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Ques: Tata Capital's upcoming Initial Public Offering (IPO) in September 2025 is valued at approximately how much?

- A. USD 1 billion
- B. USD 1.5 billion
- C. USD 2 billion
- D. USD 2.5 billion
- E. USD 3 billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Tata Capital is set to launch a USD 2 billion (₹17,200 crore) IPO in the week starting September 22, 2025.
- The IPO includes 47.58 crore shares, consisting of 21 crore fresh issue shares and 26.58 crore shares via Offer-for-Sale (OFS).
- In the OFS portion Tata Sons will sell 23 crore shares. International Finance Corporation (IFC) will offload 3.58 crore shares.
- Before the IPO, Tata Sons holds 88.6% and IFC holds 1.8% stake in Tata Capital.
- This IPO complies with RBI's mandate requiring upper-layer NBFCs to go public within 3 years of classification; Tata Capital was classified in September 2022.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)?

- A. Navneet Munot
- B. Vishal Kapoor
- C. Sundeep Sikka
- D. Nilesh Shah
- E. Ashish Chauhan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sundeep Sikka, Executive Director (ED) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited, has been appointed as the Chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).
- He replaces Navneet Munot, MD & CEO of HDFC AMC.
- Vishal Kapoor, CEO of Bandhan Asset Management Company (AMC), has been appointed as the Vice Chairman of AMFI.
- AMFI (Association of Mutual Funds in India) Established in 1995 and Headquarters in Mumbai

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Rama Subramaniam Gandhi : Non-Executive Chairman of Yes Bank Limited
- 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 Puro (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





Ques: PhonePe launched Loans Against Mutual Funds (LAMF) in partnership with which company?

- A. DSP Finance
- B. HDFC Finance
- C. ICICI Securities
- D. Axis Capital
- E. SBI Capital

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- PhonePe, a leading fintech company, has launched Loans Against Mutual Funds (LAMF) in partnership with DSP Finance, an NBFC backed by the DSP Group.
- This product offers a secured credit limit of up to ₹2 crore by pledging mutual fund units as collateral.
- Unlike traditional loans, there are no monthly principal repayments or EMIs; customers only need to pay interest on the withdrawn amount.

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Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector:

- Using fixed deposits as security, Suryoday Small Finance Bank (SSFB) has launched a secured credit card that aims to improve loan accessibility
- 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





Ques: Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurated ‘Bihar Rajya Jeevika Nidhi Saakh Sahkari Sangh Limited (BRJNSSSL)’. What is the main objective of this initiative?

- A. Promoting rural tourism in Bihar
- B. Providing affordable credit to rural women entrepreneurs
- C. Training rural youth for government jobs
- D. Developing rural infrastructure
- E. Establishing rural health centers

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the Bihar Rajya Jeevika Nidhi Saakh Sahkari Sangh Limited (BRJNSSSL), a new cooperative initiative focused on women empowerment.
- Its Objective is to provide affordable and timely credit to rural women entrepreneurs associated with the Jeevika program, strengthening financial inclusion and liquidity support in Bihar.
- During the launch, PM Modi transferred ₹105 crore into the institution’s bank account to mark the beginning of its operations.
- The Bihar government has sanctioned a total of ₹1,000 crore for this cooperative to support women-centric outreach programs across the state.
- This initiative is expected to empower rural women and encourage entrepreneurship in Bihar’s villages.

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Recent Headlines Related to Inauguration :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Aunta-Simaria Bridge in Bihar, an 8.15 km project on NH-31, featuring a 1.86 km six-lane bridge over the river Ganga
- A state-of-the-art space lab was inaugurated at Mechuka Government Higher Secondary School, Shi-Yomi district, Arunachal Pradesh
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate two major National Highway projects in Delhi worth ₹11,000 crore. Dwarka Expressway (Delhi section) and Urban Extension Road-II (UER-II), Alipur-Dichau Kalan stretch
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, has approved the establishment of 4 new semiconductor assembly and testing facilities in Punjab, Odisha, and Andhra Pradesh.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 184 newly constructed Type-VII multi-storey flats for Members of Parliament at Baba Khark Singh Marg in New Delhi. The four towers are named Krishna, Godavari, Kosi, and Hooghly.
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the 19.15 km-long Bengaluru Metro Yellow Line, connecting RV Road to Bommasandra via 16 stations.
- SAP Labs India inaugurated its Innovation Park at Devanahalli, Bengaluru, in line with the Government of India's vision for Digital India, Skill India, and sustainable tech infrastructure
- The Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS) will inaugurate the first Annual Trident Lecture Series (ATLS) at the Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantt on August 05, 2025. Anchored on the theme 'Dominating the Future Battlespace'
- Kartavya Bhavan was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi
- Google has planned to establish a 1 Gigawatt Data Centre in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, marking its first data centre investment in India
- The "Buddha Samyak Darshan Museum and Memorial Stupa" is located in Vaishaligarh, Vaishali district, Bihar. It is being inaugurated by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and is expected to become a major spiritual and tourist attraction
- The Andhra Pradesh government launched the Green Hydrogen Valley Declaration 2025 to establish Andhra Pradesh as India's largest green hydrogen ecosystem
- Union Minister Piyush Goyal (Ministry of Commerce and Industry) inaugurated the Advanced Cyber Skill Centre at the CII Model Career Centre (MCC), Kandivali, Mumbai





Ques: The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet, headed by CM N Chandrababu Naidu, recently launched the Universal Health Insurance Scheme under which model?

- A. Insurance-only Model
- B. Public-only Model
- C. Hybrid Model
- D. Private-only Model
- E. Cooperative Model

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Andhra Pradesh (AP) Cabinet, led by CM N Chandrababu Naidu, launched the Universal Health Insurance Scheme under a Hybrid Model by integrating Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) and Dr. NTR Vaidya Seva Trust.
- Approval grant is Based on the families Above Poverty Line (APL) and Below Poverty Line (BPL)
- BPL Families Receives coverage up to Rs. 25 lakh (Rs. 2.5 lakhs by insurer + Rs. 25 lakhs by Dr NTR Vaidya Seva Trust)
- APL Families Receives upto Rs. 5 lakh insurance coverage
- Approval of 10 new medical colleges under the PublicPrivate Partnership (PPP) model

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Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- 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
- The Toda tribe of the Nilgiri Hills, Tamil Nadu, is taking the lead in preserving their endangered language under SPPEL (Scheme for Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages).
- The SIGHT Scheme (Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition) is part of the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM)
- Bihar Cabinet approved the Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana in 2025 to empower women and promote entrepreneurship
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development has extended the special registration drive for Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) till 15 August, 2025
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, approved restructuring and extension of the PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme till 31st March 2030
- The Government of India has sanctioned 23 chip-design projects under the Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme to strengthen semiconductor design capabilities
- The Made in India Label Scheme is a voluntary certification scheme that allows manufacturers to demonstrate their products are manufactured in India with good quality
- "One Freezone Passport," a new program launched by Dubai (United Arab Emirates (UAE)), enables businesses licensed in one free zone to expand operations into other free zones within the emirate without needing a second license.
- The Shakti Scheme was implemented by the Karnataka Government on June 11, 2023. It provides free bus travel for women across all state-run transport corporations
- West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee launched the Shramshree Scheme for migrant workers returning to Bengal after facing harassment in other states
- The SASCI scheme (Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure and Investment) was launched in FY21 with an initial allocation of ₹12,000 crore (COVID pandemic support)



Ques: The National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) Guwahati, in collaboration with the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL), recently developed which rare high-purity Reference Material (RM) used in anti-doping analysis?

- A. Stanazolol LTM
- B. Methandienone LTM
- C. Testosterone LTM
- D. Erythropoietin LTM
- E. Nandrolone LTM

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) Guwahati, under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, along with the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL), has developed a rare and high-purity Methandienone Long-Term Metabolite (LTM).
- Reference Materials (RMs) are highly purified and scientifically characterized drug substances or metabolites, essential for accurate analytical testing.
- In anti-doping, RMs are vital for detecting over 450 substances prohibited by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).
- These specialized materials are scarce and costly as only 4–5 manufacturers worldwide produce them.
- Since 2020, NIPER Guwahati has synthesized 12 out of 22 planned RMs, with Methandienone LTM being the latest addition, supporting India's self-reliance in anti-doping analysis.





Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- The Union Home Ministry and Manipur Government signed a Suspension of Operations (SoO) pact with Kuki-Zo insurgent groups
- 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
- 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
- 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





Ques: Which Indian actor has been appointed as the new global brand ambassador of Levi's®?

- A. Deepika Padukone
- B. Alia Bhatt
- C. Priyanka Chopra
- D. Shraddha Kapoor
- E. Anushka Sharma

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Alia Bhatt, the renowned Indian actor and National Film Award winner, has been appointed as the new global brand ambassador of Levi's®.
- She is only the third Indian actor to represent Levi's® globally, following Deepika Padukone and Diljit Dosanjh.
- Alia Bhatt is also the Global Brand Ambassador of French cosmetics brand 'L'Oreal Paris' and Italian luxury fashion brand 'Gucci'

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Ques: The newly inaugurated advanced lithium-ion battery manufacturing plant by TDK Corporation in Sohna, Haryana, will cover approximately what percentage of India's annual battery pack requirement?

- A. 40%
- B. 30%
- C. 20%
- D. 50%
- E. 60%

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated TDK Corporation's Advanced Technologies Lithium-ion (Li-ion) Battery Manufacturing Plant at Sohna, Haryana.
- This facility will produce 20 crore (200 million) battery packs annually.
- India's total annual requirement of Li-ion battery packs is 50 crore, and this plant will meet 40% of the demand.
- The batteries manufactured here will be used in mobile phones, wearables, hearables (watches, earbuds, AirPods), and laptops, promoting domestic production and reducing imports.

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Recent Headlines Related to Brand Ambassador :

- Mohammad Siraj : brand ambassador of Skechers USA Inc.
- Surya Kumar Yadav : Skyscanner's first-ever brand ambassador in India
- Eileen Gu : TCL, a global technology company
- Shah Rukh Khan : Zomato
- Madhuri Dixit : Handloom Industry of Odisha Government
- Sara Tendulkar : brand ambassador for Australia's new \$130 million tourism campaign
- Mahendra Singh (MS) Dhoni : Brand ambassador and strategic investor of Digital Insurer ACKO Technology and Services Private Limited
- Indian cricketer Yuvraj Singh : Co-owner and Brand Ambassador of the Indian Golf Premier League (IGPL)
- Sukanya Sonowal : Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassador
- Kartik Aaryan : Brand ambassador for Skechers USA Inc., popularly known as Skechers
- Sachin Tendulkar : Brand Ambassador of Reddit Inc.
- Cristiano Ronaldo : Global Ambassador for the Esports World Cup 2025 by the Esports World Cup Foundation (EWCF)
- Actress Neena Gupta : 'Cipladine - Aapka Fast Aid Expert' campaign of Cipla Health
- Katrina Kaif : Global Tourism Ambassador for the Maldives for Sunny Side of Life Campaign
- Bollywood actress Suhana Khan : Adidas Originals
- Vedic scholar Dushyanth Sridhar : Brand ambassador of Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu based Ramraj Cotton
- MS Dhoni : Dettol India
- Shahid Kapoor : Vogue Eyewear
- Anil Kumble : Forest and Wildlife Ambassador
- Shubman Gill : Oakley, a famous sunglasses company
- Shraddha Kapoor : Eureka Forbes Ltd vacuum cleaner range
- Neeraj Chopra : Mumbai (Maharashtra) based Audi India





Ques: Which Indian filmmaker won the Best Director award in the Orizzonti section at the 82nd Venice International Film Festival for the film ‘Songs of Forgotten Trees’?

- A. Zoya Akhtar
- B. Anurag Kashyap
- C. Anuparna Roy
- D. Mira Nair
- E. Rima Das

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Anuparna Roy, an Indian filmmaker, made history at the 82nd Venice International Film Festival by winning the Best Director award for her film ‘Songs of Forgotten Trees’.
- Roy took home the prize in the Orizzonti section of the film festival.
- The category focuses on new trends in cinema focuses on emerging trends in cinema and showcases indie films, debuts, up-and-coming artists, and lesser-known films with a significant impact.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Prof. V.K. Gokak Award : Anand V. Patil
- 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





Ques: Who jointly launched the Guidelines for Co-location of Anganwadi Centres with Schools?

- A. Nirmala Sitharaman and Smriti Irani
- B. Dharmendra Pradhan and Annpurna Devi
- C. Rajnath Singh and Piyush Goyal
- D. Mansukh Mandaviya and Annpurna Devi
- E. Amit Shah and Dharmendra Pradhan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Union Women & Child Development Minister Annpurna Devi jointly launched the Guidelines for Co-location of Anganwadi Centres with Schools.
- These guidelines aim to integrate early childhood care and education by linking Anganwadi Centres with schools.
- A dedicated learning module will also be created for Anganwadi workers ("didi") who have not studied up to Class 12 but are interested in continuing their education.

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News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- 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)
- The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) successfully observed Swachhata Pakhwada from 16th to 31st August 2025, as part of the Government of India's Swachh Bharat Mission.
- 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



Ques: The Government of India recently introduced a new comprehensive framework for managing foreign nationals, replacing how many old laws?

- A. 4
- B. 8
- C. 2
- D. 5
- E. 6

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

The new framework for managing foreign nationals in India replaces 4 old laws:

1. Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920
2. Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939
3. Foreigners Act, 1946
4. Immigration (Carriers' Liability) Act, 2000

Stricter penalties have been introduced:

- Fake/forged passport or visa: 2–7 years jail + fine of ₹1–10 lakh.
- Illegal entry without valid documents: Up to 5 years jail + ₹5 lakh fine.
- Overstaying or visa violations: Up to 3 years jail + ₹3 lakh fine.
- Serious violations (fraud, terrorism, repeat offenses): Deportation, blacklisting, and up to 10 years jail.
- Mandatory reporting: Hotels, hospitals, universities, and nursing homes must report foreign nationals staying or using their facilities.
- Carrier obligations: Airlines and shipping companies must share advance passenger and crew details.
- Premises regulation: The government can seal or restrict properties misused by foreigners.
- Special exemption: Citizens of Nepal and Bhutan can still enter India without a passport or visa, but only through official routes.





Ques: The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) recently got its first 'Silver Notice' issued by INTERPOL against Pawan Thakur, who is linked to which criminal activity?

- A. Human Trafficking
- B. Drug Trafficking
- C. Cybercrime
- D. Money Laundering
- E. Arms Smuggling

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) secured its first-ever 'Silver Notice' from INTERPOL against Pawan Thakur, a Dubai-based Indian drug trafficker.
- This action is connected to the seizure of 82 kg of cocaine in India.
- The Silver Notice is a new category of INTERPOL Notices, introduced to track and gather information about criminal assets, including properties, vehicles, financial accounts, and businesses.
- Silver Notice aids members in requesting information on assets linked to a person's criminal activities such as fraud, corruption, drug trafficking, environmental crime etc.
- There are 8 types of Notices apart from the INTERPOL-UNSC Special Notice.

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Recent News Headlines Related to DRDO

- DRDO has successfully conducted user trials of India's first quasi-ballistic missile, Pralay, from the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, off the coast of Odisha
- DRDO successfully conducted the maiden flight test of the Integrated Air Defence Weapon System (IADWS) off the coast of Odisha
- DRDO successfully conducted the flight trial of the UAV Launched Precision Guided Missile (ULPGM)-V3 at the Palakolanu National Open Air Range (NOAR) in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh
- India's first Make-in-India cost-effective advanced Carbon Fibre Foot Prosthesis was indigenously designed and developed by DRDO's Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL) in collaboration with AIIMS Bibinagar, Telangana
- Defence Research and Development Organization has developed India's first indigenous Photonic Radar, marking a significant milestone in India's air defence technology, with ultra-high resolution, stealth detection, and immunity to electronic jamming
- India is developing the Extended Trajectory-Long Duration Hypersonic Cruise Missile (ETLDHCM) under DRDO's Project Vishnu, marking a significant leap in defence technology
- DRDO is developing three variants of the Kusha air defence system – M1, M2, and M3. Among them, Kusha M3 will have the longest range, capable of intercepting threats at more than 400 km
- DRDO has inaugurated the Quantum Technology Research Centre (QTRC) spearheaded by the Solid State Physics Laboratory (SSPL) and is aligned with India's National Quantum Mission.
- The Defence Materials Stores and Research & Development Establishment (DMSRDE), Kanpur, a laboratory under DRDO, has successfully developed a nanoporous multilayered polymeric membrane designed for high-pressure seawater desalination
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the DRDO Missile Test Range at Nagayalanka, Krishna district, Andhra Pradesh, with an investment of around Rs 1,460 crore
- The Multi-Influence Ground Mine (MIGM) is an advanced underwater naval mine developed by DRDO, led by the Naval Science & Technological Laboratory, Visakhapatnam



Ques: Who was recently sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court?

- A. Justice Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud
- B. Justice Shree Chandrashekhar
- C. Justice N. V. Ramana
- D. Justice Ranjan Gogoi
- E. Justice Sanjay Kumar

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Justice Shree Chandrashekhar, who was serving as Acting Chief Justice, was recently sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court.
- The oath was administered by Maharashtra Governor C. P. Radhakrishnan.
- Article 217(1): Appointment and Conditions of Office of a High Court Judge
- The President of India appoints all High Court judges, including the Chief Justice.
- The appointment is made following consultation with the Governor of the State, the Chief Justice of India (CJI), and, in the event that a judge other than the Chief Justice is appointed, the Chief Justice of the relevant High Court.

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Ques: Which state cabinet approved a plan to open seven new medical colleges across seven districts and also sanctioned ₹20,000 crore for women entrepreneurship?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Bihar
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan
- E. Jharkhand

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Bihar Cabinet approved opening one medical college and hospital in each of the seven districts: Kishanganj, Katihar, Rohtas, Sheohar, Lakhisarai, Arwal, and Sheikhpura.
- Bihar currently has 12 operational state-run medical colleges and 20 under-construction colleges.
- Prohibition and State Narcotics Control Bureau has been set up with 88 posts.
- The Cabinet also approved a 30% risk allowance for police personnel working in the Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS), capped at ₹25,000/month, on which dearness allowance is not applicable.

The Cabinet sanctioned ₹20,000 crore for the Mukhya Mantri Mahila Rozgar Yojana, under which:

- One woman per family receives ₹10,000 to start a business of her choice.
- After six months of evaluating performance, an additional ₹2 lakh grant will be given.





Ques: The Royal Bhutan Buddhist Temple was recently inaugurated in which Indian state?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Bihar
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. West Bengal
- E. Uttar Pradesh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Royal Bhutan Buddhist Temple was inaugurated in Rajgir, Bihar, by Bhutan Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, Union Minister for Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju, and other representatives from both countries.
- Rajgir, located in Nalanda district, is a significant spiritual and historical site in Buddhism.
- It is where Lord Buddha spent several years meditating, delivering sermons, and establishing a monastic community.
- Rajgir is also closely linked to the First Buddhist Council, held shortly after Buddha's Mahaparinirvana.
- Bhutan PM Tshering Tobgay was on an official visit to India from September 3 to 6, 2025.

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Ques: The 27th Saras Aajeevika Mela, showcasing products made by rural women, recently began at which venue?

- A. Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
- B. Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi
- C. Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi
- D. Ramlila Maidan, New Delhi
- E. India International Trade Fair Ground, New Delhi

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 27th Saras Aajeevika Mela is being held from September 5 to 22, 2025, at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, near India Gate, New Delhi.
- Theme (2025): "Making of Lakhpati Didis – Empowering rural women to become successful entrepreneurs and champions of Vocal for Local."
- Participants: Over 400 rural women from Self-Help Groups (SHGs) across all States and Union Territories.
- Around 200 stalls have been set up to display products.

Objective:

- To provide a marketing platform for rural women.
- To enable urban visitors to experience rural life.
- To promote "Vocal for Local" products and entrepreneurship among women.





Ques: India's first port-based Green Hydrogen Pilot Project was recently inaugurated at which port?

- A. Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Maharashtra
- B. Paradip Port, Odisha
- C. Kandla Port, Gujarat
- D. V.O. Chidambaranar Port, Tamil Nadu
- E. Visakhapatnam Port, Andhra Pradesh

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Union Ports, Shipping, and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated India's first port-based Green Hydrogen Pilot Project at V.O. Chidambaranar (VOC) Port, Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu.
- The pilot facility has a production capacity of 10 Nm³/hr.
- The project was set up at a cost of ₹3.87 crore.
- With this launch, VOC Port became the first port in India to produce green hydrogen.
- India aims to be among the world's top 10 shipbuilding nations by 2030, and top five by 2047

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Ques: Which ministry introduced the Environment Audit Rules, 2025 to strengthen environmental compliance and sustainable development?

- A. Ministry of Jal Shakti
- B. Ministry of Power
- C. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- D. Ministry of Rural Development
- E. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has notified the Environment Audit Rules, 2025, aimed at improving Ease of Doing Business and promoting trust-based governance.
- The rules ensure compliance with key environmental statutes like Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and Green Credit Rules, 2023
- A new Environment Audit Designated Agency (EADA) will certify and register environmental auditors, monitor their performance, and take disciplinary actions when required.
- Only Registered Environment Auditors (REAs) will be authorized to conduct environmental audits, with random assignment to ensure transparency and prevent conflict of interest.

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Ques: What is the theme of International Literacy Day 2025, observed annually on 8th September?

- A. Literacy for All
- B. Bridging the Literacy Gap
- C. Promoting Literacy in the Digital Era
- D. Education for Sustainable Future
- E. Empowering Through Reading

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- International Literacy Day is observed every year on 8 September to highlight the importance of literacy as a fundamental human right.
- It has been celebrated globally since 1967, under the leadership of UNESCO.
- The theme for 2025 is “Promoting Literacy in the Digital Era”, emphasizing the need to adapt literacy efforts to technological advancements.
- On this day, a global conference is organized at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France, bringing together experts and policymakers to discuss strategies for improving literacy worldwide.

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Important days :

- 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
- 23 August : National Space Day (Theme 2025 is "Aryabhatta to Gaganyaan: Ancient Wisdom to Infinite Possibilities,")
- 26 August : Women's Equality Day (Theme 2025 Accelerate Action)
- 26 August : International Dog Day
- 26 August : Mother Teresa Birth Anniversary
- 27 August : Ganesh Chaturthi



IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah met and felicitated the CRPF, Chhattisgarh Police, DRG and Cobra jawans in New Delhi, who successfully carried out 'Operation Black Forest' on Karreguttalu hill, biggest anti - Naxal operation ever conducted on Karreguttalu hill

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Ministry of Ayush, Shri Prataprao Jadhav inaugurated the Departmental Summit on 'National Ayush Mission and Capacity Building in States' at All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi

Vir Das will make history as the first Indian to headline a residency at New York's Lincoln Center Theater with his show Hey 'Stranger'

Bengaluru is set to house India's first and largest artificial intelligencepowered township, as the Karnataka government pushes ahead with the Greater Bengaluru Integrated Township (GBIT) at Bidadi.

Shri Piyush Goyal assumed charge as Secretary, Ministry of Mines. Prior to this assignment, Shri Goyal served as the Chief Executive Officer of NATGRID under Ministry of Home Affairs. He succeeds Shri V.L. Kantha Rao

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