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Ques: Sohan Lal Commodity Management Limited (SLCM) recently partnered with which two banks to provide unified collateral management services across India?

- A. SBI and PNB
- B. IDBI Bank and Punjab & Sind Bank
- C. HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank
- D. Bank of Baroda and Canara Bank
- E. Axis Bank and Union Bank of India

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sohan Lal Commodity Management Limited (SLCM), India's largest post-harvest logistics and agri-solutions company, has collaborated with IDBI Bank Limited and Punjab & Sind Bank
- The partnership enables farmers and traders to use their stored crops (like wheat, rice, pulses, etc.) as collateral (security) to avail loans from these banks.
- With this collaboration, SLCM has expanded its network to 27 banking partners across India and Myanmar.
- This initiative will help improve access to agricultural finance and promote the post-harvest value chain ecosystem.

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Ques: Which bank signed an MoU with DPIIT to support startups and innovators across India?

- A. HDFC Bank
- B. ICICI Bank
- C. Axis Bank
- D. Yes Bank
- E. SBI

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, signed an MoU with ICICI Bank to boost support for startups and innovators across India.
- Under this MoU, ICICI Bank will launch a Startup Engagement Programme, hosted on the Startup India portal.

Selected startups will gain:

- Access to ICICI Bank's Mumbai-based accelerator facility, including dedicated workspace.
- A structured curriculum and mentorship by industry leaders.
- Opportunities to run pilot projects with ICICI Bank business units to validate their product-market fit.





Recently signed banking agreements

- Axis Max Life Insurance Ltd and India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) have announced a partnership aimed at delivering affordable life insurance solutions beyond Tier 1 into emerging regional markets across rural India.
- Indian Railways (IR) and the State Bank of India (SBI) signed a MoU to enhance insurance benefits for railway employees, especially frontline Group C workers
- 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





Ques: Who chaired the recent Sub-Committee meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC-SC)?

- A. Nirmala Sitharaman
- B. Sanjay Malhotra
- C. Shaktikanta Das
- D. Ajay Seth
- E. Rajiv Kumar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Sub-Committee of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC-SC) was chaired by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra.
- The meeting focused on global and domestic macroeconomic and financial sector developments, along with issues impacting financial stability.
- The panel also reviewed inter-regulatory matters, including the simplification of KYC processes.
- Additionally, it emphasized special drives for financial inclusion to strengthen the reach of financial services across the country.

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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- Outward remittances under RBI's Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) remained broadly flat at \$6.92 billion in Q1 FY26 (April–June 2025)
- The RBI has begun the September 2025 round of its Urban Consumer Confidence Survey (UCCS) and Rural Consumer Confidence Survey (RCCS), inviting households across the country
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has instructed Indian banks to tighten checks on funds indirectly flowing from Pakistan
- RBI granted 'in-principle' approval to Aditya Birla Capital Digital (ABCD), the digital arm of Aditya Birla Capital, on 20 August 2025
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC), Japan, to acquire up to 24.99% stake (voting rights) in Yes Bank
- RBI has announced premature redemption for 28 Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) issued between May 2018 and March 2021
- According to RBI & NABARD, India has 1,457 Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs). Maharashtra (458) has the highest number, followed by Karnataka (250) and Gujarat (211).
- RBI survey revealed that foreign liabilities of India's mutual fund (MF) industry rose 19.9% in FY25, reaching \$30.5 billion
- RBI's Master Circular on Customer Service in Banks requires all customer-facing materials at branches of Scheduled Commercial Banks to be available in Hindi, English, and the concerned regional language
- RBI had set up a committee under Pushpak Bhattacharya to prepare a framework for Responsible and Ethical Enablement of Artificial Intelligence (FREE-AI).
- RBI will implement a new cheque clearance mechanism from October 4, 2025, reducing the settlement cycle from the current T+1 days (up to 2 working days) to just a few hours
- RBI granted Equirus Group a non-deposit taking NBFC license, enabling the launch of Equirus Finance.
- RBI has proposed that banks must settle deposit account claims of deceased customers within 15 calendar days from receipt of all required documents
- RBI released a draft circular proposing easier claim settlement after the death of an account holder, covering deposit accounts, lockers, and articles in safe custody.



Ques: Suryoday Small Finance Bank (SSFB) recently launched secured credit cards backed by which type of collateral?

- A. Gold
- B. Mutual Funds
- C. Insurance Policies
- D. Real Estate
- E. Fixed Deposits

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Using fixed deposits as security, Suryoday Small Finance Bank (SSFB) has launched a secured credit card that aims to improve loan accessibility.
- Customers can use their fixed deposits to obtain credit using the bank's new products, the Suryoday SFB RuPay Platinum Credit Card and the Suryoday SFB RuPay Select Credit Card.
- These cards can be obtained instantly through virtual issuance and are connected with the RuPay and UPI platforms.
- The Platinum and Select versions of the secured credit card need an initial fixed deposit of ₹1,000 and ₹1,11,500, respectively.

About Suryoday Small Finance Bank :

- Established : 2017
- HQ : Navi Mumbai
- Tagline : A bank of smiles
- MD & CEO : Baskar Babu Ramachandran

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Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector:

- 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)
- 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: How many Aadhaar authentication transactions were recorded in August 2025 by UIDAI?

- A. 180 crore
- B. 200 crore
- C. 213 crore
- D. 221 crore
- E. 230 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- In August 2025, UIDAI recorded 221 crore Aadhaar authentication transactions, showing a 10.3% increase compared to August 2024.
- Face Authentication saw rapid growth, reaching 18.6 crore transactions in August 2025, up from 6.04 crore in August 2024.
- On 1 September 2025, UIDAI achieved its highest-ever single-day face authentications – over 1.5 crore transactions.
- Till date, more than 213 crore face authentications have been completed using Aadhaar.
- Aadhaar authentication is now used by 150+ government and private entities, including banks, telecom companies, and ministries.
- In the same month, 38.53 crore e-KYC transactions were completed, supporting various financial and non-financial services.

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Ques: Axis Bank recently launched the 3rd edition of its flagship initiative, Sparsh Week. What is the theme for Sparsh Week 2025?

- A. Raise the Bar
- B. Empower the Customer
- C. Banking for All
- D. Digital First
- E. Customer First

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Axis Bank Limited launched the 3rd edition of Sparsh Week, to be celebrated from September 1 to 5, 2025.
- The theme for Sparsh Week 2025 is “Raise the Bar”, focusing on enhancing customer experience, employee engagement, and leadership presence across its network.
- The initiative is anchored in four core principles such as Own the Brand, Own the Customer, Act with Speed, and Zero Pendency.
- This program aims to strengthen Axis Bank’s service excellence and operational efficiency.

About Axis Bank :

- Established : 1993
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Rakesh Makhija
- MD & CEO : Amitabh Chaudhary
- Tagline : Badhti Ka naam Zindagi

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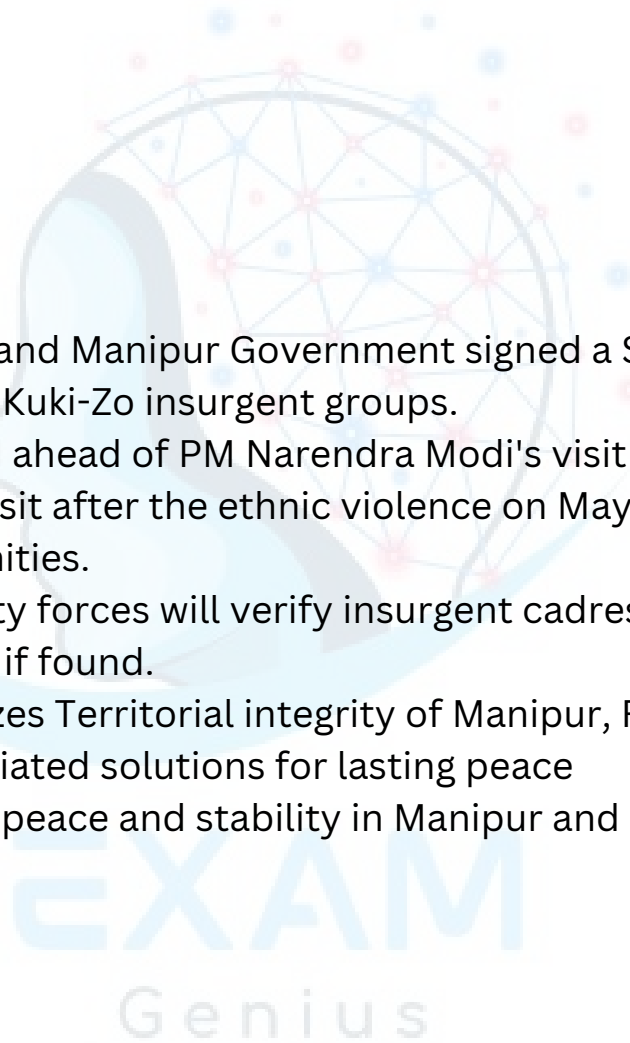
Ques: The Union Home Ministry and Manipur Government signed a peace pact with which insurgent group?

- A. NSCN-IM
- B. ULFA
- C. LTTE
- D. Bodo
- E. Kuki-Zo

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Union Home Ministry and Manipur Government signed a Suspension of Operations (SoO) pact with Kuki-Zo insurgent groups.
- The agreement was signed ahead of PM Narendra Modi's visit to Manipur on 13 September 2025, his first visit after the ethnic violence on May 3, 2023, between the Kuki-Zo and Meitei communities.
- As part of the pact, security forces will verify insurgent cadres, identify foreign nationals, and deport them if found.
- The revised pact emphasizes Territorial integrity of Manipur, Relocation of insurgent camps and Negotiated solutions for lasting peace
- This move aims to restore peace and stability in Manipur and prevent further ethnic clashes.





Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- The Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare signed a historic agreement with Patanjali Yoggram under the Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS)
- 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



Ques: Which institute retained the No. 1 rank in the Engineering category in the NIRF Rankings 2025?

- A. IIT Delhi
- B. IIT Bombay
- C. IISc Bengaluru
- D. IIT Madras
- E. IIT Kanpur

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) Rankings 2025, released by the Ministry of Education, marks its 10th edition.
- IIT Madras has retained the No. 1 position in the Engineering category for the 10th consecutive year (2016–2025) and has also been No. 1 Overall for seven consecutive years (2019–2025).
- IISc Bengaluru continued to hold the second position Overall.
- Total of 7,692 institutions participated this year.
- Introduction of a Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)-based category for the first time.
- Retracted research publications will now lead to penalties under the "Research and Professional Practice" criteria.
- The government aims to increase higher education students from 4.5 crore to 9 crore by 2030.

Ranking of top 5 institutions in Overall category :

- 1 Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras
- 2 Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- 3 Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay
- 4 Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi
- 5 Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur





Ques: The government introduced voluntary hallmarking for silver jewellery from which date?

- A. August 1, 2025
- B. September 1, 2025
- C. October 1, 2025
- D. July 1, 2025
- E. January 1, 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The government introduced voluntary hallmarking for silver jewellery and articles starting September 1, 2025.
- A digital identification system will be implemented to ensure metal purity and consumer protection.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) updated its hallmarking standard by releasing IS 2112:2025, which replaced the previous IS 2112:2014 version.
- This initiative aims to improve transparency and trust in the silver jewellery market

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Ques: Which program was launched by C-DOT in collaboration with STPI and TiE Delhi-NCR to support early-stage deep-tech startups in India?

- A. Samarth Incubation Program – Cohort II
- B. Startup India Initiative
- C. Atal Innovation Mission
- D. MeitY Startup Hub
- E. T-Hub Accelerator

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), under the Ministry of Communications, in collaboration with Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) and The Indus Entrepreneurs Delhi-NCR (TiE Delhi-NCR), launched the Samarth Incubation Program – Cohort II in New Delhi.
- Objective: Strengthen India's deep-tech ecosystem by supporting early-stage ventures in 5G/6G, AI, Internet of Things (IoT), and cybersecurity.

Key features:

- Grant : Provides grants of up to ₹5 lakh for selected startups.
- Access to R&D Labs : Startups can use C-DOT's advanced research labs in New Delhi and Bengaluru.
- Mentorship & Investor Connect : Structured mentorship from industry experts along with accelerator sessions on strategy, fundraising, and scaling.
- Cohort II builds on the success of Cohort I, which enabled startups to progress from prototypes to pilots, further enhancing the Indian deep-tech startup ecosystem.





Ques: DPIIT recently signed an MoU with Pfizer Limited to support healthcare innovation. Under this initiative, how much grant will each selected startup receive?

- A. ₹25 lakhs
- B. ₹40 lakhs
- C. ₹50 lakhs
- D. ₹60 lakhs
- E. ₹75 lakhs

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, signed an MoU with Pfizer Limited to accelerate the lab-to-market journey of innovative healthcare products.
- Under the partnership, the Pfizer INDovation program will provide grants of up to ₹60 lakhs to each selected DPIIT-recognized startup.
- These startups will also undergo a tailored 18-month incubation program, delivered by Social Alpha.
- With an emphasis on non-communicable illnesses, oncology, brain health, maternity and child health, and immunization, the program will assist 14 avant-garde MedTech businesses that are advancing screening, diagnostics, health monitoring, and therapy enablers.

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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 state government issued rules for 10% horizontal reservation for retired Agniveers in Group C State services in 2025?

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Haryana
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Madhya Pradesh
- E. Rajasthan

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- On September 1, 2025, the Uttarakhand government issued rules providing 10% horizontal reservation for retired Agniveers in direct recruitment for Group C State services.
- Eligibility: Beneficiaries must be native of Uttarakhand.
- Covered posts include uniformed and important roles such as Police Constable (Civilian / PAC), Sub Inspector, Platoon Commander PAC, Fireman, Fire Officer II, Prisoner, Deputy Jailor, Forest Guard, Forest Inspector, Excise Constable, Enforcement Constable, Transport Department and Secretariat Guard
- Applies across all categories (General, SC/ST, OBC).
- Exemption from physical efficiency test and relaxation in maximum age limit.
- Other states like Haryana (20%) and Uttar Pradesh (20%) also provide horizontal reservation for Agniveers in police services, while Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, and Odisha have announced similar measures earlier in 2025.





Ques: According to the 2023 SRS Report, what is India's Infant Mortality Rate (IMR)?

- A. 23
- B. 25
- C. 37
- D. 40
- E. 50

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- According to the Sample Registration System (SRS) Report 2023, India's Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) dropped to a record low of 25.
- This represents a 37.5% decline from 40 in 2013, showing significant improvement in healthcare access.
- Highest IMR (37): Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Uttar Pradesh.
- Lowest IMR (3): Manipur.
- Kerala was the only large state with a single-digit IMR of 5, second only to Manipur.

Neighboring countries' IMR (2023) :

- Nepal – 23
- Bangladesh – 24
- India – 25
- Sri Lanka – 5
- Pakistan – 50
- Afghanistan – 50

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Ques: Which Indian cricketer, known for taking three hat-tricks in the IPL, recently announced his retirement after a 25-year career?

- A. Harbhajan Singh
- B. Amit Mishra
- C. Piyush Chawla
- D. Yuzvendra Chahal
- E. Ravichandran Ashwin

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Amit Mishra, a veteran Indian leg-spinner, announced his retirement at the age of 42 after an incredible 25-year professional cricket career.
- He made his Test debut in 2008 during Anil Kumble's farewell series against Australia, where he impressed with a five-wicket haul in Mohali.
- Mishra represented India in 22 Tests, 36 ODIs and 10 T20Is
- He holds the unique record of being the only bowler to take three hat-tricks in the IPL.

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Recently Retired Players :

- Asif Ali (Pakistan) : Retirement from international cricket
- Mitchell Starc (Australia) : Retirement from T20 International cricket
- Ravichandran Ashwin : India's legendary off-spinners, officially retired from the IPL
- Cheteshwar Pujara : retirement from all forms of cricket
- Andre Russell (West Indies all-rounder) : international cricket
- Lalit Kumar Upadhyay : international hockey
- Piyush Pramod Chawla : All formats of professional cricket
- Glenn Maxwell : Retirement from ODIs
- Power-hitter Heinrich Klaasen (South African) : international cricket
- Virat Kohli : retired from Test cricket
- Rohit Sharma (Indian) : retired from Test cricket
- Vandana Katariya (Indian) : Hockey
- B Sumeeth Reddy (Indian) : badminton player
- Mushfiqur Rahim (Bangladesh) : Retirement from One-Day International cricket
- Sharath Kamal (Indian) : Retired from table tennis
- Steve Smith (Australia) : Retirement from the ODI format
- Dimuth Karunaratne (Sri Lankan) : Retired from international cricket
- Marcelo (Brazil) : retirement from football
- Marcus Stoinis : End his ODI career
- Simona Halep (Romanian) : retired from tennis
- Tamim Iqbal (Bangladesh) : Retirement from international cricket
- Varun Aaron (India) : Retirement from all kinds of cricket
- Martin Guptill (New Zealand) : Retirement from international cricket
- Rishi Dhawan : Retirement from Indian limited overs cricket
- Ravichandran Ashwin (Indian) : International cricket
- Imad Wasim (Pakistan) : International cricket
- Siddarth Kaul (Indian) : cricket





Ques: Who won the Prof. V.K. Gokak Award for contributions to children's literature?

- A. U.R. Ananthamurthy
- B. Girish Karnad
- C. Anand V. Patil
- D. Chandrashekhara Kambara
- E. K.S. Nisar Ahmed

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Anand V. Patil, renowned for his significant contributions to children's literature, was honored with the Prof. V.K. Gokak Award.
- The award was presented in Bengaluru as a tribute to Prof. V.K. Gokak, a Jnanpith awardee and a prominent figure in Kannada literature.
- The event was hosted by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan and the Vinayaka Gokak Vangmaya Trust.

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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





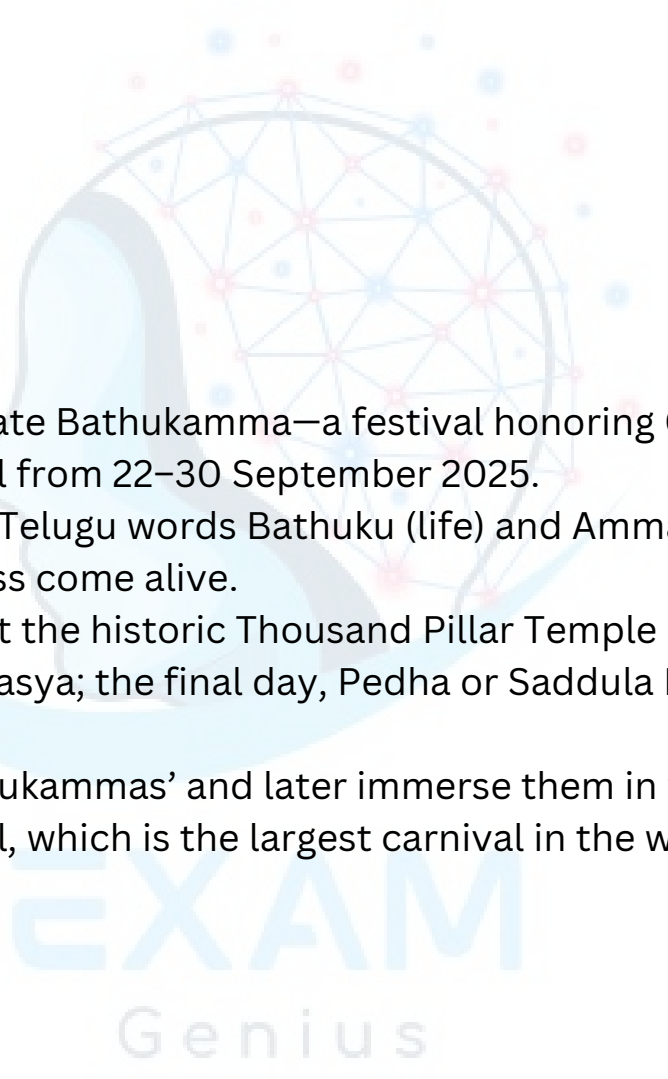
Ques: Which Indian state plans to celebrate the Bathukamma festival on the scale of the Rio Carnival in 2025?

- A. Telangana
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Karnataka
- D. Tamil Nadu
- E. Maharashtra

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Telangana plans to celebrate Bathukamma—a festival honoring Goddess Gauri—on the scale of the Rio Carnival from 22–30 September 2025.
- Bathukamma comes from Telugu words Bathuku (life) and Amma (mother), symbolizing Mother Goddess come alive.
- Celebrations will kick off at the historic Thousand Pillar Temple in Warangal.
- Begins on Mahalaya Amavasya; the final day, Pedha or Saddula Bathukamma, falls two days before Dussehra.
- Women create small 'Bathukammas' and later immerse them in water.
- Modeled after Rio Carnival, which is the largest carnival in the world, attracting over 2 million revelers per day.





Recent News Headlines Related to Festivals & Fairs :

- Mela Patt : annual three-day festival celebrated in Bhaderwah Valley, Doda district, Jammu and Kashmir
- Nuakhai : agricultural festival observed on panchami tithi (the fifth day) of the lunar fortnight of Bhadrapada (August–September)
- Suru Summer Festival : organized for the first time on 26th August 2025 at Thulus Spang, Suru Valley, Kargil, Ladakh
- Onam : 10-day harvest festival celebrated by the Malayali community in Kerala
- The Marbat Festival : Nagpur
- Tendong Lho Rum Faat : traditional nature-worshipping festival of the Lepcha tribe.
- 1st BIMSTEC Traditional Music Festival, titled “SaptaSur: Seven Nations, One Melody” : New Delhi
- Gavri festival : 40-day dance-drama festival performed by the Bhil tribal community of Mewar region in southern Rajasthan
- Mango Festival 1st Edition : at Longmatra village, Kiphire district, Nagaland
- Behdeinkhlam Festival : cultural festivals of the Pnar community in Meghalaya
- Jagannath Rath Yatra : celebrated annually in Puri, Odisha, on the second day of the bright fortnight (Shukla Paksha) of the Odia month Ashadha
- Bonalu : Hindu folk festival celebrated primarily in Telangana, especially in Hyderabad, Secunderabad during the Ashada Masam (July–August) as a form of thanksgiving to Goddess Mahakali
- Kataragama Esala festival : commence in Sri Lanka with the flag hoisting ceremony.
- Ashadhi Bij : falls on the second day of Shukla paksha of Ashada month of Hindu calendar. It is associated with the beginning of rains in the Kutch region of Gujarat.
- Ambubachi Mela : held at the Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati, Assam
- ‘Beej Utsav’ (Seed Festival) : held in the tribal regions at the tri-junction of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat for 4 Days
- Deva Snana Purnima ritual, also called Snana Yatra : Rath Yatra festivities in Puri
- Poson Poya festival : Sri Lanka is celebrating to mark the historic arrival of Buddhism over 2,000 years ago
- Lavender Festival 3rd Edition : Organized by CSIR – Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM) at Bhaderwah, J&K

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Ques: Karma Puja, a popular festival of Jharkhand, is primarily associated with which tree that symbolizes fertility and prosperity?

- A. Neem Tree
- B. Peepal Tree
- C. Karam Tree
- D. Banyan Tree
- E. Mango Tree

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Karma Puja is one of the most popular festivals of Jharkhand, dedicated to the Karam tree, which represents fertility, prosperity, and auspiciousness.
- It is celebrated on the 11th day (Ekadashi) of the bright fortnight in the Hindu month of Bhadrapada (August–September).
- The festival is especially significant among the Munda, Ho, Oraon, Baiga, Kharia, and Santhal communities.
- It is mainly celebrated in Jharkhand, West Bengal, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Assam, and Odisha.

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Ques: During which joint exercise will the U.S. temporarily deploy the Typhon Mid-Range Capability (MRC) missile system to Japan?

- A. Cobra Gold
- B. Yama Sakura
- C. Resolute Dragon
- D. Talisman Sabre
- E. Keen Edge

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Typhon Mid-Range Capability (MRC) missile system, also known as the Strategic Mid-Range Fires System (SMRF), will be temporarily deployed to Japan during the Resolute Dragon joint exercise.
- This marks the first-ever deployment of Typhon on Japanese territory.
- Typhon is a truck-mounted, containerized launcher capable of firing SM-6 surface-to-air/anti-ship missiles with a range of 200–320 km
- Tomahawk cruise missiles with a range of up to 1,500 km
- Its design supports integrated strike operations across land and sea, boosting battlefield flexibility and interoperability between U.S. and Japanese defense systems.

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Ques: Teacher's Day 2025 in India is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of which eminent personality?

- A. Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
- B. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
- C. Mahatma Gandhi
- D. Rabindranath Tagore
- E. Swami Vivekananda

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Teacher's Day 2025 is celebrated on 5th September to honor the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, India's second President and first Vice President.
- Theme 2025: Inspiring the Next Generation of Learners.
- Dr. Radhakrishnan was born in 1888 and was a renowned scholar of comparative religion and philosophy.
- He served as First Vice President of India (1952–1962) and Second President of India (1962–1967)
- He was awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1954, India's highest civilian award.

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Important days :

- 13 August : World Organ Donation Day (Theme 2025 Answering the Call)
- 13 August : International Left Handers Day 2025
- 13 August : Manipur observed the Patriots' Day remembering those martyrs who died in Anglo-Manipuri War, in 1891
- 14 August : Partition Horrors Remembrance Day (Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas)
- 14 August : World Lizard Day
- 14 August : Youm-e-Azadi (Pakistan Independence Day)
- 16 August : 7th Death Anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- 17 August : Gabon Independence Day
- 19 August : Afghanistan Independence Day
- 19 August : World Photography Day (Theme 2025 MY FAVORITE PHOTO)
- 19 August : Afghanistan Independence Day
- 19 August : World Orangutan Day 2025
- 19 August : World Humanitarian Day (Theme 2025: "Strengthening Global Solidarity and Empowering Local Communities")
- 20 August : World Mosquito Day
- 20 August : Sadbhavna Diwas
- 20 August : Indian Akshay Urja Day
- 20 August : World Mosquito Day (Theme 2025 Accelerating the Fight Against Malaria for a More Equitable World)
- 21 August : World Entrepreneurs' Day 2025
- 21 August : World Senior Citizens' Day (2025 Theme: "Empowering Elderly Voices for an Inclusive Future")
- 21 August : Death anniversary of Shehnai maestro Ustad Bismillah Khan
- 21 August : 8th International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism (Theme 2025 United by Hope: Collective Action for Victims of Terrorism)
- 22 August : International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief
- 23 August : International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition



IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Global Sustainability Summit (GSS) 20th Edition Held at New Delhi. It is Organised by Confederation of Indian Industry-ITC Centre of Excellence (CoE). Theme is Reimagining Sustainability: Resilient. Regenerative. Responsible

Kerala's Coconut Development Board Announces Financial aid for sapling is increased to rupees 45 from the present four rupees. Replanting aid is also increased to rupees 350 from rupees 40.

In a landmark digital policy move, the Government of Nepal has banned 26 unregistered social media platforms, including Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, YouTube, and X (formerly Twitter).

The 'North-East Region Ministers' Conference on Civil Aviation – cum – 3rd North-East Aviation Summit' to be held in Itanagar on 4th Sept. The event is being jointly organised by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)

Operation SWARNA, announced by the Tirupati Urban Development Authority (TUDA), aims to rescue the Swarnamukhi River from land grabbers, revive its flow, and rejuvenate it for sustainable use.

