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Ques: The International Finance Corporation (IFC) has provided a loan of Rs.498 crores to Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) for which project?

- A. Smart City Infrastructure Project
- B. Coastal Road Development Project
- C. Madhurawada Sewerage System Project
- D. Drinking Water Supply Project
- E. Urban Housing Development Project

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The International Finance Corporation (IFC) has provided a loan of Rs.498 crores (USD 60 million) to the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) for the development of the Madhurawada Sewerage System Project.
- The loan has been sanctioned for a 15-year tenure at an interest rate of 8.15%.
- The project aims to improve urban sanitation infrastructure and support sustainable city development in Visakhapatnam.

Total estimated project cost: Rs.553 crores, funded as follows:

- Rs.498 crores – from IFC
- Rs.45.64 crores – through Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation 2.0 (AMRUT 2.0)
- Rs.9.36 crores – from GVMC's own resources.

About International Finance Corporation :

- Established : 1956
- HQ : Washington, D.C., United States
- Members : 186 countries
- Managing Director : Makhtar Diop





RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS :

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has provided a loan of USD 125 million for the Assam Urban Sector Development Project (AUSDP) to transform urban infrastructure and strengthen climate resilience in Assam
- 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



Ques: Which fintech company has received approval from NPCI as a Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP) to offer UPI services?

- A. PhonePe
- B. Paytm
- C. Viyona Fintech
- D. Razorpay
- E. BharatPe

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Viyona Fintech has been approved as a Third-Party Application Provider by the National Payments Corporation of India to work with partner institutions to provide Unified Payments Interface services.
- Viyona's two applications, GraamPay and Viyona Pay, are covered by the NPCI approval.
- To ensure fair prices, quicker payments, and greater UPI access, Viyona intends to introduce a GraamPay marketplace that will connect farmers and buyers directly.

About NPCI :

- Established : 2008
- HQ : Mumbai
- MD & CEO : Dilip Asbe

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Ques: Ajay Kumar Srivastava's tenure as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has been extended till which date?

- A. December 31, 2025
- B. January 1, 2026
- C. October 8, 2027
- D. March 31, 2026
- E. September 30, 2027

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Ajay Kumar Srivastava's tenure as MD & CEO of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has been extended till October 8, 2027, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- He succeeded Partha Pratim Sengupta in December 2022.
- His initial tenure was set to end on December 31, 2025, before this extension.

About Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) :

- Founded : 1937
- Headquarters : Chennai
- MD & CEO : Ajay Kumar Srivastava
- Tagline : Good people to grow with

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Vishal Kapoor : Vice Chairman of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) (succeeded Anthony Heredia)
- Sundeep Sikka : Chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) (succeeded Navneet Munot)
- 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 Puroo (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)





Ques: According to Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, what is India's literacy rate as of 2023-24?

- A. 74%
- B. 76.5%
- C. 78%
- D. 80.9%
- E. 82%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- On International Literacy Day 2025, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan announced that India's literacy rate increased from 74% (2011) to 80.9% (2023-24).
- He credited this progress to the ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram, which currently includes 3 crore+ learners and 42 lakh volunteers
- 1.83 crore learners have appeared for foundational literacy and numeracy tests with a 90% success rate.
- The program provides study materials in 26 Indian languages, promoting inclusivity.
- States/UTs achieving 100% literacy are Ladakh, Mizoram, Goa, Tripura and Himachal Pradesh

About ULLAS Scheme:

- Full Form : Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society
- Launched : 2022
- Tenure : 2022-2027
- Aim : To empower adults (15 years and above) who missed formal schooling and integrate them into society to contribute to India's growth.
- Key Components : Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, Critical Life Skills, Basic Education, Vocational Skills and Continuing Education





Ques: Which company has recently appointed Amitabh Kant as an Independent Director till 2030?

- A. HCLTech
- B. Wipro
- C. Infosys
- D. Tech Mahindra
- E. TCS

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- HCL Technologies (HCLTech), headquartered in Noida, has appointed Amitabh Kant as an Independent Director.
- His appointment is effective immediately and will continue till 7 September 2030.
- The Board of HCLTech approved the appointment based on the recommendation of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee.
- This move strengthens the company's leadership by bringing in Amitabh Kant's vast experience in policymaking and strategic planning.

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Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Harshavardhan Chitale : CEO of Hero MotoCorp Ltd (Replaced Niranjana Gupta)
- Shri Piyush Goyal : Secretary, Ministry of Mines (succeeds Shri V.L. Kantha Rao)
- Bhupender Gupta : Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Limited (Replaced Raj Kumar Chaudhary)
- Justice Shree Chandrashekhar : Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court (Replaced Justice Alok Aradhe)
- Sukhmal Chand Jain : Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) (Replaced Pradeep Gaur)
- Gurdeep Singh : Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) for an additional 1-year term of NTPC
- SP Kothari : Assistant secretary for the Office of Economic Policy at the US department of the treasury
- T.C.A Kalyani : 29th Controller General of Accounts (CGA) in the Department of Expenditure (DoE), Ministry of Finance (MoF) (Replaced S.S. Dubey)
- Raghav Gupta : Head of OpenAI's education initiatives
- Aradhe (then Chief Justice of Bombay High Court) and Justice Vipul Pancholi (CJ of Patna High Court Justice Alok) : Supreme Court judges
- Mahendra Mohan Gupta : Chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI) Board of Directors
- Rajeev Shukla : interim President of BCCI (replacing Roger Binny)
- Satish Kumar : Chairman and CEO of the Indian Railway Board (IRB)
- Amit Kapur : Head of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Services Transformation Unit
- S.C.Jain (Currently serves as Advisor in the Railway Board) : Additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) (Replaced Pradeep Gaur)
- Akash Tripathi : Managing Director of Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) (succeeds Santosh Kumar Sarangi)
- Teymur Abasgulyev, a senior executive from SOCAR Turkiye Enerji A.Ş. : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Nayara Energy (Replaced Sergey Denisov)





Ques: Which country is the partner country for the third edition of the Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show (UPITS) 2025?

- A. Japan
- B. Russia
- C. Germany
- D. France
- E. United Kingdom

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the third edition of the Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show (UPITS) at the India Expo Mart, Greater Noida.
- Russia will participate as the partner country for this edition of the trade show.
- The event will feature knowledge sessions supported by APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University, IIT Kanpur and Other leading industry institutions
- First edition: 2023 and Second edition: 2024

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Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- DialogueNEXT 2025 was held in New Delhi, India, bringing together global agricultural leaders, policymakers, scientists, and farmers
- The 28th Universal Postal Congress (UPC) was held at the Dubai World Trade Centre, UAE, marking the first time the event was hosted in the country
- The 16th India-Singapore Defence Working Group (DWG) meeting was held on September 4, 2025, in Singapore
- External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar inaugurated the SAMHiTA Conference on South Asia's Manuscript Traditions and Mathematical Contributions in New Delhi
- 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
- The 18th World Congress on Inclusion will be held from September 15–17, 2025, at the Expo Centre in Sharjah, UAE, under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Ruler of Sharjah
- 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
- 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 FICCI
- 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
- 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.





Ques: The Supreme Court has directed the Election Commission to accept which document as the 12th proof of identity for inclusion in Bihar's revised voters' list?

- A. Passport
- B. Voter ID
- C. Aadhaar
- D. Ration Card
- E. PAN Card

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Supreme Court has directed the Election Commission (EC) to accept Aadhaar as the 12th identity document for inclusion or correction in Bihar's electoral rolls.
- Aadhaar will be used only as proof of identity, not as evidence of citizenship.
- EC officials can verify the authenticity and genuineness of Aadhaar, similar to other identity documents.
- This move will help individuals seeking inclusion or correction of their names in the Bihar voters' list.
- The court clarified that this step will make the voter inclusion process easier and more accessible

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Ques: Which country has developed EnteroMix, a new vaccine that showed 100% efficacy in early clinical trials?

- A. Russia
- B. Japan
- C. United States
- D. Germany
- E. United Kingdom

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Russia has launched EnteroMix, a vaccine with 100% effectiveness in early clinical studies.
- The Ministry of Health's National Medical Research Radiology Centre (NMRRRC) collaborated with the Engelhardt Institute of Molecular Biology of the Russian Academy of Sciences to create the oncolytic vaccine.
- Developed using mRNA-based technology, similar to Covid-19 vaccinations, tailored to each patient's unique RNA.
- The Russian EnteroMix cancer vaccine is now available for clinical usage.
- EnteroMix combines four harmless viruses to target and destroy cancer cells while activating the body's immune system.
- EnteroMix, a personalized cancer vaccine, has the potential to revolutionize worldwide cancer treatment practices by tailoring immune responses to each patient.





Ques: Which state's proposal was approved to expand the Sundarbans Tiger Reserve, making it India's 2nd largest tiger reserve?

- A. Assam
- B. Odisha
- C. West Bengal
- D. Madhya Pradesh
- E. Kerala

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) under the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change approved the West Bengal government's proposal to integrate three forest ranges into the Sundarbans Tiger Reserve.
- The three forest ranges are Matla, Raidighi and Ramganga
- These ranges, covering 1,044.68 sq. km, are located in the South 24 Parganas district.
- After this integration, the total area of the reserve increased to 3,629.57 sq. km, making it India's 2nd largest tiger reserve, after Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve (Andhra Pradesh), which spans 3,727.82 sq. km.
- The Sundarbans Tiger Reserve was designated as a Tiger Reserve in 1973 under Project Tiger, and the most recent census estimates that it is home to 101 tigers: 80 in the present Tiger Reserve and 21 in the nearby South 24 Parganas forests.
- In 1987, it was named a World Heritage Site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); in 1989, UNESCO recognized it as a Biosphere Reserve.





Recent News Headlines related to Tiger reserves

- Periyar Tiger Reserve (PTR) is located in Idukki district of Kerala, nestled in the Cardamom and Pandalam Hills of the Western Ghats, near the Tamil Nadu border
 - The Telangana state government has officially notified the tiger corridor connecting Kawal Tiger Reserve (KTR) with Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) in Maharashtra as the “Kumram Bheem Conservation Reserve”.
 - The Uttar Pradesh government has introduced a first-of-its-kind Vistadome coach service connecting the Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary to the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve in Pilibhit
 - The Madhya Pradesh government has approved a Rs.145 crore plan for the development of buffer zones around its 9 tiger reserves for the financial years 2025–26 to 2027–28
 - Madhav National Park in Madhya Pradesh (MP) has been designated as India's 58th Tiger Reserve (TR) by Union Minister Bhupender Yadav of the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC). This is the ninth TR in MP
 - Bhupender Yadav, the Union Minister for Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, notified the nation that the Ratapani Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh has been designated as the country's 57th Tiger Reserve.
 - The 12th International Tourism Mart was held in Kaziranga National Park, Assam, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
 - The Chhattisgarh government has officially established Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary as tiger reserves, bringing the total number of tiger reserves in the state to four.
 - The central government has given preliminary approval for Bihar's second tiger reserve in Kaimur district. The Bihar government proposed developing the Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary (KWLS) into a tiger reserve.
 - According to ‘EnviStats India-2024’ report Nagarjunsagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR) has been ranked first for its leopard population.
 - Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve in the Chandrapur district in Maharashtra is going to introduce a ropeway safari for the first time. It is the largest and oldest Tiger Reserve of Maharashtra.
 - The forest department organised its first 'Cyclothon' recently to celebrate World Wildlife Week 2024 at the buffer zone of the Kawal Tiger Reserve in Telangana.
- Government of India declared Kawal Wildlife Sanctuary a Tiger Reserve in 2012.





Ques: What is the name of the first-ever Tri-service all-women circumnavigation sailing expedition flagged off by Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh?

- A. Samudra Pradakshina
- B. Navika Sagar Parikrama
- C. INSV Tarini
- D. Triveni Parikrama
- E. Viksit Bharat Mission

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh virtually flagged off Samudra Pradakshina, the world's first-ever Tri-service all-women circumnavigation sailing expedition, from the Gateway of India, Mumbai.
- They will sail on IASV Triveni, a 50-foot indigenous yacht built in Puducherry.
- The expedition will cover 26,000 nautical miles over nine months.

Crew Details:

- The team comprises 10 women officers from the Army, Navy, and Air Force.
- Expedition Leader: Lieutenant Colonel Anuja Varudkar
- Deputy Leader: Squadron Leader Shraddha P. Raju
- Other members include Major Karamjeet Kaur, Major Omita Dalvi, Captain Prajakta P. Nikam, Captain Dauli Butola, Lieutenant Commander Priyanka Gusain, Wing Commander Vibha Singh, Squadron Leader Aruvi Jayadev, and Squadron Leader Vaishali Bhandari.

Route & Highlights:

- Cross the Equator twice.
- Sail past three great capes: Cape Leeuwin, Cape Horn, and Cape of Good Hope.
- Port stops: Fremantle (Australia), Lyttelton (New Zealand), Port Stanley (Canada), Cape Town (South Africa).
- The rounding of Cape Horn in the Southern Ocean (Dec 2025 – Feb 2026) will be the most challenging phase.





Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and World :

- The state government of Uttar Pradesh has launched a unique initiative by establishing 'Anokhi Duniya,' the world's first park made entirely from ceramic waste.
- Government of Andhra Pradesh signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tech Bharat Foundation to establish India's first Artificial Intelligence Centre of Excellence in Visakhapatnam
- 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 intelligence powered township, as the Karnataka government pushes ahead with the Greater Bengaluru Integrated Township (GBIT) at Bidadi
- The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) secured its first-ever 'Silver Notice' from INTERPOL against Pawan Thakur, a Dubai-based Indian drug trafficker
- Actor Deepika Padukone became the first Indian jury member for the Louis Vuitton Prize 2025
- An Assam-based foundation working on vulture conservation has developed a portal - reportedly the first of its kind in India - to build a network of individuals engaged in saving the large scavenger birds
- India has unveiled its first fully indigenous microchip, named 'Vikram-32', at the Semicon India 2025 conference in Delhi
- 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





Ques: Which state was recently declared as a 'fully literate state' by CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu?

- A. Kerala
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Sikkim
- D. Haryana
- E. Goa

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- On International Literacy Day, CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu declared Himachal Pradesh as a fully literate state. The state has reached a 99.3% literacy rate, higher than the national benchmark of 95%.
- The announcement was made at an event in Shimla, organized by the Directorate of School Education.
- The state achieved full literacy ahead of schedule, overcoming challenges from a past literacy rate of 7%.
- The CM emphasized the importance of quality education and continuous reforms aligned with modern requirements to achieve this milestone.

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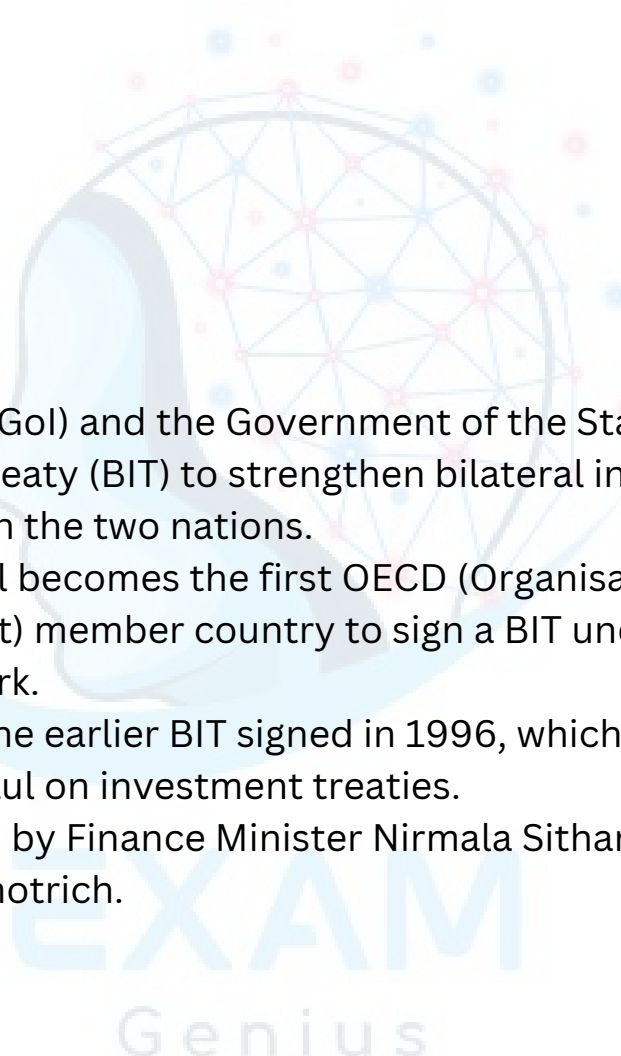
Ques: India recently signed a new Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) with which country, making it the first OECD member to sign under India's new investment treaty framework?

- A. Israel
- B. Japan
- C. Germany
- D. France
- E. United Kingdom

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Government of India (GoI) and the Government of the State of Israel signed a new Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) to strengthen bilateral investments and expand economic relations between the two nations.
- With this agreement, Israel becomes the first OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) member country to sign a BIT under India's new investment treaty framework.
- This new treaty replaces the earlier BIT signed in 1996, which was revoked in 2017 during India's policy overhaul on investment treaties.
- The agreement was signed by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich.





Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- Kongsberg Maritime signed an agreement with Mandovi Drydocks, in partnership with Ripley Group to provide a fully integrated equipment package for India's first electric tug at Deendayal Port in Kandla marking a major milestone in the Green Tug Transition Programme of India.
- Adani Power has signed an agreement with Bhutan's Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC) to set up a 570 MW Wangchhu hydroelectric project
- Tata Electronics Private Limited and Merck (Germany) signed an agreement to strengthen India's semiconductor and electronics manufacturing capabilities. Merck will provide Tata Electronics with a comprehensive range of semiconductor-related solutions for its upcoming fabrication plant (Fab) in Dholera, Gujarat
- Federation of Indian Export Organizations has signed a MOU with BRISKPE to facilitate faster and compliant cross-border payments for Indian exporters
- Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) & Horizon Fuel Cell Technologies (Singapore) signed an agreement for 10 year to jointly develop hydrogen fuel cell-based locomotive tailored for the Indian market
- 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



Ques: India's first bamboo-based bio-refinery has been set up in which state?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Assam
- C. Nagaland
- D. Manipur
- E. Tripura

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Engineers India Limited completed the mechanical work for India's first bamboo-based bio refinery at Numaligarh, Assam.
- The project is for Assam Bio Ethanol Private Limited.
- Finland's Chempolis Oy contributed innovative technology for the refinery.
- The project aims to create 49,000 tons of bioethanol, 11,000 tons of acetic acid, and 19,000 tons of furfural from raw bamboo feedstock annually.

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Que: Who has been appointed as the ambassador for the “Namo Yuva Run” campaign launched by Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Milind Soman
- C. Priyanka Chopra
- D. Sachin Tendulkar
- E. Deepika Padukone

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) launched the “Namo Yuva Run” campaign with Milind Soman as its ambassador.
- The campaign is scheduled for 21 September 2025 across 75 cities in India.
- Objective: To attract participation from one million youths and promote the initiative’s theme, ‘Nasha Mukta Bharat’, which focuses on preventing substance abuse and encouraging health and wellbeing among youth.

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Recent Headlines Related to Brand Ambassador :

- Alia Bhatt : global brand ambassador of Levi's
- 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





Ques: The Shilp Samagam Mela 2025 was recently inaugurated in which city?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Jaipur
- C. Lucknow
- D. Mumbai
- E. Bengaluru

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Shilp Samagam Mela 2025 officially opened at Freedom Park, Bengaluru.
- The event is organized by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, in collaboration with The Urban Learning Internship Programme (TULIP).
- The inauguration was done by Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar along with other government officials.
- The mela Features 75 artisan stalls
- It Showcases exquisite crafts from over 13 states across India.

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Ques: The Ministry of Labour & Employment recently signed MoUs with which organisations to enhance job access and career mentoring through the NCS portal?

- A. Amazon & Flipkart
- B. Mentor Together & Quikr
- C. Naukri.com & LinkedIn
- D. Swiggy & Zomato
- E. BYJU'S & Unacademy

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Labour & Employment signed MoUs with Mentor Together and Quikr to improve job access and provide personalised career guidance through the National Career Service (NCS) portal.
- The partnership with Mentor Together aims to reach 2 lakh youth in its first year, including NCS-registered job seekers and entrants from the PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY).
- The renewed MoU with Quikr will integrate 2,000+ daily job listings from 1,200+ cities into the NCS portal.
- 24,000+ trained professionals at city and district levels will support this initiative to ensure no job seeker is left behind.
- Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya stated that India's unemployment rate is just 2%, the lowest among G20 nations, as per the World Economic Forum's Future of Jobs Report 2025.





News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, launched a unique cultural initiative titled “Bistirna Parore: A Musical Voyage from Sadiya to Dhubri” to celebrate the birth centenary (100th birth anniversary) of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika
- Union Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya announced the mobilization of over 1,000 trained MY Bharat Aapda Mitras to assist in rescue operations in flood-affected areas of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh
- The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) has formed a 12-member panel, led by Senior Advocate Sanjay Upadhyay, to draft a national law to protect India's interests in international waters, also called high seas
- Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh Inaugurates Campus Tank in New Delhi to Empower Youth
- 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 Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Union Women & Child Development Minister Annpurna Devi jointly launched the Guidelines for Co-location of Anganwadi Centres with Schools
- 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”.



Ques: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Combined Commanders' Conference (CCC) 2025 in which city?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Pune
- C. Mumbai
- D. Kolkata
- E. Hyderabad

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- On September 15, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will kick off the three-day Combined Commanders' Conference (CCC), 2025, in Kolkata, where they will talk about strategic reforms, national security, and the future of the military.
- This year's conference's main theme is "Year of Reforms – Transforming for the Future."
- Three main topics will be covered at the conference: operational readiness, transformation & change, and reforms.

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Ques: The MQ-28A Ghost Bat, recently developed by Australia, is a type of which defense equipment?

- A. Submarine
- B. Tank
- C. Combat Aircraft
- D. Military Drone
- E. Missile System

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Australia has recently made significant progress in developing the MQ-28A Ghost Bat, a next-generation military drone.
- This project marks Australia's first major domestically designed and manufactured combat aircraft in over 50 years.
- The Ghost Bat is named after a native Australian bat species, known for its agility and strength.
- The production is being led by Boeing, in partnership with the Australian government, to enhance the country's defense capabilities.

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Ques: Digvijay Diwas, observed on 11 September, commemorates which event in Swami Vivekananda's life?

- A. Birth of Swami Vivekananda
- B. His speech at the World's Parliament of Religions, Chicago
- C. Establishment of Ramakrishna Mission
- D. Taking the name 'Vivekananda'
- E. First visit to Khetri State

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

• Digvijay Diwas is observed on 11 September to commemorate Swami Vivekananda's landmark speech at the World's Parliament of Religions in Chicago (1893), which began with the words "Sisters and Brothers of America."

About Swami Vivekananda:

- Born as Narendranath Datta on 12 January 1863.
- Took the name 'Vivekananda' in 1893 at the request of Maharaja Ajit Singh of Khetri State.
- Introduced the world to Vedanta and Yoga, preached neo-Vedanta, combining spirituality with material progress.
- Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose called him the "maker of modern India."
- Chief disciple of Ramakrishna Paramhansa and established the Ramakrishna Mission in 1897.





Ques: National Forest Martyrs Day is observed on which date in India?

- A. 5 June
- B. 11 September
- C. 15 August
- D. 2 October
- E. 21 March

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- National Forest Martyrs Day is observed on 11 September each year in India.
- Started in 2013, it was declared by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
- The day honors forest personnel and protectors who sacrificed their lives protecting forests and wildlife.

Historical significance:

- Commemorates the 1730 Khejarli Massacre in Rajasthan.
- Led by Amrita Devi Bishnoi, where 363 Bishnoi community members sacrificed their lives to protect Khejri trees from being cut by Maharaja Abhay Singh of Jodhpur's soldiers.
- This event inspired the Chipko Movement and shaped India's modern environmental conservation ethos.





Important days :

- 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 "Aryabhata 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
- 27 August : World Lake Day (theme for 2025: “Lakes: the lifeblood of our planet.”)
- 24 to 28 August : 35th World Water Week 2025 (Theme 2025: “Water for Climate Action”)
- 29 August : International Day against Nuclear Tests
- 29 August : National Sports Day (Theme 2025 Sport to Promote Peaceful and Inclusive Societies)



IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Dassault Aviation Raises Additional 2% Stake in Dassault Reliance Aerospace Limited (DRAL) to 51% at a cost of Rs.176 crores (USD 20 million)

The Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi in collaboration with Amity University, Uttar Pradesh (Noida), organized the Purple Fest 2025

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a \$126.42 million loan agreement to promote rural development through sustainable and climate-resilient tourism in the Tehri Lake region of Uttarakhand.

Launch ceremony of 11th Ammunition CUM Torpedo CUM Missile (ACTCM) BARGE, LSAM 25 (Yard 135) was held on 08 Sep 25 at M/s Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd, Thane.

Meghalaya State Skill Development Society has signed a MOU with Japan's Asean One Co. Limited For the initial phase, the initiative will support training and overseas placement of 500 candidates in the 1st year, and scaling up to 5,000 over the next 5 years

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