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Ques: Carlos Felipe Jaramillo has been appointed as Vice President for which region of the World Bank?

- A. South Asia
- B. East Asia and Pacific (EAP)
- C. Middle East and North Africa
- D. Latin America and the Caribbean
- E. Europe and Central Asia

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Carlos Felipe Jaramillo has been appointed as the Vice President for the East Asia and Pacific (EAP) Region of the World Bank.
- As EAP Vice President, he will oversee partnerships with 23 countries and manage an active portfolio exceeding US\$32 billion.

About World Bank:

- Established: 1944
- Headquarters: Washington DC, USA
- Members: 189 countries
- World Bank Group comprises: 5 organizations – IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA, and ICSID
- Current President: Ajay Banga





Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Ravi Ranjan (Deputy Managing Director) : Managing director of State Bank of India (SBI) (Replaced Vinay M Tonse)
- Abhishek Maheshwari : Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of International Asset Reconstruction Company (IARC)
- Injeti Srinivas : Chairperson of the Governing Board of the National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) (replaced Girish Chandra Chaturvedi)
- Ajay Kumar Srivastava : MD & CEO of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has been extended till October 8, 2027
- 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 Purao (Corporation Finance Investigation Department) : Executive Directors (EDs) of SEBI
- Vishwas Patel : Chairperson of Payments Council of India (PCI)
- Indranil Bhattacharyya : member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)
- Rajiv Anand : CEO of IndusInd Bank for a three-year term starting August 25, 2025
- Deepak Reddy : Chief Executive Officer of Manappuram Finance
- Anuradha Thakur : nominated as a Director on the Central Board of RBI
- Ajay Seth : Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- Neeraj Gambhir : Executive Director (ED) of Axis Bank for 3 years
- R. Doraiswamy : MD and CEO of LIC
- Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat : Interim MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank



Ques: Which bank recently received government approval to facilitate trade payments for Nayara Energy Ltd., after the company was sanctioned by the EU?

- A. Punjab National Bank
- B. State Bank of India
- C. Bank of Baroda
- D. Canara Bank
- E. UCO Bank

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- UCO Bank has received government approval to facilitate trade payments for Nayara Energy Ltd., nearly two months after Nayara was sanctioned by the European Union (EU) and subsequently avoided by major financial institutions.
- In the past, UCO Bank has played a similar role by facilitating oil trade payments with Iran, making it a suitable candidate for this task.

About UCO Bank:

- Established: 1943
- Headquarters: Kolkata
- MD & CEO: Ashwani Kumar
- Tagline: "Honours your Trust"

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Ques: According to the RBI's new guidelines issued in 2025, payment aggregators are classified into how many categories based on the type of work they undertake?

- A. Two
- B. Three
- C. Four
- D. Five
- E. Six

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued new directions to regulate payment aggregators in 2025, which came into effect immediately.
- Under the RBI (Regulation of Payment Aggregators) Directions, 2025, payment aggregators have been divided into three categories:
 1. PA-P – Physical Payment Aggregators
 2. PA-CB – Cross-Border Payment Aggregators
 3. PA-O – Online Payment Aggregators
- Banks do not require RBI authorization to operate as a payment aggregator, but non-bank entities must meet minimum capital requirements.
- The net worth requirement is ₹15 crore at the time of application. ₹25 crore by the end of the third financial year after receiving authorization.
- If a company is already regulated by SEBI or IRDAI, it must first obtain a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from its regulator and submit it to the RBI within 45 days before commencing operations.
- Payment aggregators cannot set transaction limits on their own; only banks are allowed to set such limits.
- All payment aggregators are now required to create a Dispute Resolution Policy, approved by their board of directors, to address customer issues.





Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The 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
- The RBI approved ICICI Bank to acquire up to 2% additional stake in its subsidiary ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company (AMC)
- 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



Ques: NABARD is developing a centralized digital lending platform for which type of banks to improve their competitiveness against NBFCs and MFIs?

- A. Commercial Banks
- B. Cooperative Banks
- C. Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)
- D. Small Finance Banks
- E. Payment Banks

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- NABARD is developing a Centralised Digital Credit Infrastructure (CDCI) to digitise, automate, and streamline credit processing for different loan products.
- This initiative is aimed at strengthening Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) so they can better compete with NBFCs (Non-Banking Financial Companies) and MFIs (Microfinance Institutions).
- It follows the One State-One RRB Policy, which came into effect on 1 May 2025, consolidating 43 RRBs into 28 banks.
- The CDCI will enhance efficiency, reduce turnaround time, and improve customer experience.

About NABARD:

- Established: 12 July 1982 (Based on B. Sivaraman Committee recommendations)
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Chairman: K. V. Shaji





Ques : From which date will Aadhaar authentication become mandatory for booking general reserved tickets online via IRCTC during the first 15 minutes?

- A. 1 September 2025
- B. 15 September 2025
- C. 1 October 2025
- D. 15 October 2025
- E. 1 November 2025

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Railways has announced that starting from 1 October 2025, Aadhaar authentication will be mandatory for booking general reserved tickets online through the IRCTC website or app during the first 15 minutes after the reservation window opens.
- This step is aimed at benefiting regular users and preventing misuse by unauthorized elements.
- There will be no change in the booking timings at computerized PRS counters of Indian Railways.
- Similarly, the 10-minute restriction for authorized ticketing agents remains unchanged, meaning they still cannot book tickets in the first 10 minutes.

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News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) will conduct two nationally representative surveys from July 2026 to June 2027: the All-India Debt and Investment Survey (AIDIS) and the Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) of Agricultural Households
- Union Minister Pralhad Joshi launched a Rs 100-crore scheme for startups to support innovations in green hydrogen production. The scheme will provide up to Rs 5 crore per project for pilot projects
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched the Beta Version of Adi Sanskriti at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, during the National Conference on Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan
- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has collaborated with Zomato and Uber to spread road safety awareness nationwide
- 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)
- 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





Ques: The ‘National Agriculture Conference – Rabi Abhiyan 2025’ was inaugurated by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan at which venue?

- A. Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- B. Bharat Ratna C. Subramaniam Auditorium, Pusa Campus, New Delhi
- C. Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
- D. Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi
- E. National Agricultural Science Complex, New Delhi

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare is organising the National Agriculture Conference – Rabi Abhiyan 2025 in New Delhi.
- The two-day conference is being held at Bharat Ratna C. Subramaniam Auditorium, Pusa Campus.
- It was inaugurated by Union Agriculture Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- The event provides a common platform for agriculture experts, scientists, policymakers, and state representatives to discuss preparations, production targets, and strategies for the Rabi sowing season 2025–26.
- Theme of the conference: “One Nation – One Agriculture – One Team.”

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Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- 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)
- The Department of Science and Technology (DST) has announced the theme for the Emerging Science, Technology, and Innovation Conclave-2025 (ESTIC-2025). Theme: "Viksit Bharat 2047 - Pioneering Sustainable Innovation, Technological Advancement and Empowerment"
- The 4th Coast Guard Global Summit (CGGS) was held in Rome, Italy, from September 11-12, 2025
- The 44th meeting of the SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) Council was held at Cholpon-Ata, Kyrgyzstan, and was chaired by Kyrgyzstan
- The United Planters Association of Southern India and the Tea Board India will organise the eighth edition of India International Tea Convention in Kochi from September 18 to 20. Theme - "Innovating the Tea Ecosystem for Tomorrow"
- The Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) successfully concluded the 5th edition of Lok Samvardhan Parv at the Marine Drive Exhibition Area in Kochi, Kerala
- 48th Annual Conference on Oceans Law & Policy (COLP48) held under the theme "Developing World Approaches to Ocean Governance: Perspectives from the Indian Ocean Rim", this gathering assembled global stakeholders to explore pathways for sustainable and inclusive marine governance
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the third edition of the Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show (UPITS) at the India Expo Mart, Greater Noida
- The Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), New Delhi in collaboration with Amity University, Uttar Pradesh (Noida), organized the Purple Fest 2025
- 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
- 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



Ques: The Centre has reopened the application window for the PLI scheme for White Goods till which date in 2025?

- A. September 30
- B. October 14
- C. October 31
- D. November 15
- E. December 1

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Union Government reopened the PLI scheme application window for White Goods (Air Conditioners and LED Lights) from September 15 to October 14, 2025.
- The scheme aims to promote domestic manufacturing and reduce imports, particularly of AC and LED components that are not sufficiently produced in India.
- Both new applicants and existing beneficiaries who wish to invest more can apply.
- So far, 83 companies with a total committed investment of ₹10,406 crore have been selected.
- The scheme was first approved by the Union Cabinet in April 2021.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has launched two major schemes – SPREE-2025 (Scheme for Promoting Registration of Employers and Employees) and Amnesty Scheme-2025
- Union Minister Manohar Lal launched “Angikaar 2025”, an initiative of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) to boost the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0)
- 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
- 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.





Ques: Who won the 2025 FIDE Grand Swiss and FIDE Women's Grand Swiss tournaments held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan?

- A. Magnus Carlsen and Humpy Koneru
- B. Fabiano Caruana and Dronavalli Harika
- C. Anish Giri and Vaishali Rameshbabu
- D. Hans Niemann and Tan Zhongyi
- E. Levon Aronian and Divya Deshmukh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- GM Anish Giri won the 2025 FIDE Grand Swiss by defeating GM Hans Niemann with a slow, grinding style, earning the \$90,000 top prize and qualification for the 2026 FIDE Candidates Tournament.
- GM Vaishali Rameshbabu won the 2025 FIDE Women's Grand Swiss for the second consecutive time after drawing with GM Tan Zhongyi, receiving \$40,000 and qualifying for the 2026 Candidates Tournament.
- Vaishali became the third Indian woman to qualify for the 2026 Candidates Tournament, joining Koneru Humpy and Divya Deshmukh.

Top 3 in FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 :

1. Anish Giri : Netherlands (USD 90,000)
2. Matthias : Blübaum Germany (USD 75,000)
3. Alireza : Firouzja France (USD 62,000)



Recent News headlines related to Sports

- India scripted a historic moment in global skating as Anandkumar Velkumar clinched the country's first-ever gold at the Speed Skating World Championships in Beidaihe, China. The 22-year-old speedster powered to victory in the senior men's 1000 m sprint with a timing of 1:24.924
- 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
- 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





Ques: India will host the 89th General Meeting of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) in 2025 at which venue?

- A. Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
- B. Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- C. Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- D. India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
- E. Hyderabad International Convention Centre

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) announced that India will host the 89th General Meeting of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) from 15 to 19 September 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- This will be the fourth time India is hosting this prestigious event, previously in 1960, 1997, and 2013.
- IEC has 170 member countries, representing 99% of the world's population and influencing nearly 20% of global trade.
- Over 2,000 experts from more than 100 countries will participate to discuss international electrotechnical standards.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- 'Most Promising New Destination' award in the Responsible Tourism Awards category at BLTM 2025 : Gandikota, located in Andhra Pradesh
- 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



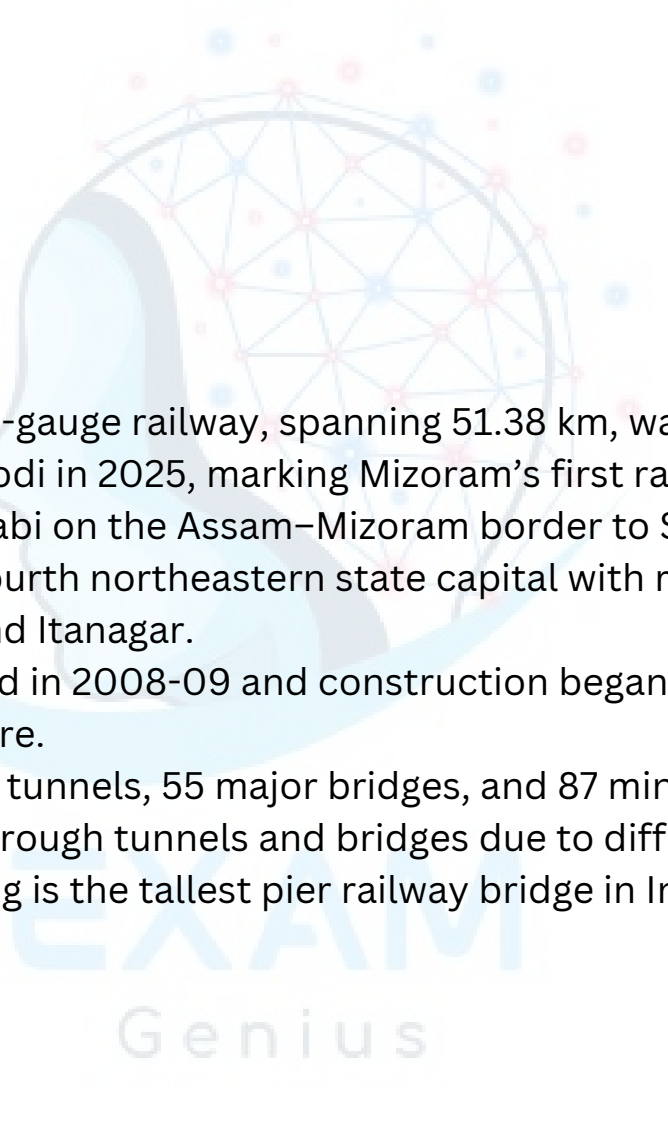
Ques: Which state's first railway line, the Bairabi–Sairang broad-gauge railway, was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2025?

- A. Tripura
- B. Mizoram
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Nagaland
- E. Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Bairabi–Sairang broad-gauge railway, spanning 51.38 km, was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2025, marking Mizoram's first railway line.
- The railway connects Bairabi on the Assam–Mizoram border to Sairang, 20 km from Aizawl, making Aizawl the fourth northeastern state capital with rail connectivity, after Guwahati, Agartala, and Itanagar.
- The project was sanctioned in 2008-09 and construction began in 2015, costing approximately Rs 8,070 crore.
- The alignment includes 45 tunnels, 55 major bridges, and 87 minor bridges, with 54% of the route running through tunnels and bridges due to difficult terrain.
- Bridge No. 144 near Sairang is the tallest pier railway bridge in India at 114 metres.





Recent News Headlines Related to First in india and world :

- Albania has become the first country in the world to formally appoint an Artificial Intelligence (AI) entity as a government minister
- Philippines became the first country to purchase BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles from India
- SAMBHAV is India's first fully indigenous secure mobile communication system, specifically designed for defence purposes
- Altmin Pvt Ltd became the first Indian project to be officially listed under the US-led Mineral Security Partnership (MSP) in August 2025, following a proposal by the Mines Ministry in 2023
- A WWF-India survey in Arunachal Pradesh has captured the first photographic evidence of Pallas's cat in the state, reaffirming the eastern Himalayas as a global biodiversity hotspot
- Engineers India Limited completed the mechanical work for India's first bamboo-based bio refinery at Numaligarh, Assam
- 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 Bidadri
- 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





Ques: Google is set to launch its Google for Startups (GfS) Hub in Hyderabad as part of an MoU with which state government?

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

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Google, in collaboration with the Government of Telangana, is set to launch the Google for Startups (GfS) Hub in Hyderabad.
- The hub will be located within T-Hub and is expected to be inaugurated by Telangana CM A. Revanth Reddy on December 9, 2025.
- This strategic initiative aims to accelerate AI-first startups, foster talent, and connect startups directly with global markets and capital.
- It is part of Telangana's broader economic vision to become a \$1 trillion economy by 2034 and a \$3 trillion economy by 2047.
- By next year, 200+ startups are expected to emerge, with 30% focusing on AI and deep-tech, attracting over ₹50 crore in funding through Google and T-Hub investor networks.

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Recent Headlines Related to Inauguration :

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah inaugurated the FTI-TTP at five new airports — Lucknow, Thiruvananthapuram, Trichy, Kozhikode, and Amritsar — via video conferencing
- Ethiopia inaugurated the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) in September 2025, marking the launch of Africa's largest hydroelectric project
- Central Power Research Institute (CPRI), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Power, Government of India, inaugurated its latest advanced Regional Testing Laboratory (RTL) at Nashik
- 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
- 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
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the Bihar Rajya Jeevika Nidhi Saakh Sahkari Sangh Limited (BRJNSSSL), a new cooperative initiative focused on women empowerment
- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated TDK Corporation's Advanced Technologies Lithium-ion (Li-ion) Battery Manufacturing Plant at Sohna, Haryana
- 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 Kharak Singh Marg in New Delhi. The four towers are named Krishna, Godavari, Kosi, and Hooghly.





Ques: Who has been elected as the Chair of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)?

- A. Syed Akbaruddin
- B. T.S. Tirumurti
- C. Preeti Saran
- D. Ruchira Kamboj
- E. Shashi Tharoor

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Former Indian diplomat Preeti Saran has been elected as the Chair of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR).
- CESCR is a key UN body responsible for monitoring how member countries implement the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR).
- India is a signatory to ICESCR, which guarantees fundamental rights such as education, health, work, social security, and cultural participation.
- Preeti Saran's election reflects India's growing role and influence in international multilateral organizations due to her vast diplomatic experience in handling complex global issues.

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Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Justice M Sundar (Judge of Madras High Court) : 10th Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court (Replaced Justice Kempaiah Somashekar)
- Professor Pradeep Kumar Prajapati : Director of the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi
- Amit Khare : Secretary to Vice-President Radhakrishnan
- Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat : Additional charge of Maharashtra (Replaced Chandrapuram Ponnusami (C.P.) Radhakrishnan)
- Dr. Geetha Vani Rayasam : Director of CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (NIScPR)
- Giridhar Parvatam : new director of CSIR Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru
- Amitabh Kant : Independent Director of HCL Technologies (HCLTech)
- 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)





Ques: Madhya Pradesh recently started a cheetah mating programme at which wildlife sanctuary to create a second viable home for cheetahs?

- A. Kanha National Park
- B. Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary
- C. Bandhavgarh National Park
- D. Pench National Park
- E. Kuno National Park

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Under Project Cheetah, cheetahs were first reintroduced to India from Africa in September 2022 after their extinction in 1952.
- Madhya Pradesh has initiated a cheetah mating programme at Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary to establish a second viable habitat after Kuno National Park.
- In April 2025, two male cheetahs, Prabhas and Pavak, were relocated from Kuno to Gandhi Sagar.
- The sanctuary spans 368.62 sq. km, bisected by the Chambal River, with grasslands and dry forests ideal for cheetahs.
- It is located on the northern boundary of Mandsaur and Neemuch districts, adjoining Rajasthan, and was notified in 1974 with an expansion in 1983

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Recent News Headlines related to Tiger reserves

- The Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) 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
- 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.