40% considered themselves “not so safe” or “unsafe”, with the highest risk group being women under 24 years.

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## India's Rankings in Different Indices

- 2025 Global Peace Index (GPI) was released by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) : India (115th) , Iceland (1st)
- Smart City Index 2025 was published by the International Institute for Management Development (IMD) : Delhi (104), Zurich (1st)
- World Competitiveness Ranking (WCR) is published by the International Institute for Management Development (IMD), Switzerland : India (41st), Switzerland (1st)
- Top 500 Global Brands List 2025 was published by TopBrand Union : Microsoft
- mid-2025 Numbeo Safety Index : India (67th), Abu Dhabi, UAE (1st)
- Fortune 100 Most Powerful People in Business List 2025 : Mukesh Ambani (56th), Jensen Huang (1st)
- Global AI City Index, 2025 Published by Counterpoint Research : Singapore (1st), Bengaluru (26th)
- India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) 2024 was launched by NITI Aayog : Delhi, Maharashtra, and Chandigarh emerged as the top three performers overall
- The WATS 2024 report was published by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) : India (5th), USA (1st)
- 71st edition of the Fortune Global 500 List (2025) : Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) (88th), Walmart Inc. (1st)
- EduRank 2025 global list for Agricultural Sciences : Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) (93rd)
- July edition of Henley Passport Index 2025 Global Ranking Published by Henley & Partners (UK) : India (77th), Singapore (1st)
- Travel + Leisure Readers' 10 Favourite International Airports of 2025 List Published by Travel+Leisure : Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Maharashtra (9th), Istanbul Airport, Turkey (1st)
- Forbes' 2025 list of the 50 Richest Self-Made Women in world : Falguni Nayar, India (31), Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, India (32nd), Raefaela Aponte-Diamant, Switzerland (1st)
- Avendus Wealth–Hurun India U30 List 2025 is the 1st edition : Kaivalya Vohra (1st), Aadit Palicha (2nd)
- QS Best Student Cities 2026 was published by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) : Mumbai (Maharashtra) (98), Seoul (South Korea) (1st)





**Ques: Which Indian organization won the Ramon Magsaysay Award 2025?**

- A. Pratham Education Foundation
- B. Foundation to Educate Girls Globally (Educate Girls)
- C. Smile Foundation
- D. Teach For India
- E. Akshaya Patra Foundation

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- The Foundation to Educate Girls Globally, popularly known as Educate Girls, won the Ramon Magsaysay Award 2025, often referred to as Asia's Nobel Prize.
- It was founded by Safeena Husain and has become the first Indian organization to receive this prestigious honor.
- The award is given by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and the Philippine government, with winners announced every year on August 31, the birth anniversary of former Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay.
- Other 2025 awardees include Shaahina Ali from the Maldives and Flaviano Antonio L. Villanueva from the Philippines for their exceptional contributions to public service.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Best KVK in the North Eastern Region : ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Wokha, Nagaland
- Miss Universe India 2025 : Manika Vishwakarma, a model from Ganganagar, Rajasthan
- 'Institution Building' and 'Best Inclusion Recruitment Programme' Awards Under Asia's Best Employer Brand Awards 2025 held in Singapore : Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC)
- Lalit Kala Akademi Award at the 64th National Exhibition of Art 2025 : Sculptor Premchandra Pukhrambam from Manipur's Kakching district for his wooden sculpture titled "Made Me Change"
- Lifetime Achievement Award at the 17th International Documentary and Short Film Festival of Kerala (IDSFFK) : documentary filmmaker Rakesh Sharma
- Equator Prize 2025 : Bibi Fatima
- Apex Bank award for the 23rd time : South Canara District Central Cooperative (SCDCC) Bank
- International Architectural Award 2025 in the Transport Category : Terminal 2 (T2) of Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, also known as Guwahati International Airport
- M.S. Swaminathan Award for Food and Peace : Dr. Arenare, a Nigerian scientist
- National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) award : Telangana
- 43rd Lokmanya Tilak National Award : Union Minister Nitin Gadkari
- Guinness World Record for hosting the largest parent-teacher meeting (PTM) : Andhra Pradesh
- PATA Gold Award 2025 in the category of 'Most Engaging Social Media Campaign' : Kerala Tourism
- PEN Translates award : Hindi author Geetanjali Shree for her book Once Elephants Lived Here
- "Emerging Coastal and Heritage Award" by the U.S.-based International Tourism Conclave and Travel Awards (ITCTA) : Andhra Pradesh Tourism
- GP Birla Memorial Award 2025 : Dr. V. Narayanan, the current Chairman of ISRO and Secretary of the Department of Space
- Mrs Earth International 2025. : Vidhu Ishiqa







**Ques: NTPC shareholders approved a 1-year extension for CMD Gurdeep Singh. Until which year will he now serve?**

- A. 2025
- B. 2026
- C. 2027
- D. 2028
- E. 2029

**Answer: Option B**

**Explanation:**

- NTPC shareholders approved the reappointment of Gurdeep Singh as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) for an additional 1-year term, extending his tenure till 31st July 2026.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) had earlier approved this extension beyond his superannuation date of 31st July 2025.
- Gurdeep Singh has been leading NTPC since 2016, contributing significantly to renewable energy expansion and power sector reforms.

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**Ques: What is the Bharat Forecast System (BharatFS) recently informed to the Rajya Sabha by Union Minister Jitendra Singh?**

- A. An advanced indigenous weather forecasting system
- B. A new satellite navigation system
- C. A high-speed rail network project
- D. A national disaster management platform
- E. A solar energy forecasting system

**Answer: Option A**

**Explanation:**

- Bharat Forecast System (BharatFS) is an indigenously developed advanced weather forecasting system recently highlighted in the Rajya Sabha by Union Minister Jitendra Singh.
- It uses the Triangular Cubic Octahedral (TCO) dynamical grid, enabling a 6 km horizontal resolution, which is higher than its predecessor (GFS T1534 ~12 km) and typical global models (9–14 km).
- Developed by Indian institutions including IITM-Pune, NCMRWF-Noida, and IMD, and supported by supercomputing facilities Arka and Arunika, it enables real-time, high-resolution weather prediction.
- The system aims to provide forecasts at the cluster of panchayats level and improve the prediction of extreme weather events.

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## IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

In continuation of the Public Notice dated August 22, 2025, the Department of Posts has reviewed the suspension of booking of mail to the United States of America

PM Narendra Modi gifted Vintage Precious Stone Ramen Bowls with Silver Chopsticks, which included 1 large brown moonstone bowl, 4 smaller bowls, and silver chopsticks

The Indian Navy's indigenous ASW Corvette INS Kadmatt arrived at Port Moresby to participate in Papua New Guinea's 50th Independence Day celebrations, reaffirming the growing friendship and maritime partnership between India and Papua New Guinea.

Economist with roots in Kalaburagi, Karnataka, SP Kothari Appointed as Assistant secretary for the Office of Economic Policy at the US department of the treasury. He receive Padma Shri award in 2020

Indian Railways flags off first industrial salt-loaded rake from Sanosara (Bhuj - Naliya section) to Dahej. The first rake carried 3851.2 tonnes of industrial salt, covering 673.57 km and generating ₹31.69 lakh in earnings.

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