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Ques: Which institution has launched the Partial Credit Enhancement (PCE) Facility to strengthen the infrastructure bond market?

- A. NABARD
- B. NaBFID
- C. SIDBI
- D. NITI Aayog
- E. RBI

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- NaBFID (National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development) launched the Partial Credit Enhancement (PCE) Facility to strengthen the infrastructure bond market and attract long-term investors.
- The facility improves the credit ratings of low-rated infrastructure bonds, making them attractive to insurance companies, pension funds, and provident funds, and ensures sustainable capital for infrastructure projects.
- The initiative supports India's goal of a \$7 trillion economy by 2030 and \$30 trillion by 2047, emphasizing the role of robust infrastructure.

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Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector:

- One 97 Communications, the parent company of Paytm, has launched Paytm Postpaid, a credit line on UPI
- India1 Payments, India's largest white label ATM operator, launched Paysis Payments, a wholly owned subsidiary, to enter the fintech sector
- CRED has launched two co-branded credit cards with IndusInd Bank: an entry-level CRED IndusInd Bank RuPay Credit Card and an invite-only premium card called Sovereign.
- PhonePe Limited in collaboration with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) launched the Udyam Assist Platform (UAP) to promote digital-first Udyam generation
- South Indian Bank (SIB) launched a Digital Loan Against Mutual Funds (LAMF) facility
- PhonePe, a leading fintech company, has launched Loans Against Mutual Funds (LAMF) in partnership with DSP Finance, an NBFC backed by the DSP Group
- Using fixed deposits as security, Suryoday Small Finance Bank (SSFB) has launched a secured credit card that aims to improve loan accessibility
- Bank of Baroda (BoB) launched the 'bob Digi Udyam' platform, a fully digital, collateral-free lending scheme designed exclusively for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs)
- Jio Payments Bank's 'Savings Pro' account will automatically invest idle cash in customer accounts into overnight mutual funds to offer better returns
- TATA AIA Life Insurance Company Limited launched two innovative offerings 'Health Systematic Investment Plan (SIP)' and the 'Health Buddy' App in India
- Malaysia launched Ryt Bank, the world's first AI-powered bank developed by Malaysians for local users
- South Indian Bank has launched a new gold loan product called SIB Gold Xpress
- AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) has launched UPI services for its NRE and NRO account holders using foreign/international mobile numbers
- Bank of Maharashtra SBI Card Launched by Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) and SBI Cards & Payment Services Limited in Three variants -ELITE, PRIME, and SimplySAVE.
- According to people familiar with the matter, fintech unicorn CRED is working with IndusInd Bank to launch its first co-branded credit card.



Ques: Which organization launched the SBI Platinum Jubilee Asha Scholarship 2025 with a commitment of ₹90 crore for FY26?

- A. Ministry of Education
- B. SBI Foundation
- C. Reserve Bank of India
- D. NITI Aayog
- E. UGC

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- SBI Foundation, the CSR arm of the State Bank of India (SBI), launched the SBI Platinum Jubilee Asha Scholarship 2025 with a funding commitment of ₹90 crore for FY26.
- The scholarship aims to empower 23,230 meritorious students from humble and underprivileged backgrounds across India.
- It covers students from Class 9 to postgraduate programmes, providing financial assistance ranging from ₹15,000 to ₹20,00,000 annually until the completion of their course.
- The SBI Asha Scholarship was first instituted in 2022 and continues to nurture the aspirations of India's brightest young minds.

Further, the eligibility for the scholarship is as below:

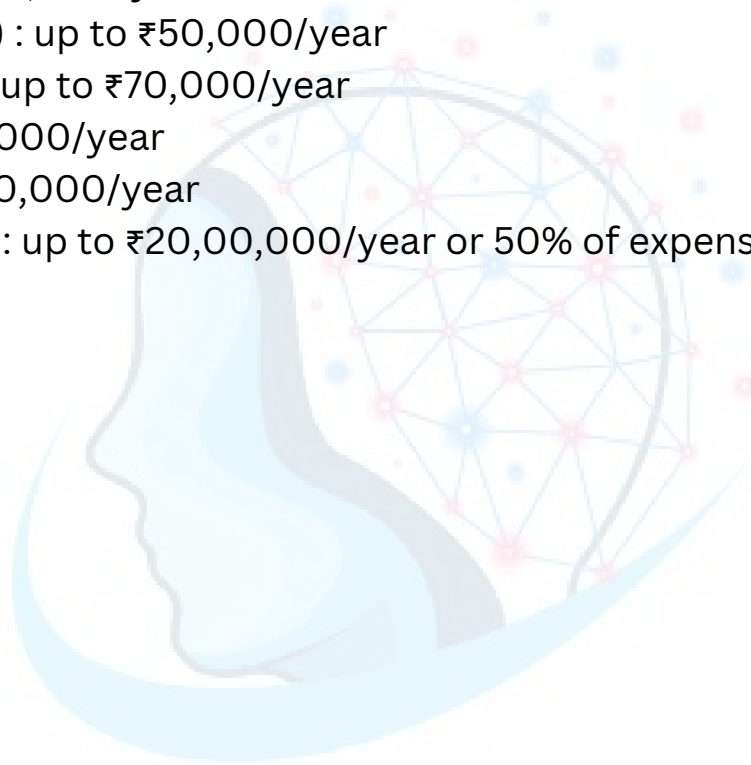
- **Applicants must be Indian nationals**
- **Applicants must have secured at least 75% marks or 7.0 CGPA in the previous academic year**



- Relaxations: SC/ST – 10% marks relaxation, 25% seats each; Girls – 50% seats reserved

Coverage & Levels

- Class 9–12 : up to ₹15,000/year
- Undergraduate (UG) : up to ₹50,000/year
- Postgraduate (PG) : up to ₹70,000/year
- IIT-UG: up to ₹2,00,000/year
- IIM-MBA: up to ₹7,50,000/year
- Overseas Education: up to ₹20,00,000/year or 50% of expenses (whichever lower).



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Recent News Headlines Related to SBI :

- The State Bank of India (SBI) sold about 413.44 crore equity shares of Yes Bank
- State Bank of India (SBI), through its Start-up Branch, hosted its first-ever Start-up Pitch Fest – Dream2Demo
- SBI raised \$500 million by issuing 5-year bonds with a 4.50% coupon rate, payable semi-annually
- SBI provided a €100 million line of credit to Agence Francaise de Developpement (AFD). SBI aims to achieve a green portfolio constituting 7.5–10% of its domestic gross advances by 2030
- SBI Research (Ecowrap report) has estimated that the Indian economy may have grown at 6.8%–7.0% in the first quarter (Q1: April–June) of FY26, which is higher than RBI's forecast of 6.5%.
- The SBI Economic Research Department (ERD) report on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions shows a significant increase in UPI adoption
- The State Bank of India's Economic Research Department (ERD) released state-wise UPI transaction data for the first time. Maharashtra emerged as the leader with 9.8% share in July.
- A unique personal loan program designed especially for Agniveers has been introduced by SBI. Agniveers with an SBI salary account are eligible for loans up to ₹4 lakh under the scheme
- The State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest lender, has revised its IMPS (Immediate Payment Service) charges effective from August 15
- State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest lender, plans to raise up to ₹15,000 crore in FY26 through Tier-II bonds
- As per Rajya Sabha data, SBI disbursed ₹32,311 crore in education loans between FY 2022-23 and 2024-25, making it the top lender in this category. Union Bank of India ranked second with ₹14,559 crore sanctioned in the same period
- State Bank of India (SBI) has been named the World's Best Consumer Bank for 2025 by Global Finance magazine
- State Bank of India (SBI) posted a 12.48% YoY increase in Q1 FY26 net profit to ₹19,160 crore.
- State Bank of India (SBI) will raise up to Rs.20,000 crore in FY26 through Basel III-compliant Additional Tier 1 (AT1) and Tier 2 bonds

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Ques: Which Japanese credit rating agency recently upgraded India's sovereign credit rating to BBB+ from BBB with a stable outlook?

- A. Moody's
- B. Fitch Ratings
- C. S&P Global Ratings
- D. Rating and Investment Information (R&I)
- E. Morningstar DBRS

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Rating and Investment Information (R&I), a Japanese credit rating agency, upgraded India's sovereign credit rating by a notch to BBB+ from BBB, with a stable outlook.
- The upgrade was supported by factors such as India's demographic dividend, robust domestic demand, and sound government policies.
- The Government of India has targeted a fiscal deficit of 4.4% of GDP for FY26.
- R&I has projected that India's GDP growth rate will remain in the mid-6% range from FY26 onwards.

This is India's third sovereign credit rating upgrade in 2025, after:

- S&P Global Ratings upgrade to BBB from BBB- (August 2025)
- Morningstar DBRS upgrade to BBB from BBB (low) (May 2025)

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- **Rohit Rishi** : Managing Director (MD) of India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL)
- **M. Paramasivam (Extended)** : Executive Director (ED) of Punjab National Bank (PNB) Term 31st March 2027
- **L Satya Srinivas** : India's Executive Director of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) (succeeding Vikas Sheel)
- **Carlos Felipe Jaramillo** : Vice President for the East Asia and Pacific (EAP) Region of the World Bank
- **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)



Ques: Which organization has launched the Single Login Facility & Passbook Lite for PF members?

- A. RBI
- B. EPFO
- C. SEBI
- D. NABARD
- E. SBI

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) launched the Single Login Facility & Passbook Lite to integrate all PF services for over 7 crore subscribers into a single portal.
- The Passbook Lite feature allows members to access PF balance, contributions, withdrawals, and transfer certificates in a simplified manner.
- The reforms aim to reduce delays, enhance transparency, and make EPFO digitally advanced and user-friendly.

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Ques: Which bank launched the AU KOSMO Credit Card in partnership with Kiwi?

- A. HDFC Bank
- B. Axis Bank
- C. ICICI Bank
- D. AU Small Finance Bank
- E. SBI

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB), in collaboration with Kiwi, launched the AU KOSMO Credit Card.
- This credit card is powered by RuPay network and allows users to make credit payments via UPI at both online and offline merchants.

About AU Small Finance Bank :

- Established: 2017
- Headquarters: Jaipur, Rajasthan
- CEO & MD: Sanjay Agarwal
- Tagline: Badlaav Humse Hai

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the First Deputy Managing Director (FDMD) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), replacing Gita Gopinath?

- A. Daniel Katz
- B. Kristalina Georgieva
- C. Janet Yellen
- D. David Malpass
- E. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

Daniel Katz, a senior U.S. Treasury official, has been appointed as the First Deputy Managing Director (FDMD), the second-highest post at the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

He was nominated by Kristalina Georgieva, the current Managing Director of IMF.

Daniel Katz replaces Gita Gopinath, who stepped down in August 2025 to return to academia.

About International Monetary Fund (IMF):

Established: 27 December 1945

Headquarters: Washington, D.C., U.S.

Members: 190 countries (189 UN members + Kosovo)

Managing Director: Kristalina Georgieva



Ques: Which mission aims to develop India's foundational Large Language Model (LLM)?

- A. Digital India Mission
- B. IndiaAI Mission
- C. Skill India Mission
- D. Make in India Mission
- E. Atmanirbhar Bharat Mission

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The IndiaAI Mission, with an initial budget of ₹10,371.92 crore, aims to develop AI infrastructure, foster startups, enhance AI skills, and build indigenous Large Language Models (LLMs) and Large Multimodal Models (LMMs).
- The Government selected 8 players—including Tech Mahindra, Fractal Analytics, BharatGen (IIT Bombay Consortium), Avataar AI, Shodh AI, Zeinteq Aitech Innovations, Genloop Intelligence, and NeuroDX (Intellihealth)—to develop the foundational LLM under this mission.

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Ques: Where is India's first overseas defence manufacturing facility, to be inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, located?

- A. Casablanca, Morocco
- B. Rabat, Morocco
- C. Marrakech, Morocco
- D. Tangier, Morocco
- E. Fez, Morocco

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India's first overseas defence manufacturing facility will be inaugurated in Casablanca province, Morocco by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during his maiden trip to the North African nation.
- The facility is a Tata-owned armoured vehicle production unit, under Tata Advanced Systems Maroc.
- A key highlight is the manufacturing of the Wheeled Armoured Platform 8x8 at Berrechid, Morocco.
- Tata Advanced Systems Maroc is a subsidiary of Tata Advanced Systems Limited, the first Indian private company to produce wheeled armoured combat-ready vehicles for the Indian Army in 2022.

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Recent Headlines Related to Inauguration :

- The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of Ayush, through its Regional Ayurveda Research Institute (RARI), Gwalior, inaugurated a two-day National Symposium on “Pharmacovigilance – Shishu Suraksha: Rashtra Suraksha”
- The first PM MITRA Park was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Dhar, Madhya Pradesh
- Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, inaugurated the 1st Annual Green Hydrogen Research and Development Conference in New Delhi
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Veer Savarkar Sports Complex at Naranpura, Ahmedabad
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Sex Sorted Semen facility at Semen Station, Purnea, Bihar, under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission
- 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



Ques: Which district topped the National Innovation Rankings in the INSPIRE Award-MANAK 2025 by submitting the highest number of innovative student ideas?

- A. Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka
- B. Bagalkot, Karnataka
- C. Mysuru, Karnataka
- D. Patna, Bihar
- E. Muzaffarpur, Bihar

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Muzaffarpur district of Bihar topped the National Innovation Rankings in the INSPIRE Award-MANAK 2025, submitting 7,403 innovative student ideas from both private and public schools.
- Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka ranked 2nd with 7,306 ideas, and Bagalkot, Karnataka was 3rd with 6,826 ideas.
- The scheme is part of INSPIRE (Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research), a flagship program of the Department of Science & Technology, implemented with the National Innovation Foundation (NIF).
- Eligible students are from Class VI to X, with selected ideas receiving ₹10,000 for model development and progressing from district to state to National Level Exhibition (NLEPC).
- The top 60 innovations are displayed at Rashtrapati Bhavan and awarded by the President of India.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- **Holley Medal in 2025** : Baba Kalyani, Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Forge
- **‘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



Ques: What recent announcement did Maharashtra's Minister of Ports Development, Nitesh Narayan Rane, make regarding Mumbai's Sassoon Dock?

- A. Complete closure of Sassoon Dock
- B. Privatization of Sassoon Dock
- C. Conversion into a tourist hub
- D. Construction of a new dock nearby
- E. Technology-driven modernisation in collaboration with Finland

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Maharashtra's Minister of Ports Development, Nitesh Narayan Rane, announced plans for technology-driven modernisation of Mumbai's Sassoon Dock in collaboration with Finland.
- Sassoon Dock, built in 1875 by Albert Abdullah David Sassoon, was Western India's first fully private wet dock, initially handling cotton and opium trade.
- Over time, it became a key hub for Mumbai's fishing community and fish exports.
- The modernisation aims to integrate advanced technologies to enhance efficiency and sustainability at the dock.

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Ques: When was the PM Vishwakarma Scheme launched?

- A. August 15, 2023
- B. October 2, 2023
- C. September 17, 2023
- D. January 26, 2024
- E. March 8, 2024

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

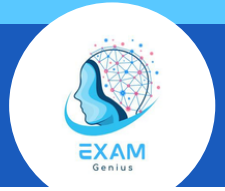
- The PM Vishwakarma Scheme was launched on September 17, 2023, on the occasion of Vishwakarma Day.
- Within two years, around 30 lakh artisans have been registered, and over 4.7 lakh loans worth ₹41,188 crore have been approved to support their business development.
- The scheme has a total financial outlay of ₹13,000 crore for FY 2023-24 to FY 2027-28 and aims to empower artisans through financial assistance, skill training, and business support.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The PRIP (Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma MedTech) scheme has a financial outlay of ₹5,000 crore and will run for five years
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin launched the 'Anbu Karangal' (Hands of Love) scheme. Under this scheme, a monthly aid of ₹2,000 per child will be provided until the child completes school education or turns 18 years old
- The Union Government reopened the PLI scheme application window for White Goods (Air Conditioners and LED Lights) from September 15 to October 14, 2025
- 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



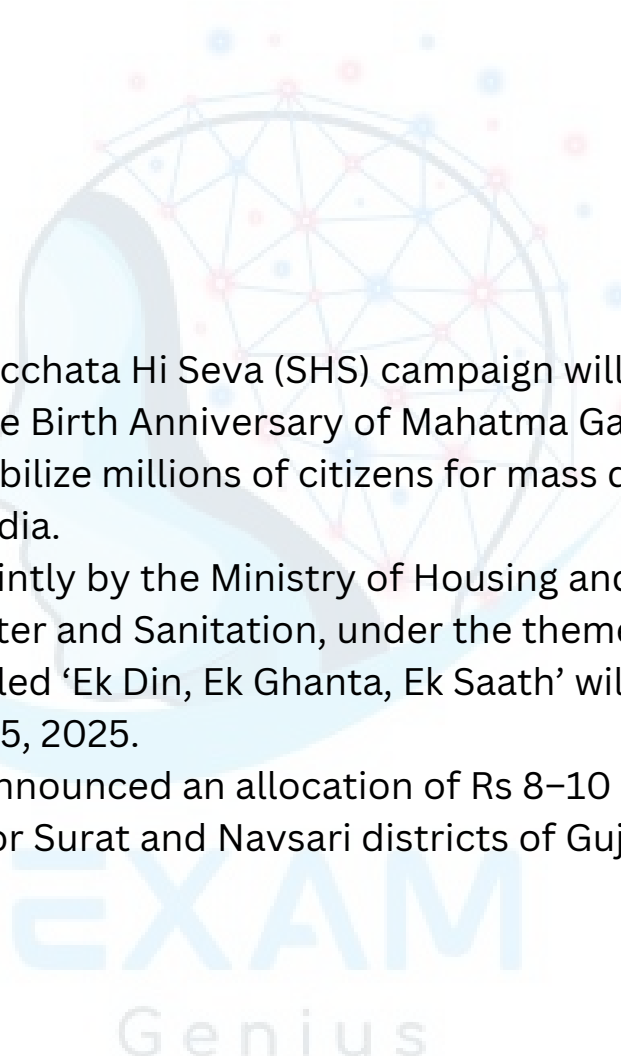
Ques: When will the 9th edition of the Swacchata Hi Seva (SHS) campaign conclude in 2025, and what is its main objective?

- A. September 25, 2025
- B. October 02, 2025
- C. October 15, 2025
- D. October 31, 2025
- E. November 01, 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 9th edition of the Swacchata Hi Seva (SHS) campaign will conclude on October 02, 2025, coinciding with the Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- Its main objective is to mobilize millions of citizens for mass drives promoting public cleanliness across India.
- SHS 2025 was launched jointly by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, under the theme 'Swacchotsav'.
- A voluntary shramdaan titled 'Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath' will be organized nationwide on September 25, 2025.
- Union Minister C.R. Patil announced an allocation of Rs 8–10 crore for the SafaiMitra Suraksha Fund for Surat and Navsari districts of Gujarat.





Ques: Which country has rolled over \$50 million government bonds of Maldives for one more year?

- A. China
- B. India
- C. USA
- D. UAE
- E. Japan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India has extended the repayment deadline of \$50 million Maldives' government bonds by one year as emergency financial assistance, at the request of the Maldives government.
- Since March 2019, India facilitates subscription of such Treasury Bills (T-Bills) via the State Bank of India (SBI), which are rolled over annually interest-free.
- This support reflects India's ongoing commitment to strengthening bilateral economic relations with the Maldives.

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Central Zone, captained by Rajat Patidar, won the 62nd edition of the Duleep Trophy (2025-26), defeating South Zone by 6 wickets in the final held at the BCCI Centre of Excellence (CoE), Bengaluru, Karnataka
- The 11th Women's Hockey Asia Cup 2025 was held at Gongshu Canal Sports Park, Hangzhou, China
- Apollo Tyres Limited has been officially appointed as the New Jersey sponsor of the Indian Cricket team until March 2028
- Sarvesh Kushare made history as the first Indian high jumper to qualify for the men's high jump final at the 20th World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Japan
- ICC Men's player of the month for August 2025 is Mohammed Siraj (India) and ICC Women's player of the month for August 2025 is Orla Prendergast (Ireland)
- 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
- 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



Ques: Which policy did India notify in 2025 to promote clean energy through geothermal sources?

- A. National Solar Mission
- B. National Wind Energy Policy
- C. National Hydrogen Energy Policy
- D. National Bioenergy Policy
- E. National Policy on Geothermal Energy

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India notified the National Policy on Geothermal Energy in 2025 to promote clean and reliable energy.
- The policy aligns with India's commitment to achieve Net Zero emissions by 2070.
- It was issued by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) and focuses on applications like district heating, agriculture, aquaculture, and space cooling using Ground Source Heat Pumps (GSHPs).
- MNRE is the nodal agency for implementing geothermal projects; five pilot and resource assessment projects have been sanctioned in the first phase.
- The policy provides developers with exploration permits and 30-year leases, and encourages state governments to establish single-window clearance systems for faster approvals.
- India has 10 identified geothermal provinces with 381 hot springs, mapped in 16 states by the Geological Survey of India.
- The policy allows 100% FDI in the geothermal sector and encourages the establishment of Geothermal Centres of Excellence for R&D and pilot projects.
- Target: Generate 1,000 MW of geothermal power by 2030



Ques: India will set up a Telemetry & Tracking Station in Mauritius as part of which package?

- A. \$480M package
- B. \$500M package
- C. \$620M package
- D. \$680M package
- E. \$750M package

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Under the \$680M India–Mauritius cooperation package, India will establish a Telemetry & Tracking Station in Mauritius.
- The station will enhance satellite communication, space cooperation, and maritime domain awareness, particularly near Diego Garcia, strengthening India’s strategic presence and countering growing Chinese influence.
- The project aligns with India’s Neighbourhood First Policy and its role as a security provider in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

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Ques: Who became the first Indian bowler to take 100 T20I wickets, achieving the milestone during India's 2025 Asia Cup match against Oman?

- A. Jasprit Bumrah
- B. Bhuvneshwar Kumar
- C. Arshdeep Singh
- D. Mohammed Shami
- E. Yuzvendra Chahal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Arshdeep Singh became the first Indian bowler to claim 100 T20I wickets, achieving this during India's final group game of the 2025 Asia Cup against Oman.
- He dismissed Vinayak Shukla to reach the milestone in just 64 matches, making him one of the fastest globally.
- Arshdeep achieved 100 wickets in 3 years and 74 days, the second-fastest for a fast bowler after Bahrain's Rizwan Butt (2 years and 240 days).
- Comparatively, in Tests, Vinoo Mankad was the first Indian to reach 100 wickets in his 23rd Test.
- In ODIs, Kapil Dev was the first Indian to bag 100 wickets, achieving it in his 77th match in 1986.

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Recent records in Cricket:

- **England's Joe Root** : made history by becoming the first batter to cross 6000 runs in World Test Championship (WTC) history
- **Joe Root of England** : has become the first batter in Test history to score 3,000 runs against India in red-ball cricket
- **Rishabh Pant** : created history at Headingley in the first Test against England by becoming only the second wicketkeeper in Test cricket history to score centuries in both innings of a match
- **Jasprit Bumrah** : became the first Asian bowler to claim 150 Test wickets in SENA countries (South Africa, England, New Zealand, and Australia).
- **Jos Buttler** : surpassed Ireland's Paul Stirling to become the fourth-highest run-scorer in T20 Internationals, with 3678 runs
- **Virat Kohli** : playing for Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), became the first cricketer to score 9000 T20 runs for a single franchise
- **Joe Root** : fastest cricketer to reach 13,000 Test runs in terms of matches played during a four-day Test against Zimbabwe at Trent Bridge, Nottingham
- **Rohit Sharma** : After Virat Kohli, he was the only other Indian hitter to reach the milestone of 12,000 T20 runs
- **Virat Kohli** : 100th T20 half-century while playing for Royal Challengers Bengaluru against Rajasthan Royals at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium
- **M.S. Dhoni** : first player in IPL history to record 200 fielding dismissals
- **Virat Kohli** : highest run-scorer in Indian Premier League (IPL) history and the only player to cross the 8000-run mark and also became the first player to hit 1000 boundaries in IPL
- **Virat Kohli** : first Indian and fifth cricketer overall to reach 13,000 runs in T20 cricket
- **Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma** : Break Yuvraj Singh's Record for Most ICC Final
- **Virat Kohli** : He played his 300th One Day International (ODI) match against New Zealand in Dubai
- **Virat Kohli** : fastest hitter to achieve 14,000 runs in one-day internationals
- **Rohit Sharma** : second fastest batter after compatriot Virat Kohli to complete 11,000 runs in One-day Internationals



Ques: Which day is observed on 18 September to promote equal pay globally?

- A. International Women's Day
- B. Equal Pay Day
- C. Labour Day
- D. Human Rights Day
- E. International Workers' Day

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 6th International Equal Pay Day 2025 is observed on 18 September.
- The day was first started in 2020 to highlight the need to close the gender pay gap worldwide.
- For 2025, OECD, in collaboration with Luxembourg and Ireland, hosted a hybrid event to mark the occasion.

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Ques: What is the theme of World Patient Safety Day observed globally on September 17 by the World Health Organization?

- A. Safe surgery for all
- B. Patient safety from the start
- C. Safe care for every newborn and every child
- D. Healthcare without harm
- E. Quality care for all

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Patient Safety Day is observed globally on 17 September by the World Health Organization (WHO) to raise awareness on patient safety and encourage actions to improve safety standards in healthcare.
- The theme for 2025 is: “Safe care for every newborn and every child”.
- The slogan of the day is: “Patient safety from the start!”

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Important days :

- **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)
- **10 September** : World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) (Theme (2024–2026): "Changing the narrative on suicide")
- **11 September** : Digvijay Diwas
- **11 September** : National Forest Martyrs Day (Theme 2025 Remembering Martyrs, Protecting Forests)
- **11 September** : Acharya Vinoba Bhave Birth Anniversary
- **12 September** : International Day for South-South Cooperation (Theme: New Opportunities and Innovation through South-South and Triangular Cooperation)
- **13 September** : International Chocolate Day
- **13 September** : World First Aid Day 2025 (Theme 2025 First Aid and Climate Change)
- **14 September** : Hindi Diwas



IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Oil India Limited and Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) have signed MoU to co-operate and collaborate for exploration and development of critical and strategic minerals including Copper and associated minerals

Maharashtra Signs MoU with Cambridge University Press & Assessment India to enhance the quality of school education. Cambridge will provide resources including textbooks, digital content, and certifications such as CELTA (Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults)

Coast Guard Global Summit (CGGS) in 2027 5th Edition will be Held at Chennai, Coincide with 50th anniversary of the Indian Coast Guard

The Department of Posts and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to expand BSNL's mobile connectivity reach across India.

Shankar, the only African elephant in India and a long-time resident of the National Zoological Park in Delhi, passed away after enduring 13 years of solitary confinement. Gifted by the Zimbabwean government to India in the late 1990s

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