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Ques: Recently, how many NBFCs, including PhonePe Technology Services and Aditya Birla Finance, surrendered their Certificate of Registration (CoR) to RBI?

- A. 7
- B. 9
- C. 12
- D. 25
- E. 31

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced that nine NBFCs, including PhonePe Technology Services and Aditya Birla Finance, have surrendered their Certificate of Registration (CoR) due to various operational reasons.
- Apart from this, RBI cancelled the CoR of 31 other NBFCs for not meeting regulatory requirements.
- NBFCs (Non-Banking Financial Companies) provide bank-like financial services such as loans, credit, and investments, but cannot accept demand deposits like banks.

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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) purchased a 4.16-acre land parcel at Nariman Point, Mumbai from the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (MMRCL) for ₹3,472 crore
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) plans to allow lenders to remotely lock mobile phones purchased on credit if borrowers default on loans
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved changes to Yes Bank's Articles of Association (AoA), linked to Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) acquiring a 20% stake in the bank
- RBI data shows that SCBs have struggled to mobilize deposits and expand lending in rural India compared to semi-urban, urban, and metropolitan areas over the last 25 years
- In a heartfelt tribute to Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, RBI will issue a ₹100 commemorative coin on September 13, 2025, to mark the birth centenary of the legendary Assamese singer, poet, and cultural icon.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced a phased 100 basis point (1%) reduction in the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) to boost liquidity in the banking system
- The Sub-Committee of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC-SC) was chaired by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra
- 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).



Ques: What was India's retail inflation rate in August 2025 based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI)?

- A. 1.55%
- B. 2.07%
- C. 3.50%
- D. 4.00%
- E. 5.10%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India's retail inflation rate, measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), increased slightly to 2.07% in August 2025 from 1.55% in July, which was an eight-year low.
- The rise was due to a low base effect and a reduction in deflation in food prices.
- This also marked the seventh consecutive month that inflation remained below the RBI's 4% medium-term target.

Month-wise list of retail inflation:

- April 2025 : 3.16%
- May 2025 : 2.82%
- June 2025 : 2.10%
- July 2025 : 1.55%

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Ques: RBI recently imposed a monetary penalty of ₹21 lakh on PhonePe Limited for non-compliance with directions related to which of the following?

- A. Digital Lending Guidelines
- B. Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs)
- C. UPI Transactions
- D. KYC Norms
- E. Credit Card Regulations

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a ₹21 lakh monetary penalty on PhonePe Limited (formerly PhonePe Private Limited).
- The penalty was levied for non-compliance with RBI directions related to Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) under Section 30(1) read with Section 26(6) of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.
- RBI clarified that this penalty is purely for regulatory deficiencies and does not impact the validity of customer transactions or agreements.

RBI's inspection (Oct 2023 – Dec 2024) found that:

- PhonePe's escrow account balance on certain days was less than the value of outstanding PPIs and merchant payments.
- PhonePe failed to immediately report this shortfall to RBI.



Recent Penalties imposed on Banks:

- IDBI Bank filed a fresh insolvency plea in the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) against Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd (ZEEL), alleging a default of ₹225.23 crore
- Coal India Ltd was fined a total of ₹10.72 lakh (₹5.36 lakh each by BSE and NSE) for non-compliance with Regulation 17 of SEBI LODR
- RBI imposed a penalty of Rs. 44.70 lakh on Bandhan Bank for non-compliance with statutory and regulatory directions, specifically regarding the automation of Income Recognition, Asset Classification, and Provisioning (IRAC) processes in banks
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a ₹75 lakh penalty on ICICI Bank for non-compliance with certain regulatory directions.
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has imposed a Rs.5 crore penalty on Policybazaar Insurance Brokers
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has imposed a penalty of Rs.3.39 crore on Star Health and Allied Insurance
- Shriram Finance Limited violated provisions of the RBI (Digital Lending) Directions, 2025. This led to a Rs.2.70 lakh penalty under the RBI Act, 1934
- RBI fined HDFC Bank Ltd. Rs.4.88 lakh for breaking rules when issuing a term loan to a customer
- SEBI imposed a Rs.25 lakh fine on BSE Ltd for regulatory violations between February 2021 and September 2022
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) imposed a fine of Rs.1 crore on Edelweiss Life Insurance for violating corporate governance norms
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a Rs.29.60 lakh penalty on Fino Payments Bank
- SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) imposed a fine of Rs.25 lakh on MCX, India's largest commodity exchange
- RBI imposed a penalty of Rs.63.6 lakh on Union Bank of India for violating provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and failing to comply with guidelines related to credit flow to agriculture, particularly in providing collateral-free agricultural loans
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) imposed a Rs.1 crore penalty on Acko General Insurance





Ques: SEBI introduced special relaxations for which type of companies to simplify the voluntary delisting process?

- A. Private Companies
- B. Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)
- C. Insurance Companies
- D. Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs)
- E. Cooperative Societies

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- SEBI introduced special relaxations for Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) where the government holds 90% or more equity.
- The framework simplifies the voluntary delisting process for state-owned companies, making market exit more practical and efficient.
- Relaxations include removal of the two-thirds approval requirement from public shareholders and changes in the floor price calculation method.
- The traditional reverse book-building process has been replaced with a fixed price mechanism, provided the price is at least 15% above the floor price.

The floor price (FP) will be the highest of:

1. Volume-weighted average price of trades over the past 52 weeks up to the reference date.
2. Maximum price paid over the 26 weeks before the reference date.

- Shareholders have a one-year exit window to submit shares.
- If shares are not submitted within this period, the company must deposit the pending amount in a designated stock exchange account within 30 days after the window closes.
- The deposited amount will be kept for 7 years, allowing investors sufficient time to claim their dues.





Ques: How much additional stake has RBI approved ICICI Bank to acquire in ICICI Prudential AMC?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved ICICI Bank to acquire up to 2% additional stake in its subsidiary ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company (AMC).
- The stake will be purchased from Prudential Corporation Holdings Ltd (PCHL) in cash, and the pricing will be decided later.
- ICICI Bank entered into an agreement with PCHL on July 8 to acquire the stake before AMC's IPO.
- The transaction will not change AMC's classification status; it will remain a subsidiary of ICICI Bank.

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Ques: Which organization has invested USD 137 million to promote electric public transport in India through companies JBM Ecolife and GreenCell Mobility?

- A. Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- B. World Bank
- C. International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- D. NITI Aayog
- E. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The International Finance Corporation (IFC) has invested USD 137 million (₹1,210 crore) to promote electric public transport in India. Out of this, USD 100 million (₹883 crore) will be invested in JBM Ecolife, while the remaining USD 37 million (₹327 crore) will go to GreenCell Mobility.
- This funding will be used to deploy 4,000 e-buses and charging stations across 39 municipalities in eight Indian states and Union Territories – Maharashtra, Assam, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, and Delhi.
- India currently has over 2 million buses, and the government aims to achieve 40% e-bus penetration by FY 2029-30.

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Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- Canara Robeco Asset Management Company (AMC), a subsidiary of Canara Bank, has received approval from SEBI to launch its Initial Public Offering (IPO)
- SEBI has tightened rules for intraday positions in equity derivatives, particularly index options, to curb excessive speculation and potential market manipulation
- SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey announced incentives for women who are first-time mutual fund investors
- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, in collaboration with SEBI, organised Niveshak Shivir in Hyderabad at Haryana Bhavan, Secunderabad.
- SEBI has approved the reclassification of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) as a public shareholder in IDBI Bank, with its voting rights not exceeding 10%.
- SEBI has released a consultation paper proposing greater flexibility in Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) and Minimum Public Offer (MPO) norms
- SEBI has proposed a new single-window gateway named SWAGAT-FI (Single Window Automatic & Generalised Access for Trusted Foreign Investors).
- On 8 August 2025, SEBI scrapped the ₹100 (₹150 for new investors) transaction fee charged on investments above ₹10,000 for mutual fund distributors
- Quant Mutual Fund became the first Asset Management Company (AMC) in India to receive SEBI's approval to launch a Specialised Investment Fund (SIF) under the new category
- SEBI extended the timeline for Phase-III of its new nomination framework from September 1, 2025 to December 15, 2025
- SEBI and stock exchanges have revised the Enhanced Surveillance Mechanism (ESM) for companies with a market cap under Rs.1,000 crore
- SEBI has introduced a compliance framework for Specialized Investment Funds (SIFs) to monitor and maintain a minimum investment threshold. As per the new rules, investors must maintain a minimum investment of Rs.10 lakh across all investment strategies of a SIF
- SEBI in collaboration with the National Stock Exchange (NSE), has launched Samuhik Prativedan Manch, a unified reporting platform





Ques: In which three states has the Union Government announced licenses for opium poppy cultivation for the crop year 2025-26?

- A. Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat
- B. Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh
- C. Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan
- E. Gujarat, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Union Government has announced the annual licensing policy for the opium crop year 2025-26, which runs from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026.
- Licenses will be issued for farmers in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh.
- Nearly 1.21 lakh farmers are expected to be eligible, marking a 23.5% increase compared to the previous year.
- The Government Alkaloid Factory at Neemuch has received WHO-GMP certification, supporting Atmanirbhar Bharat and boosting Indian pharmaceutical production of alkaloid APIs and formulations.

Key features of the policy:

- Retention of opium gum cultivators with Morphine Yield (MQY-M) of 4.2 kg/ha or above.
- Cultivators with yields between 3.0 kg and 4.2 kg/ha can now grow unlanced poppy straw under the CPS (Concentrate of Poppy Straw) method with five-year license validity.
- Farmers producing 900 kg/ha or above of unlanced poppy straw will be incentivized and allowed to switch to traditional opium gum cultivation.
- Licenses will be suspended for farmers under CPS cultivation who failed to meet the minimum yield of 800 kg/ha in the previous crop year (2024-25).



Ques: By which year does the Government aim to have at least two PSBs in the list of top 20 global banks?

- A. 2030
- B. 2035
- C. 2040
- D. 2047
- E. 2050

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Government of India has set a target to ensure that at least two Public Sector Banks (PSBs) are included in the world's top 20 banks by 2047, aligning with the vision of Viksit Bharat.
- Currently, only the State Bank of India (SBI) is present in the top 50 global banks by asset size.
- Due to mergers, the number of PSBs has been reduced from 27 in 2017 to 12 as of now.
- The government is focusing on expanding the scale of PSBs, strengthening governance, and adopting digital banking and AI to achieve this target by 2047.

Major mergers on April 1, 2020:

- Oriental Bank of Commerce & United Bank of India → Punjab National Bank
- Syndicate Bank → Canara Bank
- Andhra Bank & Corporation Bank → Union Bank of India
- Allahabad Bank → Indian Bank





RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS :

- India pledged a \$680 million special economic package for Mauritius, which includes \$25 million budgetary assistance for FY2025-26, along with grants and support for maritime security and defence preparedness
- The World Bank has approved a \$212.64 million loan to support coastal communities in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. The financing falls under the first phase of the Strengthening Coastal Resilience and the Economy (SHORE) Programme
- 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
- 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 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





Ques: India recently secured its 2nd Polymetallic Sulphides (PMS) contract in 2025. This new contract is for which ocean ridge?

- A. Mid-Atlantic Ridge
- B. East Pacific Rise
- C. Central Indian Ridge
- D. Southwest Indian Ridge
- E. Carlsberg Ridge

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India has secured its second Polymetallic Sulphides (PMS) contract in 2025 with the International Seabed Authority (ISA) for the Carlsberg Ridge in the Indian Ocean.
- Earlier, India held its first PMS contract signed in 2016 for 10,000 sq. km in the Southwest Indian Ocean Ridge.
- The new contract also covers 10,000 sq. km, making India the first country in ISA's history to hold two active PMS contracts simultaneously.
- This agreement will give India exclusive rights for 15 years to explore polymetallic sulphides containing copper, nickel, cobalt, and rare metals.
- The official signing of the agreement took place on 15 September 2025 in New Delhi, in the presence of the ISA Secretary-General.

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Ques: India recently signed a Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) with which organization?

- A. ASEAN
- B. SAARC
- C. European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
- D. BRICS
- E. G20

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India signed a Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) with the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) to boost trade, investment, and strategic cooperation.
- This agreement aligns with India's vision of becoming a global economic powerhouse.
- EFTA members include: Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein.
- Under this agreement, EFTA has committed to invest \$100 billion in India over the next 15 years to strengthen economic ties and create new growth opportunities

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- Tata Consultancy Services signed a partnership agreement with French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission to accelerate innovation and industrialization of Physical Artificial Intelligence (AI)- powered solutions in France.
- India and Sri Lanka signed an MoU for the construction of a new Accident and Emergency (A&E) Unit at the District General Hospital, Mannar, Sri Lanka
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) signed a pact with the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) to develop India's sovereign cloud ecosystem
- India and Mexico signed a MoU to strengthen and boost bilateral trade relations
- The Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council of India (GJEPC), in collaboration with the Consulate General of India in Jeddah, the Embassy of India in Riyadh, and the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, announced the launch of SAJEX 2025
- Coal India Limited and NSTFDC under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs signed an MoU to empower tribal students enrolled in Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS)
- National Co-operative Exports Limited (NCEL) and the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) signed MoU to forge a strategic partnership aimed at elevating India's cooperative-led agricultural exports.
- Sports Authority of India's (SAI) National Centre of Sports Science Research (NCSSR) signed MOU with IIT Delhi to strengthen cooperation in the domains of sports sciences, advanced technology, and indigenous innovation
- 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
- 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
- India and Israel signed a new Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) to strengthen bilateral investments and expand economic relations between the two nations
- 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.





Ques: PM Modi recently launched the Gyan Bharatam Portal to boost manuscript digitisation. According to the announcement, approximately what percentage of India's manuscripts are in Sanskrit?

- A. 50%
- B. 60%
- C. 70%
- D. 75%
- E. 80%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- PM Modi launched the Gyan Bharatam Portal on 12 September 2025 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, during the International Conference on Gyan Bharatam.
- The Gyan Bharatam Mission, announced in the Union Budget 2025-26, aims to survey, document, and conserve India's manuscript heritage.
- India is home to around 10 million manuscripts, written in 80 ancient scripts such as Brahmi, Kushan, Gaudi, Lepcha, and Maithili.
- ~75% of these manuscripts are in Sanskrit, while 25% are in regional languages.
- A handwritten composition on paper, bark, cloth, metal, palm leaf, or other materials, at least 75 years old, with scientific, historical, or aesthetic value is known as Manuscript. It does not include Lithographs and printed volumes.

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Ques: Gandikota in Andhra Pradesh recently won the ‘Most Promising New Destination’ award at BLTM 2025. What is Gandikota popularly known as?

- A. India’s Niagara Falls
- B. India’s Grand Canyon
- C. India’s Valley of Flowers
- D. India’s Hidden Paradise
- E. India’s Mystic Valley

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Gandikota, located in Andhra Pradesh, received the ‘Most Promising New Destination’ award in the Responsible Tourism Awards category at BLTM 2025.
- The award ceremony was held at the India International Convention Centre (IICC), Yashobhoomi, New Delhi.
- Gandikota is famous for its dramatic gorge created by the Pennar River cutting through the Erramala Hills, which gives it the nickname “India’s Grand Canyon”.
- The Andhra Pradesh Tourism Department also showcased other attractions like heritage sites, pristine beaches, rural tourism, and eco-tourism initiatives during the event.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Karnataka Ratna, the highest civilian award of the state : Dr. Vishnuvardhan and B Saroja Devi
- P V Narasimha Rao Memorial Award for Economics : Former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh
- Camel International Award : Younus Ahamed
- 76th Creative Arts Emmy Awards : Barack Obama for his narration in Netflix's five-part documentary series "Our Oceans"
- 82nd Venice International Film Festival, Best Director award : Anuparna Roy for her film 'Songs of Forgotten Trees'
- 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





Ques: Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently launched the ‘Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan’ along with which initiative?

- A. Ayushman Bharat Abhiyaan
- B. Jan Aarogya Abhiyaan
- C. 8th Poshan Maah
- D. Nari Suraksha Abhiyaan
- E. Fit India Movement

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- On 17 September 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the ‘Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan’ along with the 8th Poshan Maah.
- This initiative is jointly led by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) and the Ministry of Women & Child Development (MoWCD).
- Its Objective is to strengthen healthcare and nutrition services for women, adolescent girls, and children across India.
- Focus areas include Anaemia prevention, Maternal & child health, Menstrual hygiene, Non-communicable diseases screening (Cancer, TB, Sickle Cell Disease), Immunisation and Voluntary blood donation
- The campaign also promotes healthy lifestyle practices, with emphasis on obesity prevention, fitness, nutrition, and mental health awareness, supporting PM Modi’s vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047.

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Ques: The Indian Navy recently received the ASW SWC ship 'Androth', the second in its series. Which shipbuilding company constructed this vessel?

- A. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
- B. Cochin Shipyard
- C. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)
- D. Hindustan Shipyard
- E. Goa Shipyard Limited

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- 'Androth' is the second of eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWCs) being built for the Indian Navy.
- It was delivered on 13 September 2025 at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.
- These ships are indigenously designed and constructed following the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) classification rules.
- Named after Androth Island in Lakshadweep, symbolizing India's commitment to safeguarding its vast maritime territories.

Key features of ASW SWC ships:

- Approx 77 meters in length, the largest Indian Naval warships powered by a Diesel Engine-Waterjet combination.
- Equipped with state-of-the-art lightweight torpedoes, indigenous ASW rockets, and advanced shallow water SONAR.
- Designed for effective submarine detection and engagement in littoral (coastal) zones.





Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- The Indian Navy will commission INS Aravali on September 12, 2025, in the presence of Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff
- Indian Naval Ship Trikand, stealth frigate of the Indian Navy, called at Salamis Bay, Greece during her ongoing deployment to the Mediterranean Sea.
- NASA's Perseverance rover, which has been exploring Mars since 2021, has discovered reddish, clay-rich mudstone rocks in Neretva Vallis, a dry river channel that once carried water into Jezero Crater
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited signed a Technology Transfer Agreement with Indian Space Research Organisation, Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre and NewSpace India Limited for the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle in Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Australia has recently made significant progress in developing the MQ-28A Ghost Bat, a next-generation military drone
- 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
- Ukraine has unveiled a new long-range cruise missile named FP-5 "Flamingo", developed by Fire Point Defense Company
- PRYMA Aerospace Private Limited received Type Certification from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation for its Arjuna drone, enabling its deployment in agriculture.
- Building 'Bridges of Friendship', whilst training young minds, the ships of the First Training Squadron (1TS) of the Indian Navy comprising INS Tir, INS Shardul, and CGS Sarathi, arrived at Port Victoria, Seychelles on 01 Sep 2025.
- India and Japan signed the implementing arrangement for the Chandrayaan-5 mission, a joint lunar polar exploration mission
- JWST discovered S/2025 U1, a tiny moon of Uranus, just 10 km in diameter, using its Near-Infrared Camera (NIRCam) on 2 February 2025
- Pixxel Space launched 3 Firefly satellites, completing Phase-1 of its 6-satellite hyperspectral constellation for high-resolution Earth observation
- The Government of India has cleared the Defence Ministry and Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) to initiate formal negotiations for acquiring six advanced submarines under Project 75 India (P-75I)





Ques: The National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) Patna signed an MoU with which company to train rural women in Bihar for the textile sector?

- A. Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Limited (ABFRL)
- B. Tata Textiles
- C. Reliance Retail
- D. Raymond Group
- E. Arvind Mills

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) Patna, under the Ministry of Textiles, signed an MoU with Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Limited (ABFRL).
- The partnership aims to empower rural women, especially members of self-help groups (Jeevika Didis), by providing industry-relevant training.
- Training will include garment manufacturing techniques, quality control, and machinery operation.
- The program is designed to prepare participants for employment at ABFRL's upcoming textile manufacturing unit in Begusarai district, Bihar.
- This initiative will boost Bihar's textile sector and create direct employment opportunities for rural women.





Ques: Which organization is implementing the ₹72,000 crore Great Nicobar Project?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Indian Navy
- C. Ministry of Defence
- D. Shipping Corporation of India
- E. Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation (ANIIDCO)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Great Nicobar Project is a multi-development initiative aimed at the holistic development of Great Nicobar Island, strategically located near the Malacca Strait.
- It will be developed over 30 years in a phased manner, covering 16,610 hectares.
- The project is implemented by ANIIDCO (Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation).
- Total project value: ₹72,000 crore.
- The island is also home to the Shompen Tribe, a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG).
- Great Nicobar Island is 2,700 km from Hong Kong and 9 km from Indira Point, India's southernmost tip.

Key components include :

- International container trans-shipment terminal
- Greenfield international airport with dual military-civilian functions
- Township development
- 450 MVA power plant (gas and solar-based)





Ques: Who is the author of the book “Different, But Not Less”?

- A. Amitabh Bachchan
- B. Ruskin Bond
- C. Anupam Kher
- D. Chetan Bhagat
- E. Shashi Tharoor

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Veteran actor Anupam Kher has authored a new book titled “Different, But Not Less.”
- The book tells the unscripted story behind the making of “Tanvi the Great,” showcasing determination and hard work.
- It highlights themes of inspiration, resilience, and motivation in the face of challenges.
- This work adds to Anupam Kher’s previous successful contributions as an author.

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Ques: How many Indian properties are now on UNESCO's Tentative List after seven new additions in 2025?

- A. 65
- B. 66
- C. 67
- D. 68
- E. 69

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Seven new Indian sites have been added to UNESCO's Tentative List of World Heritage Sites in 2025.
- With these additions, the total count of Indian properties on the Tentative List has reached 69.
- 49 under Cultural category, three under Mixed category and 17 under Natural category

Newly added sites include:

1. Deccan Traps, Panchgani & Mahabaleshwar, Maharashtra – Famous volcanic basalt formations.
2. St. Mary's Island Cluster, Karnataka – Known for hexagonal basaltic rock formations.
3. Meghalayan Age Caves, East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya – Rich in cave ecosystems.
4. Naga Hill Ophiolite, Kiphire, Nagaland – Provides insights into Earth's crust history.
5. Erra Matti Dibbalu, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh – Unique red sand dunes.
6. Tirumala Hills, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh – A biodiversity hotspot with spiritual importance.
7. Varkala, Kerala – Known for coastal cliffs and distinct geological formations.





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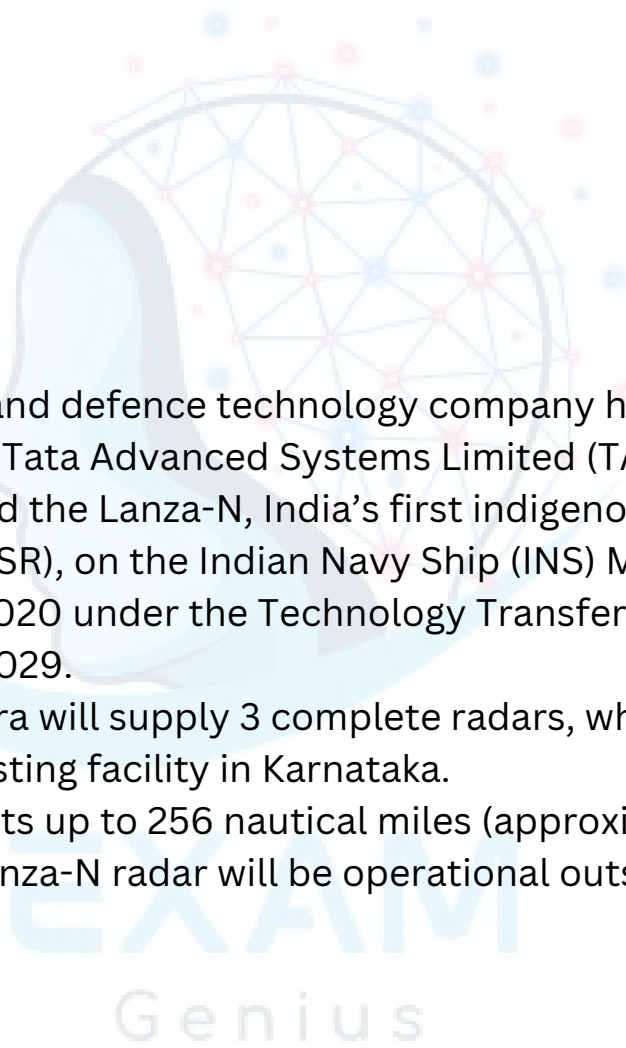
Ques: Which company in collaboration with Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) delivered and commissioned India's first indigenous Three Dimension Air Surveillance Radar (3DASR) for the Indian Navy?

- A. Lockheed Martin
- B. Raytheon
- C. Boeing
- D. Thales Group
- E. Indra

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Indra, a global aerospace and defence technology company headquartered in Spain, in collaboration with Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL), successfully delivered and commissioned the Lanza-N, India's first indigenous Three Dimension Air Surveillance Radar (3DASR), on the Indian Navy Ship (INS) Mysore.
- A contract was signed in 2020 under the Technology Transfer Programme (TTP) to deliver 23 naval radars by 2029.
- Under this agreement, Indra will supply 3 complete radars, while TASL will build and integrate 20 radars at its testing facility in Karnataka.
- The radar can detect targets up to 256 nautical miles (approximately 474 km).
- This is the first time the Lanza-N radar will be operational outside Spain.





Ques: At the 2025 World Boxing Championships in Liverpool, which Indian boxer won the women's 57kg featherweight gold medal?

- A. Mary Kom
- B. Nikhat Zareen
- C. Lovlina Borgohain
- D. Jaismine Lamboria
- E. Nitu Ghanghas

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The 2025 World Boxing Championships were held in Liverpool, United Kingdom.
- Jaismine Lamboria of India won the gold medal in the women's 57kg featherweight category, defeating Julia Szeremeta of Poland, who was the Paris Olympics silver medallist.
- India fielded a 20-member contingent and secured 4 medals in women's categories, finishing 3rd in the overall medal table. Kazakhstan ranked 1st.

With this victory, Jaismine joined an elite list of Indian world champions like:

- Mary Kom – six-time winner (2002, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2018)
- Nikhat Zareen – two-time winner (2022, 2023)
- Sarita Devi, Jenny RL, Lekha KC (2006)
- Nitu Ghanghas, Lovlina Borgohain, Saweety Boora (2023)





Ques: The 10th Ayurveda Day will be celebrated on 23rd September 2025 in Goa with the theme “Ayurveda for People & Planet.” When was Ayurveda Day first observed in India?

- A. 2016
- B. 2015
- C. 2014
- D. 2017
- E. 2018

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 10th Ayurveda Day will be celebrated on 23 September 2025 at the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Goa.
- The theme for 2025 is “Ayurveda for People & Planet”.
- For the first time, Ayurveda Day will be observed on a fixed calendar date – 23rd September, unlike earlier years when it was celebrated on Dhanvantari Jayanti.
- Ayurveda Day was first celebrated in 2016, after being declared by the Government of India (Ministry of AYUSH) to be observed annually on Lord Dhanvantari’s birth anniversary, who is considered the Hindu God of Medicine.

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- The 2nd edition of the CAFA Nations Cup 2025, the biennial men's football championship of Central Asia, was organized by the Central Asian Football Association was held in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan
- The "Narendra Cup" was inaugurated by Bengal BJP state president Shamik Bhattacharya in Dasnagar, Howrah
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has unveiled its flagship campaign 'Will to Win' ahead of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025
- Abhimanyu Mishra, a 16-year-old American chess player, made history at the FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan
- In Football, India defeated Oman to finish third in the CAFA Nations Cup 2025 at Hisor Central Stadium in Tajikistan to win the bronze medal. India, 133rd in the FIFA rankings.
- The Indian men's hockey team defeated South Korea 4-1 in the final of the Hockey Asia Cup 2025 held at Rajgir Sports Complex, Bihar, on 7th September 2025
- Max Verstappen returned to winning form by clinching a commanding victory at the 2025 Italian Grand Prix in Monza
- India will host the 28th ITTF-ATTU Asian Table Tennis Team Championships in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, from October 11 to 15, 2025
- Carlos Alcaraz, at just 22 years old, defeated his long-time rival Jannik Sinner in the men's singles final of the US Open 2025 145th edition at Flushing Meadows, New York
- Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS), launched the mascot "Jalveer" and official logo for the 11th Asian Aquatics Championship in New Delhi
- Aryna Sabalenka retained her U.S. Open crown with a win over American eighth seed Amanda Anisimova in the U.S. Open women's final
- Pranav Venkatesh dominated the Superstars section of the inaugural Fujairah Global Chess Championship (2025), held in the UAE. Secured the title with a victory against GM Alan Pichot (Spain) in the final round.
- Afghanistan team Captain Rashid Khan became the leading wicket-taker in Twenty20s as Afghanistan beat the United Arab Emirates by 38 runs in the tri-series
- India to Send First-Ever National Team to Pickleball World Cup, scheduled to take place in Florida, USA





Important days :

- 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)
- 30 August : National Small Industry Day 2025
- 30 August : International Day of Enforced Disappearances 2025
- 1 st - 7 th September : National Nutrition Week (Theme is "Eat Right for a Better Life")
- 2 September : World Coconut Day 2025 (Theme Uncovering Coconut's Power, Inspiring Global Action)
- 3 September : Skyscraper Day
- 5 September : International Day of Charity
- 5 September : Teacher's Day 2025 (Theme 2025: Inspiring the Next Generation of Learners.)
- 7 September : International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies (THEME: Racing for Air. Every Breath Matters)
- 7 September : International Day of Police Cooperation (2025 Theme: ICT and AI in policing)
- 7 September : World Duchenne Awareness Day or International Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Day (THEME: Family: the heart of care)
- 8 September : International Literacy Day (theme for 2025 is "Promoting Literacy in the Digital Era")
- 8 September : World Physiotherapy Day (Theme is "Healthy Ageing")
- 9 September : International Day to Protect Education from Attack (theme "Challenging Narratives, Reshaping Action.")
- 9 September : 6th World EV Day (Theme 2025 The Better Manifesto)
- 13 September : International Chocolate Day





IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Adani Power Ltd. (APL) & Bihar State Power Generation Company Ltd. (BSPGCL) signed Power Supply Agreement (PSA) For supply of 2,400 MW of power from a greenfield ultra super critical plant to be set up at Pirpainti in Bhagalpur district of Bihar

Purple Fest 2025 was organized by the Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) in collaboration with Amity University, Noida on 10-11th September 2025.

A National Conference was jointly organized by NALSAR University and the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) at Hyderabad. The inaugural session of Corp-Con 2025, themed Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) said it has incorporated Reliance Intelligence Limited as a wholly owned subsidiary

Israel Chemicals Limited has partnered with BioPrime AgriSolutions Private Limited to launch advanced soil and crop health solutions in India, leveraging BioPrime's Bionexus platform.

