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Ques: According to NPCI data (Sept 2024 – Aug 2025), what percentage of UPI merchant payments went to debt collection agencies?

- A. 7%
- B. 9.6%
- C. 12.1%
- D. 4.6%
- E. 2.9%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Between September 2024 and August 2025, a total of ₹78.7 lakh crore was remitted via UPI to merchants across India.
- Of this, ₹9.5 lakh crore (12.1%) went to debt collection agencies, highlighting UPI's increasing role in loan repayments and investments.
- Other major UPI expenditures included groceries, petrol pumps, restaurants, utilities, and telecom, showing the versatility of UPI beyond P2P payments.

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Ques: SEBI has reintroduced incentives for mutual fund distributors to increase penetration in which regions?

- A. Top 30 cities
- B. Rural areas only
- C. Urban areas
- D. Metropolitan cities
- E. B-30 regions

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) announced the reintroduction of incentives for mutual fund (MF) distributors to increase mutual fund penetration in smaller towns and villages.
- Fund houses can now incentivize distributors for bringing in new investors from beyond the top 30 cities (B-30 regions).
- For lumpsum investments, the incentive will be 1% of the first investment made by the investor.
- For Systematic Investment Plans (SIP), the incentive will be 1% of total investments in the first year, subject to a ceiling of ₹2,000.
- This new framework replaces the earlier structure, which was valid until March 2023.
- Under the previous system, MFs could charge up to 30 basis points (bps) over and above the expense ratio for assets coming from B-30 regions.
- The B-30 programme, first introduced in 2012, was discontinued by SEBI in February 2023.





Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- SEBI introduced special relaxations for Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) where the government holds 90% or more equity
- 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: From which date will the Government route CSS funds via RBI's e-Kuber platform under the SNA SPARSH model?

- A. November 1, 2025
- B. July 1, 2025
- C. April 1, 2025
- D. January 1, 2026
- E. October 1, 2025

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Indian government will channel funds for all Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) through the Reserve Bank of India's e-Kuber platform starting from November 1, 2025.
- The reform replaces the existing system of releasing funds to state treasuries and will be implemented through the SNA SPARSH (Single Nodal Agency) model.
- Objectives include just-in-time release of funds, prevention of misuse, and reduction of interest costs by minimizing idle funds at the state level.
- The total annual budget for CSS is about ₹5 lakh crore, with 66 CSSs already notified under the SNA SPARSH model.

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Ques: According to the Mercedes-Benz Hurun India Wealth Report 2025, which state is India's richest in terms of millionaire households?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Gujarat
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Delhi
- E. Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- As per the Mercedes-Benz Hurun India Wealth Report 2025, Maharashtra remains India's richest state with 1.78 lakh millionaire households, marking an increase of 194% since 2021.
- Maharashtra's growth has been driven by a 55% rise in its Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP), which reached Rs 40.50 lakh crore since 2020-21.
- Top 10 states cumulatively account for over 79% of millionaire families in India, driven by GSDP growth and business formalization in technology, finance, and industrial sectors.
- India is projected to have 871,700 millionaire families by 2025, each with a net worth of at least Rs 8.5 crore (USD 1 million), up 90% from 4.58 lakh millionaire families in 2021.
- In a survey of 150 Indian millionaires, HDFC Bank emerged as the most preferred Indian private bank, and Citibank as the top international private bank.



India's Rankings in Different Indices

- 18th edition of the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025, published by WIPO: India (38th), Switzerland (1st)
- 2025 Global Peace Index (GPI) released by IEP: India (115th), Iceland (1st)
- Smart City Index 2025 published by IMD: Delhi (104th), Zurich (1st)
- World Competitiveness Ranking (WCR) 2025 published by IMD, Switzerland: India (41st), Switzerland (1st)
- Top 500 Global Brands List 2025 published by TopBrand Union: Microsoft (1st)
- Mid-2025 Numbeo Safety Index: India (67th), Abu Dhabi, UAE (1st)
- Fortune 100 Most Powerful People in Business List 2025: Mukesh Ambani (56th), Jensen Huang (1st)
- Global AI City Index 2025 published by Counterpoint Research: Singapore (1st), Bengaluru (26th)
- India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) 2024 launched by NITI Aayog: Delhi, Maharashtra, and Chandigarh top performers

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Ques: Who has been chosen for the Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2023?

- A. Rajinikanth
- B. Mammootty
- C. Mohanlal
- D. Kamal Haasan
- E. Amitabh Bachchan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2023 will be conferred upon Malayalam actor Mohanlal.
- The award will be presented at the 71st National Film Awards ceremony and includes a Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus) medallion, a shawl, and a cash prize of ₹15 lakh.
- With a career spanning over four decades, Mohanlal has acted in 400+ films and was previously awarded Padma Shri (2001) and Padma Bhushan (2019).
- The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is the highest honour in Indian cinema, instituted in 1969, with the first recipient being Devika Rani.

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Ques: When and where will the inaugural season of the Archery Premier League (APL) be held?

- A. September 15-25, 2025
- B. January 10-20, 2026
- C. November 1-10, 2025
- D. December 5-15, 2025
- E. October 2-12, 2025

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Archery Association of India (AAI) launched the Archery Premier League (APL), with the inaugural season scheduled from October 2-12, 2025 at the Yamuna Sports Complex, New Delhi.
- During the event, AAI introduced the official anthem, a promotional video, and named Indian actor and filmmaker Ram Charan as the league's brand ambassador.
- The league will feature six franchise teams comprising 48 archers (36 Indians and 12 international players).
- Each team will have 8 members (4 men and 4 women), with a maximum of 2 foreign players.

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Marium Fatima, a 19-year-old chess player from Muzaffarpur, Bihar, became the first woman from Bihar to be awarded the Woman FIDE Master (WFM) title by FIDE
- 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 Indian state became the first to issue ID cards to Self-Help Group (SHG) women, and who launched the initiative?

- A. Kerala – Pinarayi Vijayan
- B. Tamil Nadu – Udhayanidhi Stalin
- C. Karnataka – Basavaraj Bommai
- D. Maharashtra – Eknath Shinde
- E. Andhra Pradesh – Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Tamil Nadu Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin launched the distribution of ID cards and loans worth Rs 3,500 crore for Self-Help Group (SHG) women at Karuppur Engineering College, Salem.
- With this initiative, Tamil Nadu became the first state in India to issue ID cards to SHG women.
- SHG members can carry their products free of cost up to 100 km in government buses.
- The first women's SHGs were introduced in 1989 by former CM Kalam Karunanidhi in Dharmapuri, TN.

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Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and World :

- FermionIC Design Pvt Ltd partnered with Tata Electronics (a greenfield venture of the Tata Group) to deliver India's first indigenously designed and fully owned 4-Channel X-Band Beamformer IC, model FD3R4411
- Mizoram flagged-off state's 1st Rajdhani express, Sairang-Delhi Rajdhani Express, connecting Aizawl with Delhi
- 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 Bidadi
- The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) secured its first-ever 'Silver Notice' from INTERPOL against Pawan Thakur, a Dubai-based Indian drug trafficker
- Actor Deepika Padukone became the first Indian jury member for the Louis Vuitton Prize 2025





Ques: Which two ministries have partnered to launch integrative rehabilitation initiatives for persons with disabilities, and what is the sanctioned fund amount?

- A. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of AYUSH – ₹10 crore
- B. Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and Ministry of AYUSH – ₹5.26 crore
- C. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and Ministry of AYUSH – ₹3 crore
- D. Ministry of Women & Child Development and Ministry of AYUSH – ₹7 crore
- E. Department of Disability Affairs and Ministry of Health – ₹4 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities has partnered with the Ministry of AYUSH to launch integrative rehabilitation initiatives for persons with disabilities.
- A total of ₹5.26 crore has been sanctioned under the National Fund for PwDs.
- The projects will be implemented through national institutes such as:
 - National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, Secunderabad
 - Swami Vivekanand National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research, Odisha
 - Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities, Mumbai
 - Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities, New Delhi

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- India Global Forum and the Quantum Ecosystems Technology Council of India have signed a MOU to develop a United Kingdom- India quantum value-chain map
- 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)
- 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
- Under the \$680M India-Mauritius cooperation package, India will establish a Telemetry & Tracking Station in Mauritius
- Startup India Signs MoU with CarDekho Group to host innovation challenges under the Bharat Startup Grand Challenge to boost entrepreneurship in electric mobility, auto-tech, finance, and sustainability
- India signed an MoU with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in Geneva to advance the International Reference Classification of Occupations (IRCO)
- Astroscale Japan Inc. has signed a launch agreement with NewSpace India Limited for its In-situ Space Situational Awareness-Japan 1 (ISSA-J1) mission. The spacecraft is slated for launch aboard the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
- Bharat Forge, a Forging signed an agreement with United Kingdom based Wind racers, an autonomous cargo drone manufacturer, for a collaboration of deployment of the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) ULTRA across India
- Aerospace Godrej General Electric and Safran Aircraft Engines, France, inked an agreement for the production of essential parts for the LEAP engine parts for aircraft engines created by CFM International, a joint venture between French manufacturer Safran Aircraft Engines and American General Electric Aerospace.
- Cleantech business group ACME and Japan's heavy industry group IHI Corporation signed an agreement to develop India's largest green ammonia project





Ques: Which new grievance category was launched by the Department of Consumer Affairs on the National Consumer Helpline (NCH) ahead of the Next-Gen GST Reforms 2025?

- A. Banking Complaints
- B. Goods and Services Tax (GST) Complaints
- C. E-commerce Complaints
- D. Consumer Durables Complaints
- E. Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) Complaints

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Department of Consumer Affairs launched a dedicated GST grievance category on the National Consumer Helpline (NCH) to address consumer complaints ahead of the Next-Gen GST Reforms 2025, effective from 22nd September 2025.
- The Integrated Grievance Redressal Mechanism (INGRAM) portal under NCH now includes this dedicated GST category.
- This category covers complaints from Automobiles, Banking, Consumer Durables, E-commerce, FMCG, and other sectors.
- Consumers can register complaints via toll-free number 1915, NCH app, web portal, WhatsApp, SMS, Email, and UMANG app.
- Complaints can be lodged in 17 Indian regional languages.

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Ques: The Department of Fisheries signed a TCP agreement with which organization to strengthen Blue Port infrastructure in India?

- A. World Bank
- B. Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- C. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- D. International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- E. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Department of Fisheries (DoF) under MoFAHD signed a Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) agreement with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.
- The agreement aims to strengthen Blue Port infrastructure in India, with FAO supporting strategic upgrades at Vanakbara (Diu) and Jakhau (Gujarat) ports.
- Under PMMSY, three Smart & Integrated Fishing Harbours are being developed in Gujarat, Daman & Diu, and Puducherry, with a total investment of ₹369.80 crore.

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Ques: India was elected as a member of which INTERPOL committee for the term 2025-29?

- A. Asian Committee
- B. African Committee
- C. European Committee
- D. Middle East Committee
- E. Global Security Committee

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India was elected as a member of the INTERPOL Asian Committee for the term 2025-29 during the 25th Asian Regional Conference held at the INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation (IGCI) in Singapore.
- India was represented by a delegation from the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
- The Committee will meet annually to review regional security issues and guide coordinated actions among 53 member countries.

About INTERPOL:

- Established: 1923
- HQ: Lyon, France
- Secretary General: Valdecy Urquiza (Brazil)





Ques: IIM Udaipur has signed strategic collaborations with MoSPI, NITI Aayog, and Bhashini to strengthen India's capabilities in which areas?

- A. Finance and Banking
- B. Data, Monitoring & AI Ecosystem
- C. Rural Development
- D. Health and Nutrition
- E. Infrastructure Development

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- IIM Udaipur signed strategic collaborations with the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI), National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog, and Bhashini to strengthen India's capabilities in data, monitoring & evaluation, and the Artificial Intelligence (AI) ecosystem.
- IIM Udaipur joined Bhashini under the "Anusandhan Mitra" program to develop regional hubs, strengthen datasets for under-represented languages, upskill students, and advance Indian language technologies.
- "Anusandhan Mitra" is a research partnership program under Bhashini, where top institutes like IIM Udaipur become partners to strengthen Indian language technologies and the digital ecosystem.

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Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- The Indian Navy launched 'DSC A22 (Yard 327)', the third ship of the five-ship Diving Support Craft (DSC) project
- 'Androth' is the second of eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWCs) being built for the Indian Navy
- 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





Ques: Where was the Indian Coast Guard ship Adamya commissioned?

- A. Goa
- B. Mumbai
- C. Paradip, Odisha
- D. Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- E. Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indian Coast Guard ship Adamya, the first in the Adamya-class fast patrol vessels, was commissioned at Paradip Port, Odisha.
- The 51-metre-long ship was designed and built by Goa Shipyard Limited with over 60% indigenous content, strengthening India's maritime power under the Make in India initiative.
- The ship will operate from Paradip under the Commander, Coast Guard Region (North East) through the Commander, Coast Guard District Headquarters . 7 (Odisha).

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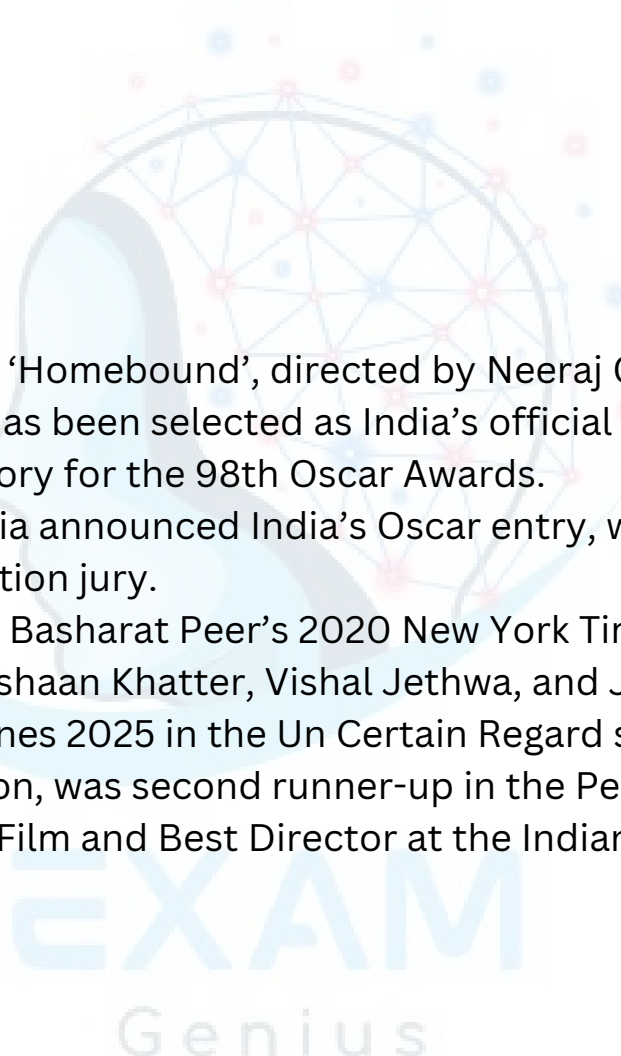
Ques: Which Hindi-language film has been selected as India's official entry for the Best International Feature category at the 98th Oscars?

- A. Ghoomer
- B. Raksha Bandhan
- C. Jawan
- D. Brahmastra
- E. Homebound

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Hindi-language drama 'Homebound', directed by Neeraj Ghaywan and produced by Karan Johar, has been selected as India's official entry in the Best International Feature category for the 98th Oscar Awards.
- The Film Federation of India announced India's Oscar entry, with N Chandra chairing a 14-member selection jury.
- Homebound is inspired by Basharat Peer's 2020 New York Times essay "Taking Amrit Home" and features Ishaan Khatter, Vishal Jethwa, and Janhvi Kapoor.
- The film premiered at Cannes 2025 in the Un Certain Regard section, receiving a nine-minute standing ovation, was second runner-up in the People's Choice category at TIFF 2025, and won Best Film and Best Director at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM 2025).





Ques: Which treaty, aimed at protecting marine biodiversity in the high seas, will come into force on 17 January 2026 after ratification by 60 countries?

- A. United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)
- B. Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- C. Biodiversity beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement
- D. Marine Protected Areas Treaty (MPAT)
- E. High Seas Environmental Protocol

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The Biodiversity beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement, also called the High Seas Treaty, is the first legally binding international framework aimed at protecting marine biodiversity in the high seas, which covers two-thirds of the world's oceans.

The treaty focuses on:

- Establishing Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in international waters
 - Conducting Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) for activities affecting the high seas
 - Ensuring equitable sharing of benefits from marine genetic resources
 - Facilitating scientific cooperation and capacity-building for all countries
- Sign & Ratification: Signed by 145 countries, ratified by 61 countries. Palau was the first to ratify on 22 Jan 2024, Morocco became the 60th. India signed on 25 Sep 2024 but has not ratified yet.
- The BBNJ agreement will come into force on 17 January 2026 and its implementation will be overseen by a Conference of the Parties (COP)





Ques: Who has been appointed as the Director General (DG) of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) till 30 September 2030?

- A. Rahul Rasgotra
- B. Praveen Kumar
- C. Rajwinder Singh Bhatti
- D. Praveer Ranjan
- E. Sanjay Agarwal

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Praveen Kumar, Special Director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB), has been appointed as the Director General (DG) of ITBP.
- He replaces Rahul Rasgotra and will serve till 30 September 2030.
- Separately, Praveer Ranjan has been appointed as DG of CISF till 31 July 2029, replacing Rajwinder Singh Bhatti.

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Recent Defence related appointments :

- Lieutenant Parul Dhadwal : Indian Army Ordnance Corps
- Air Marshal Sanjiv Ghuratia : Air Officer-in-Charge Maintenance at Indian Air Force Headquarters
- Anish Dayal Singh : Deputy NSA
- Satish Golcha, Director General (Prisons) : Commissioner of Police, Delhi (Replaced Shashi Bhushan Kumar Singh)
- Vice Admiral C R Praveen Nair : Controller Personnel Services (CPS) of the Indian Navy
- K. Arul Jothi : Inspector General cum Principal Chief Security Commissioner of the Railway Protection Force (RPF), Southern Railway, in Chennai (succeeds G.M. Eswara Rao)
- Lieutenant General V. Sreehari : General Officer Commanding (GOC), Dakshin Bharat Area
- Dr. Mayank Sharma : Financial Advisor (Defence Services)
- Commodore Varghese Mathew : Naval Officer-in-Charge, Kerala
- Shri Raj Kumar Arora : Controller General of Defence Accounts
- Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan : 47th Vice Chief of the Naval Staff (VCNS) (succeeds Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan)
- Lieutenant General Pushpendra Singh : Vice Chief of the Army Staff (succeeding Lt. Gen. N.S. Raja Subramani)
- Sanjay Singhal : Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)(replaces Amrit Mohan Prasad)
- Sonali Mishra : first woman Director General (DG) of the Railway Protection Force (RPF) (Replaced Manoj Yadava)
- Sub-Lieutenant (SLt) Aastha Poonia : first woman pilot in the fighter stream of Indian Naval Aviation
- Lieutenant General Dinesh Singh Rana : 23rd Colonel of the Regiment of Garhwal Rifles (succeed Lieutenant General NS Raja Subramani)
- Rear Admiral V Ganapathy : command of the Military Institute of Technology (MILIT), Pune
- Senior IPS officer Parag Jain : Chief of RAW (Research and Analysis Wing)
- Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai : Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy)





Ques: Under the IndiaAI Mission, how many data labs will the government establish across the country?

- A. 300
- B. 400
- C. 500
- D. Over 500
- E. 1,000

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Information and Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced that the government will establish over 500 data labs nationwide as part of the IndiaAI Mission.
- A consortium named BombayGen, led by IIT Bombay, is planning to create a suite of Indian language foundational Large Language Models (LLMs) with over 1 trillion parameters.
- The government has allocated ₹988.6 crore under the IndiaAI Mission for this project headed by IIT Bombay.

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Ques: How many Registered Unrecognised Political Parties (RUPPs) were de-listed by the Election Commission (ECI) in the second phase for not contesting elections in the last six years?

- A. 334
- B. 474
- C. 808
- D. 2,046
- E. 359

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Election Commission of India (ECI) is conducting a comprehensive and continuous strategy to clean up the electoral system.
- In the first phase, the EC de-listed 334 Registered Unrecognised Political Parties (RUPPs) on August 9.
- In the second phase, the EC de-listed 474 RUPPs on September 18 for not contesting elections continuously for six years.
- Total de-listed RUPPs in the last two months: 808 (334 + 474).
- After this de-listing, 2,046 RUPPs remain registered with the EC.
- Political parties are registered with the EC under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.
- The EC has also identified 359 RUPPs that failed to submit their Annual Audited Accounts for the last three financial years (2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24) and did not file Election Expenditure Reports despite contesting elections.



Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- **Demography, Representation, and Delimitation: Rethinking India's North-South Divide : Ravi K. Mishra**
- **Believer's Dilemma: Vajpayee and the Hindu Right's Path to Power (1977–2018) : Abhishek Choudhary**
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- **Mother Mary Comes To Me : Arundhati Roy**
- **Secession of the Successful: The Flight Out of New India : Sanjay Baru**
- **Justice Denied Justice Lost : Kanchan Chakraborty**
- **The Weight Loss Revolution – Weight Loss Drugs and How to Use Them : Dr. Ambrish Mithal**

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Ques: Who is the author of the book “The Monk Who Became Chief Minister”?

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Shantanu Gupta
- C. Ramachandra Guha
- D. Vikram Sampath
- E. Ashutosh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The book “The Monk Who Became Chief Minister” is authored by Shantanu Gupta.
- It is a biography of Yogi Adityanath, the current Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, highlighting his journey from being a monk at Gorakhnath Math to becoming the CM.
- The book explains his political career, ideology, governance style, and rise in Indian politics, providing insights into his personality and leadership.

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- E. Lhasa, Tibet

Answer: Option D

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- The event is organised by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India in collaboration with the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), National Museum, and IGNCA, during the 3rd International Buddhist Forum.
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Ques: What is observed on 18th September every year, and when was it started?

- A. World Environment Day
- B. World Water Monitoring Day
- C. World Oceans Day
- D. International Youth Day
- E. World Habitat Day

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- World Water Monitoring Day (WWMD) is observed on 18th September every year to raise awareness about water quality and encourage citizen participation in monitoring water resources.
- The event was started in 2003.
- This year, 43 new Ambassadors have been selected, joined by 11 returning youth leaders continuing their impact for another year.

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Ques: When is Sign Language Day observed in India?

- A. 21 September
- B. 22 September
- C. 26 September
- D. 24 September
- E. 23 September

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE), is organizing a grand programme to celebrate Sign Language Day – 2025 on 23rd September 2025.
- The United Nations General Assembly has declared 23rd September as International Day of Sign Languages to raise awareness about the importance of sign language in realizing the human rights of people who are Deaf.
- The theme for 2025 is “No Human Rights Without Sign Language Rights”.

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Important days :

- 1st – 7th September: National Nutrition Week (Theme: “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: “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 (Theme: “ICT and AI in Policing”)
- 7 September: World Duchenne Awareness Day (Theme: “Family: the heart of care”)
- 8 September: International Literacy Day (Theme: “Promoting Literacy in the Digital Era”)
- 8 September: World Physiotherapy Day (Theme: “Healthy Ageing”)
- 9 September: International Day to Protect Education from Attack (Theme: “Challenging Narratives, Reshaping Action”)
- 9 September: 6th World EV Day (Theme: “The Better Manifesto”)
- 10 September: World Suicide Prevention Day (Theme 2024–2026: “Changing the Narrative on Suicide”)





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- **11 September: Digvijay Diwas**
- **11 September: National Forest Martyrs Day (Theme: “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**

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IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

The Combined Operational Review and Evaluation (CORE) Programme is being organised by Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS) at the United Service Institution of India, New Delhi.

Justice P. B. Bajanthri, Judge of the Patna High Court Appointed as 46th Chief Justice of the Patna High Court under Article Clause (1) of Article 217 of the Constitution of India. Replaced Vipul Manubhai Pancholi.

Pakistan and Saudi Arabia signed Strategic Mutual Defence Agreement. It states that “any aggression against either country shall be considered an aggression against both”.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) today launched the official event song titled ‘Bring it Home’ for the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025. Performed by acclaimed Indian singer Shreya Ghoshal

Indian Railways officially renamed the Ahmednagar Railway Station of Pune Division in Maharashtra to Ahilyanagar as a tribute to Ahilyabai Holkar, the 18th-century Maratha queen renowned for her contributions to public welfare and governance

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