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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of Yes Bank Limited, with a term ending on May 13, 2027?

- A. Shaktikanta Das
- B. Rama Subramaniam Gandhi
- C. Rajnish Kumar
- D. Raghuram Rajan
- E. Urjit Patel

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Rama Subramaniam Gandhi has been appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of Yes Bank Limited, with a term ending on May 13, 2027.
- The RBI has sanctioned the remuneration for this position.
- He was first appointed as Chairman of Yes Bank in September 2022 for a three-year term.
- Previously, he served as the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a three-year tenure from 2014 to 2017.

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- S Krishnan : Non-executive chairman of Jammu & Kashmir Bank (up to March 26, 2028)
- Urjit Patel : Executive Director at the IMF
- Arjun Chowdhry : MD & CEO of Grihum Housing (formerly Poonawalla Housing Finance)
- Rajiv Ranjan : Vice President & Chief Risk Officer (CRO) of New Development Bank (NDB)
- Amit Pradhan (Legal Affairs Department), Avneesh Pandey (Informational Technology Department), and Sanjay Chandrakant Purao (Corporation Finance Investigation Department) : Executive Directors (EDs) of SEBI
- Vishwas Patel : Chairperson of Payments Council of India (PCI)
- Indranil Bhattacharyya : member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)
- Rajiv Anand : CEO of IndusInd Bank for a three-year term starting August 25, 2025
- Deepak Reddy : Chief Executive Officer of Manappuram Finance
- Anuradha Thakur : nominated as a Director on the Central Board of RBI
- Ajay Seth : Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- Neeraj Gambhir : Executive Director (ED) of Axis Bank for 3 years
- R. Doraiswamy : MD and CEO of LIC
- Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat : Interim MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank
- Kumar Mangalam Birla : Board of Directors of the United States-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF)
- Babitha B P : Deputy Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) at the SBI in the rank of General Manager – Infrastructure Security & Special Projects
- Sahil Kini : CEO of the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)
- Bhanu Pratap Sharma : Chairman of the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)
- Sunil Jayawant Kadam : Executive Director of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- Bhanu Pratap Sharma : Chairman of Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)
Govt extends tenure by one year
- Shri Kesavan Ramachandran : Executive Director (ED) of RBI
- Amitabh Kant : Senior adviser of Fairfax Financial Holdings





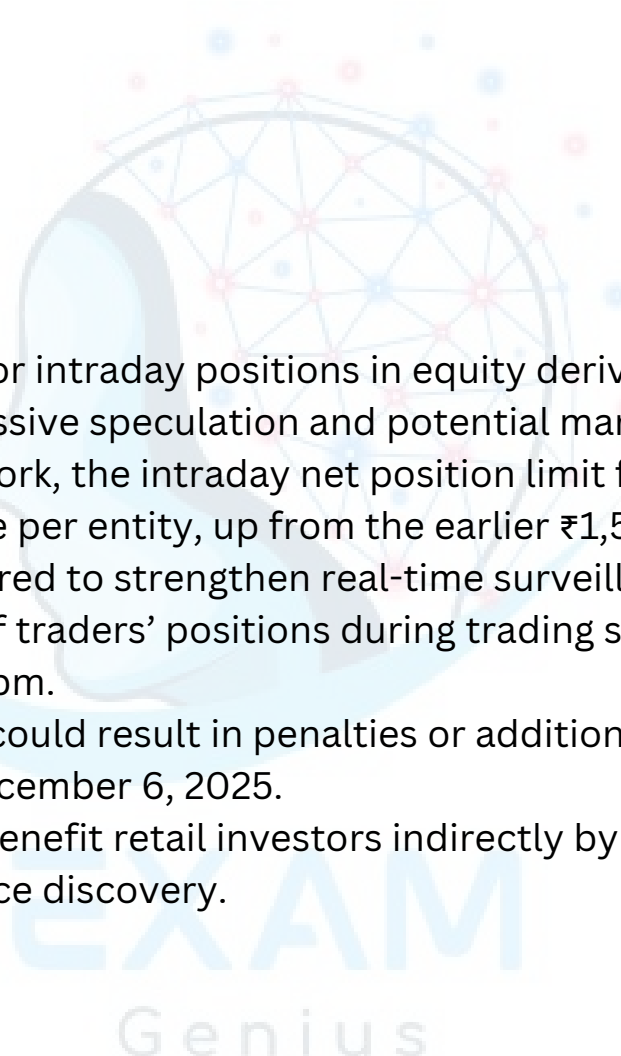
Ques: According to SEBI's revised framework, what is the new intraday net position limit for index options per entity?

- A. ₹1,000 crore
- B. ₹1,500 crore
- C. ₹3,000 crore
- D. ₹5,000 crore
- E. ₹10,000 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- SEBI has tightened rules for intraday positions in equity derivatives, particularly index options, to curb excessive speculation and potential market manipulation.
- Under the revised framework, the intraday net position limit for index options has been raised to ₹5,000 crore per entity, up from the earlier ₹1,500 crore.
- Stock exchanges are required to strengthen real-time surveillance and conduct at least four random checks of traders' positions during trading sessions, especially between 2:45 pm and 3:30 pm.
- Violations on expiry days could result in penalties or additional surveillance deposits, effective from December 6, 2025.
- The move is expected to benefit retail investors indirectly by reducing expiry-day volatility and improving price discovery.





Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey announced incentives for women who are first-time mutual fund investors
- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, in collaboration with SEBI, organised Niveshak Shivir in Hyderabad at Haryana Bhavan, Secunderabad.
- SEBI has approved the reclassification of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) as a public shareholder in IDBI Bank, with its voting rights not exceeding 10%.
- SEBI has released a consultation paper proposing greater flexibility in Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) and Minimum Public Offer (MPO) norms
- SEBI has proposed a new single-window gateway named SWAGAT-FI (Single Window Automatic & Generalised Access for Trusted Foreign Investors).
- On 8 August 2025, SEBI scrapped the ₹100 (₹150 for new investors) transaction fee charged on investments above ₹10,000 for mutual fund distributors
- Quant Mutual Fund became the first Asset Management Company (AMC) in India to receive SEBI's approval to launch a Specialised Investment Fund (SIF) under the new category
- SEBI extended the timeline for Phase-III of its new nomination framework from September 1, 2025 to December 15, 2025
- SEBI and stock exchanges have revised the Enhanced Surveillance Mechanism (ESM) for companies with a market cap under Rs.1,000 crore
- SEBI has introduced a compliance framework for Specialized Investment Funds (SIFs) to monitor and maintain a minimum investment threshold. As per the new rules, investors must maintain a minimum investment of Rs.10 lakh across all investment strategies of a SIF
- SEBI in collaboration with the National Stock Exchange (NSE), has launched Samuhik Prativedan Manch, a unified reporting platform
- SEBI renewed the recognition of Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) as a clearing corporation for a period of three years, from July 31, 2025, to July 30, 2028.
- SEBI has launched the Securities Market Hackathon at the Global Fintech Fest 2025
- The Wealth Company Asset Management Holdings Pvt. Ltd. has received final approval from SEBI to start its mutual fund operations



Ques: During April-June FY26, which country emerged as the largest source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India?

- A. Singapore
- B. Mauritius
- C. United States (US)
- D. United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- E. Japan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- FDI in India rose 15% to USD 18.62 billion during April-June FY26, up from USD 16.17 billion in the same period last year.
- United States (US) emerged as the largest source of FDI, with inflows nearly tripling to USD 5.61 billion compared to USD 1.50 billion during April-June FY25, despite ongoing tariff issues.
- In Union Budget 2025, the FDI limit for companies investing their entire premium within India was raised from 74% to 100%.
- In the previous fiscal year, total FDI equity inflows stood at USD 50.01 billion, while overall FDI reached USD 80.6 billion.

Top FDI sources (April 2000 – June 2025):

- Mauritius: USD 182.2 billion
- Singapore: USD 179.48 billion
- United States: USD 76.26 billion

Top FDI recipient states (April-June FY26):

- Karnataka: USD 5.69 billion
- Maharashtra: USD 5.36 billion
- Tamil Nadu: USD 2.67 billion
- Haryana: USD 1.03 billion





Ques: SBI recently raised \$500 million through which instrument?

- A. Equity Shares
- B. Green Bonds
- C. 5-year Bonds
- D. Treasury Bills
- E. Preference Shares

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- State Bank of India (SBI) raised \$500 million by issuing 5-year bonds with a 4.50% coupon rate, payable semi-annually.
- The bonds are to be issued through SBI's London branch on September 9, 2025.
- These bonds will be listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange and NSE-IX Exchange, GIFT City.
- This fundraising follows the upgrade of India's sovereign credit rating by S&P Global Ratings, which has boosted investor confidence.
- The bonds provide investors a secure fixed-income investment while enabling SBI to raise funds efficiently for its operations.

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Recent News Headlines Related to SBI :

- SBI provided a €100 million line of credit to Agence Francaise de Developpement (AFD). SBI aims to achieve a green portfolio constituting 7.5–10% of its domestic gross advances by 2030
- SBI Research (Ecowrap report) has estimated that the Indian economy may have grown at 6.8%–7.0% in the first quarter (Q1: April–June) of FY26, which is higher than RBI's forecast of 6.5%.
- The SBI Economic Research Department (ERD) report on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions shows a significant increase in UPI adoption
- The State Bank of India's Economic Research Department (ERD) released state-wise UPI transaction data for the first time. Maharashtra emerged as the leader with 9.8% share in July.
- A unique personal loan program designed especially for Agniveers has been introduced by SBI. Agniveers with an SBI salary account are eligible for loans up to ₹4 lakh under the scheme
- The State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest lender, has revised its IMPS (Immediate Payment Service) charges effective from August 15
- State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest lender, plans to raise up to ₹15,000 crore in FY26 through Tier-II bonds
- As per Rajya Sabha data, SBI disbursed ₹32,311 crore in education loans between FY 2022-23 and 2024-25, making it the top lender in this category. Union Bank of India ranked second with ₹14,559 crore sanctioned in the same period
- State Bank of India (SBI) has been named the World's Best Consumer Bank for 2025 by Global Finance magazine
- State Bank of India (SBI) posted a 12.48% YoY increase in Q1 FY26 net profit to ₹19,160 crore.
- State Bank of India (SBI) will raise up to Rs.20,000 crore in FY26 through Basel III-compliant Additional Tier 1 (AT1) and Tier 2 bonds
- State Bank of India (SBI) plans to raise Rs.25,000 crore via Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) in FY26
- According to a survey by SBI research, India accounted for around 6.7% of the incremental growth in the global economy in FY25, with the State Bank of India (SBI) alone responsible for 1.1% of the increase



Ques: Which organization has provided a USD 125 million loan for the Assam Urban Sector Development Project (AUSDP)?

- A. Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- B. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- C. World Bank
- D. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- E. BRICS Bank

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has provided a loan of USD 125 million for the Assam Urban Sector Development Project (AUSDP).
- The objective of this project is to transform urban infrastructure and strengthen climate resilience in Assam.
- The project will cover six district headquarters – Barpeta, Bongaigaon, Dhubri, Goalpara, Golaghat, Nalbari – and the state capital Guwahati.

About ADB:

- Established : 19 December 1966
- Headquarters : Manila, Philippines
- Members : 69
- Chief Economist : Albert Park
- President : Masato Kanda

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RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS :

- Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) provided a Rs 3,500 crore (60 billion JPY) loan to Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC)
- 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: Which bank has launched the ‘bob Digi Udyam’ platform to provide collateral-free loans to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs)?

- A. State Bank of India (SBI)
- B. Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- C. Bank of Baroda (BoB)
- D. Union Bank of India
- E. Canara Bank

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Bank of Baroda (BoB) launched the ‘bob Digi Udyam’ platform, a fully digital, collateral-free lending scheme designed exclusively for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs).
- The scheme offers collateral-free working capital loans through Cash Credit (CC) and Overdraft (OD) facilities.
- Loan range: ₹10 lakhs to ₹50 lakhs for a period of one year.
- The final loan approval is done through TEJAS Loan Origination & Processing System, BoB’s end-to-end digital loan processing platform.
- This initiative aims to streamline credit access and empower small businesses with hassle-free financing.

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Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector:

- Jio Payments Bank's 'Savings Pro' account will automatically invest idle cash in customer accounts into overnight mutual funds to offer better returns
- TATA AIA Life Insurance Company Limited launched two innovative offerings 'Health Systematic Investment Plan (SIP)' and the 'Health Buddy' App in India
- 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'





Ques: According to the Air Quality Life Index (AQLI) 2025 report, which region is identified as the world's most polluted zone?

- A. Northern Plains of India
- B. Indo-Gangetic Plain
- C. Eastern China
- D. Sahara Region
- E. Central Africa

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Air Quality Life Index (AQLI) 2025 report, published by the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago (EPIC), revealed alarming data about air pollution in India.
- Air pollution has become the most severe health threat in India, reducing the average life expectancy by 3.5 years.
- In 2023, India's annual average PM 2.5 level was $41 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, exceeding the WHO recommended limit of $5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.
- 46% of India's population lives in areas where national annual PM 2.5 levels have been breached.
- The Northern Plains of India were identified as the most polluted region in India and the world, with 544.4 million people (38.9% of India's population) living under severe pollution.
- South Asia is the most polluted region globally, with particulate pollution rising by 2.8% in 2023 after a brief dip in 2022.

National Capital Region (NCR) emerged as the worst affected, where residents face a loss of 8.2 years in life expectancy, followed by:

- Bihar: 5.6 years lost
- Haryana: 5.3 years lost
- Uttar Pradesh (UP): 5 years lost



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: The Union Cabinet approved a ₹1,500 crore Incentive Scheme under the National Critical Mineral Mission to promote recycling of which feedstock?

- A. e-Waste and Battery Scrap
- B. Plastic Waste
- C. Coal Waste
- D. Textile Waste
- E. Thermal Ash

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, approved a ₹1,500 crore Incentive Scheme under the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM) to promote critical mineral recycling from secondary sources.
- Eligible feedstock includes: e-waste, Lithium-Ion Battery scrap, catalytic converters from end-of-life vehicles, and other scrap.
- Expected outcomes includes ₹8,000 crore investment and 70,000 direct and indirect jobs
- The scheme supports self-reliance and green energy transition, complementing the NCMM initiative (₹34,300 crore outlay, 2024–2031).

Incentives include:

- 20% Capex subsidy on plant, machinery, equipment, and utilities.
- Opex subsidy on incremental sales (40% in the 2nd year, 60% in the 5th year).
- Incentive ceiling: ₹50 crore for large entities, ₹25 crore for small entities.





Ques: What is the primary objective of the PRATUSH telescope proposed to be placed in the lunar orbit?

- A. Monitoring solar flares
- B. Detecting signals from the universe's infancy
- C. Studying asteroids and comets
- D. Observing black holes
- E. Tracking space debris

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- PRATUSH (Probing ReionizATIOn of the Universe using Signal from Hydrogen) is a proposed future radiometer that will function as a radio telescope placed on the far side of the moon.
- It is being developed by the Raman Research Institute (RRI), Bengaluru, in collaboration with ISRO.
- Objective: To detect signals from the early universe, particularly from the Cosmic Dawn, a period when the first stars and galaxies were formed.
- This pioneering mission will help scientists understand the universe's infancy and the process of cosmic reionization.

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Ques: Who launched the AI-powered mobile application for the India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025?

- A. Ashwini Vaishnaw
- B. Nitin Gadkari
- C. Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- D. Piyush Goyal
- E. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Union Minister for Communications and Development of North East Region, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, launched the AI-powered interactive mobile application for India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025.
- The theme for IMC 2025 is “Innovate to Transform.”
- The 9th edition of IMC will be held from October 8 to 11, 2025, at the Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, Dwarka, New Delhi.
- The event is co-hosted by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI).
- It will bring together industry leaders, policymakers, investors, startups, and academia from India and around the world.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Healthcare Summit 2025 was held in New Delhi with the theme "Bridging Tradition and Innovation."
- The third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3) was held in Awaza, Turkmenistan from 5–8 August 2025
- 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
- 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





Ques: Recently, which organization signed a historic agreement with Patanjali Yoggram under the Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS)?

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare
- C. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- D. Indian Army Medical Corps
- E. National Health Authority (NHA)

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare signed a historic agreement with Patanjali Yoggram under the Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS).
- Under this agreement, ex-servicemen and their families will receive free treatment at Patanjali, covering Yoga, Ayurveda, and Naturopathy without any cost constraints.
- This initiative is expected to benefit around 6 million beneficiaries, enhancing access to holistic healthcare for retired defense personnel and their dependents.

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) partnered with Google to enhance fan engagement in women's cricket
- Satcom Industry Association-India has signed a MOU with the Electronic Industry Association of the Philippines Inc. with an aim to deepen cooperation in the fields of electronics, space and satellite communication technologies.
- Kerala State Electronics Development Corporation (KELTRON) & Zimbabwe signed an agreement to supply its products and services at an event held at Kochi, Kerala
- 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
- 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



Ques: What is the new cut-off date set by the Ministry of Home Affairs for persecuted minorities to apply for Indian citizenship under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019?

- A. December 31, 2014
- B. December 31, 2020
- C. December 31, 2022
- D. December 31, 2023
- E. December 31, 2024

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has extended the cut-off date for entry into India to December 31, 2024, for applying under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 (CAA).
- This extension allows persecuted minorities – Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis, and Christians – from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, and Pakistan who entered India on or before December 31, 2024, to apply for Indian citizenship.
- Individuals from these communities who entered without valid documents or whose documents have expired are exempted from the requirement of having a valid passport or visa.
- The step aims to facilitate the legal settlement and integration of those who fled religious persecution in their home countries.

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News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- 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
- Union Minister for Communications and Development of North East Region, Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia launched the AI-powered interactive mobile application for India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025 with the theme “Innovate to Transform”.
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has launched the Beta Version of “Adi Vaani”, India’s first AI-powered translator for tribal languages, under the banner of Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) finalized the formation of a 21-member National Designated Authority (NDA). Tanmay Kumar, Secretary of MoEFCC, will serve as the Chairperson of this authority
- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) convened the Regional Conference of Skill Ministers – Kaushal Manthan in Chandigarh, a landmark dialogue aimed at deepening collaboration between the Centre, States and Union Territories on the future of skills and entrepreneurship
- The Ministry of Education has approved a total outlay of ₹385.27 crore, through the Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA), for a comprehensive infrastructure expansion at the Central University of Tamil Nadu (CUTN), Thiruvavur.
- Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Annpurna Devi, inaugurated the second edition of UN Women’s flagship capacity-building programme – SheLeads II in New Delhi.
- India established a 21-member National Designated Authority (NDA), led by the Union Environment Secretary, under the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC). This measure aims to monitor carbon trading and market-based methods that conform with the Paris Agreement
- Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education selects 21 teachers in Higher Education Institutions and Polytechnic for National Awards to Teachers 2025
- The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying issued the Revised National Action Plan on Glanders



Ques: Where was the 29th edition of the BWF World Championships 2025 held?

- A. Tokyo, Japan
- B. Beijing, China
- C. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- D. Jakarta, Indonesia
- E. Paris, France

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The 29th edition of the BWF (Badminton World Federation) World Championships 2025, officially known as the TotalEnergies BWF World Championships 2025, was held at the Adidas Arena, Paris, France.
- This was the first time since 2010 that Paris hosted this prestigious badminton championship.
- The tournament featured 383 competitors from 53 nations.
- India's Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won a bronze medal in the men's doubles category

Winners of BWF World Championships 2025 :

- Men's Singles : Shi Yuqi (China)
- Women's Singles : Akane Yamaguchi (Japan)
- Men's Doubles : Kim Won-ho/Seo Seung-jae (South Korea)
- Women's Doubles : Liu Sheng Shu/Tan Ning (China)
- Mixed Doubles : Chen Tang Jie/Toh Ee Wei (Malaysia)





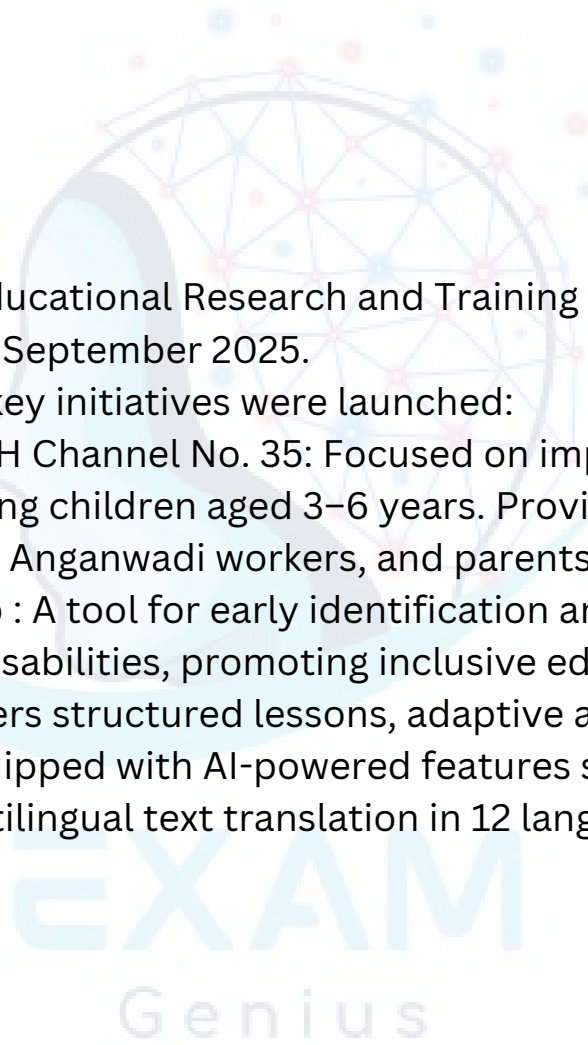
Ques: On which date did NCERT celebrate its 65th foundation day in 2025?

- A. 29 August
- B. 1 September
- C. 2 September
- D. 3 September
- E. 4 September

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) celebrated its 65th foundation day on 1st September 2025.
- On this occasion, several key initiatives were launched:
- Bal Vatika – PM eVidya DTH Channel No. 35: Focused on improving foundational literacy and numeracy among children aged 3–6 years. Provides engaging audio-visual content for teachers, Anganwadi workers, and parents.
- PRASHAST 2.0 Mobile App : A tool for early identification and screening of children with 21 different types of disabilities, promoting inclusive education.
- DIKSHA 2.0 Platform : Offers structured lessons, adaptive assessments, and performance feedback. Equipped with AI-powered features such as Read Aloud, Closed Captioning and Multilingual text translation in 12 languages.





Ques: Which ministry organized the Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Awards Ceremony 2025 to honor high-achieving SC and ST students?

- A. Ministry of Education
- B. Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- C. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- D. Ministry of Skill Development
- E. Ministry of Women and Child Development

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, organized the Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Awards Ceremony 2025 in New Delhi.
- The ceremony aimed to honor SC and ST students who achieved outstanding performance in their Class 10 and Class 12 board exams.

Award details:

- Highest marks: ₹60,000/-
- Second highest marks: ₹50,000/-
- Third highest marks: ₹40,000/-
- Additionally, if no girl was among the top three, the highest-scoring girl received a ₹60,000 award to promote gender inclusivity and girls' education.





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: Under which Act does the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) provide free foodgrains to eligible households?

- A. Essential Commodities Act, 1955
- B. Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006
- C. National Food Security Act, 2013
- D. Public Distribution Act, 2010
- E. Food Distribution and Safety Act, 2015

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) is a free foodgrain distribution scheme under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013.
- It provides free rice or wheat to eligible households through the Public Distribution System (PDS).
- Launched: March 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic as a relief measure to ensure food security for the poor.
- NFSA 2013 provisions : Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY): 35 kg grains per household per month. Priority Household (PHH): 5 kg grains per person per month.
- In 2023, PMGKAY was merged with NFSA and renamed Integrated PMGKAY, making all NFSA foodgrains completely free till 2028.
- Recently, the government announced a review of the scheme to remove ineligible beneficiaries as the food subsidy bill crossed ₹2 lakh crore in FY26.

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Ques: What is the full form of APEDA's new initiative BHARATI, launched to boost India's agri-food and agri-tech exports?

- A. Bharat's Hub for Agriculture, Research, Advancement, Trade & Innovation
- B. Bharat's Hub for Agritech, Resilience, Advancement and Incubation for Export Enablement
- C. Bharat's Hub for Agriculture, Resources and International Trade
- D. Bharat's Hub for Agri-food, Resilience and Trade Innovation
- E. Bharat's Hub for Agricultural Research and Technological Innovation

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) launched BHARATI during the "Food & Beverages Sector Stakeholders Meeting" chaired by Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal.
- BHARATI stands for Bharat's Hub for Agritech, Resilience, Advancement and Incubation for Export Enablement.
- This initiative marks a significant step in strengthening India's agricultural and processed food exports globally.

Purpose of BHARATI:

- To empower 100 agri-food and agri-tech startups.
- Promote innovation and create new export opportunities for young entrepreneurs.
- Accelerate India's journey toward achieving \$50 billion in agri-food exports by 2030 for APEDA's scheduled products.





Ques: What is the name of India's first fully indigenous microchip unveiled at Semicon India 2025?

- A. Kalpana-64
- B. Bharat-32
- C. Vikram-32
- D. ISRO-180
- E. Sarabhai-32

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India has unveiled its first fully indigenous microchip, named 'Vikram-32', at the Semicon India 2025 conference in Delhi.
- The chip was presented to Prime Minister Narendra Modi by Union IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.
- Designed by: Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), ISRO
- Manufactured by: Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL), Chandigarh
- The Vikram-32 chip is a 32-bit processor, an upgrade over the Vikram-1601 variant (16-bit), used by ISRO since 2009.
- It has been tested in a PSLV-C60 mission and is qualified for extreme conditions ranging from -55°C to $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$, vibration, and radiation typical of launch environments.

Future plans include:

- A 64-bit successor chip called the 'Kalpana series' for satellite applications.
- Reducing chip size from 180 nanometers to 65 nanometers and below to meet global standards.

At the event, the government also announced:

- Five new semiconductor fabrication units under construction.
- Approval of 10 projects worth ₹1.6 lakh crore across six states.
- Support for 23+ design startups under the Design-Linked Incentive (DLI) scheme.



Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and world :

- 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
- Army Hospital Research & Referral (AHRR) became India's first government institute and South Asia's second to perform Robotic Custom Laser Cataract Surgery using the ALLY Adaptive Cataract Treatment System, which ensures bladeless, computer-guided precision
- Maharashtra launched 'Disha Abhiyan', becoming the first state in India to implement a state-wide uniform curriculum for students with intellectual disabilities
- 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



Ques: Which country's Prime Minister, Lawrence Wong, visited India in September 2025 to mark the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two nations?

- A. Malaysia
- B. Singapore
- C. Thailand
- D. Indonesia
- E. Vietnam

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- On 2 September 2025, Prime Minister of Singapore Lawrence Wong arrived in India on a three-day visit at the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The visit marked the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Singapore.
- During this visit, both leaders inaugurated Phase 2 of PSA Mumbai (Bharat Mumbai Container Terminal).
- Additionally, the armies of India and Singapore conducted a joint military exercise named 'Bold Kurukshetra 2025' in Jodhpur.

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Ques: Which company became the first ground handling company in India to receive safety clearance from DGCA?

- A. Air India Limited
- B. SATS Limited
- C. Air India SATS Airport Services Private Limited (AISATS)
- D. IndiGo Ground Services
- E. SpiceJet Cargo

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Air India SATS Airport Services Private Limited (AISATS), a joint venture between Air India Limited and SATS Limited, has received safety certification from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to conduct ground handling operations.
- This action makes AISATS the first ground handling company in India to be approved; it involves inspections of equipment, personnel training, operating procedures, and compliance with international safety standards.
- With this accomplishment, India has surpassed Malaysia as the second nation in the Asia-Pacific area (APAC) to adopt a comprehensive safety framework in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).
- AISATS was founded in 2008 and offers a wide range of ground handling and cargo services at major Indian airports, including baggage handling, passenger check-in, aircraft loading and unloading, cargo management, and aircraft cleaning.





Ques: Which portal was launched by the Ministry of Textiles to streamline cotton procurement and enable Aadhaar-linked payments to farmers?

- A. Kapas Kisan
- B. e-Krishi
- C. Digital Cotton Platform
- D. Kisan Suvidha
- E. Cotton Connect

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Portal Kapas Kisan was launched by Union Minister Giriraj Singh, Ministry of Textiles, and developed by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI).
- Objective: Streamline cotton procurement operations, ensure transparency, and enable Aadhaar-linked payments to farmers' bank accounts via the National Automated Clearing House (NACH).
- Implementation: 550 procurement centres have been set up across cotton-producing states ahead of the Kharif Marketing Season 2025-26, starting October 1, 2025.
- Language Support: Hindi and 21 regional languages.
- The launch aligns with the Digital India Vision, promoting digitization and transparency in agriculture.

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Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals

- The 'Vedic Clock' and its mobile app were launched by Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav in Bhopal
- The Ministry of Minority Affairs launched an additional module on the UMEED portal
- The Press Sewa Portal was launched by Press Registrar General of India (PRGI) Yogesh Baweja
- The National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL), a constituent board of the Quality Council of India (QCI), launched a Medical Application Portal for ISO 15189:2022 applicant laboratories
- Union Panchayati Raj Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh 'Lalan' launched 'SabhaSaar', an AI-powered tool
- NITI Aayog launched the "Work for Viksit Bharat" portal to Recruit professionals in sectors like economics, big data, infrastructure, climate change, telecom, and IT to support India's Viksit Bharat growth vision.
- Tutoz is India's first AI-powered learning app, launched by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan
- Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia launched the Sanchar Saathi mobile app in 22 Indian languages, including Hindi and 21 regional languages, to enhance accessibility and combat telecom frauds
- Meri Panchayat App is an e-Governance platform developed by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and NIC under MeitY
- UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India) launched the "Reporting of Death of a Family Member" service on the myAadhaar Portal on 9th June 2025
- The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) has launched a new dedicated portal: <https://grants.depwd.gov.in>
- The Government of India has recently added 7 products from Bihar to the e-NAM (National Agriculture Market) platform to promote online trading
- ATLAS (Asteroid Terrestrial-impact Last Alert System) is an early warning system developed by the University of Hawaii and funded by NASA
- The Coal Ministry is launching a new initiative named RECLAIM, a structured community engagement and development framework for mine closure and repurposing



IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Tata Steel Limited has acquired over 300 crore equity shares worth Rs 3,104 crore in its subsidiary, T Steel Holdings Pte Ltd (TSHPL).

India has been chosen as the host of the 2026 Badminton World Championship. This is the second time India has become the host. Earlier, in 2009, the World Championship was held at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium in Hyderabad.

Air Marshal Sanjiv Ghuratia AVSM VSM assumed the appointment of Air Officer-in-Charge Maintenance at Indian Air Force Headquarters on 01 Sep 25.

The Competition Commission of India has approved the proposed combination involving acquisition of up to 100% shareholding by Manipal Hospitals Private Limited in Sahyadri Hospitals Private Limited.

CEREBO, an indigenous hand-held, portable diagnostic device, has been launched to provide a low-cost, rapid, radiation-free diagnosis for Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBIs), especially where CT/MRI access is limited.

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टाटा स्टील लिमिटेड ने अपनी सहायक कंपनी, टी स्टील होल्डिंग्स प्राइवेट लिमिटेड (टीएसएचपीएल) में 3,104 करोड़ रुपये मूल्य के 300 करोड़ से अधिक इक्विटी शेयर हासिल किए हैं।

भारत को 2026 बैडमिंटन विश्व चैंपियनशिप का मेजबान चुना गया है। यह दूसरी बार है जब भारत मेजबान बना है। इससे पहले, 2009 में, विश्व चैंपियनशिप हैदराबाद के गाचीबोवली इंडोर स्टेडियम में आयोजित की गई थी।

एयर मार्शल संजीव घुरटिया, एवीएसएम, वीएसएम ने 01 सितंबर 2025 को भारतीय वायु सेना मुख्यालय में एयर ऑफिसर-इन-चार्ज मेंटेनेंस का पदभार ग्रहण किया।

भारतीय प्रतिस्पर्धा आयोग ने सह्याद्री हॉस्पिटल्स प्राइवेट लिमिटेड में मणिपाल हॉस्पिटल्स प्राइवेट लिमिटेड द्वारा 100% तक शेयरधारिता के अधिग्रहण से संबंधित प्रस्तावित संयोजन को मंजूरी दे दी है।

सेरेबो, एक स्वदेशी हाथ से पकड़ी जाने वाली, पोर्टेबल डायग्नोस्टिक डिवाइस है, जिसे आघातजन्य मस्तिष्क चोटों (टीबीआई) के लिए कम लागत वाली, तीव्र, विकिरण-मुक्त निदान प्रदान करने के लिए लॉन्च किया गया है, विशेष रूप से जहां सीटी/एमआरआई की पहुंच सीमित है।

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