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Ques: What is the New Product launched by South Indian Bank ?

- A. SIB Home Xpress
- B. SIB Business Xpress
- C. SIB Gold Xpress
- D. SIB Loan Smart
- E. SIB Credit Plus

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- South Indian Bank has launched a new gold loan product called SIB Gold Xpress.
- Customers can avail loans up to 90% of the value of their gold, with amounts ranging from ₹25,000 to ₹25 lakh.
- Loan tenure is up to 3 years, with zero hidden costs.
- The product targets MSMEs, non-MSMEs, and small businesses for working capital, business expansion, or personal needs.
- The application process is fully digital, simple, and hassle-free, including for first-time borrowers.
- Gold pledged is secured with safety assurance, and the loan is available through South Indian Bank's pan-India network.

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Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector:

- 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.
- ICICI Bank will manage the online payment services for India's first barrier-less toll collection system
- ICICI Bank has increased the minimum average monthly balance (MAB) in metros & urban areas for new savings accounts from ₹10,000 to ₹50,000.
- Bank of Baroda has launched its new Unified Payments Interface (UPI) application named 'bob e-Pay' to provide secure, seamless, and real-time cross-border digital payments
- Tata AIA Life Insurance has launched "Shubh Shakti", a term insurance plan specifically designed for women
- RemitFIRST2India is a modern digital remittance platform launched by IDFC First Bank in collaboration with SingX
- Axis Bank has launched the 'Lock FD' feature to protect customers' Fixed Deposits from premature closure through digital channels
- Bank of Baroda has launched 'bob FxOne', a digital foreign exchange platform designed for corporate and MSME customers
- IDFC First Bank Limited and IndiGo have launched new credit card named 'IndiGO IDFC FIRST Dual Credit Card'.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) launched its new and modernized website under the project PFRDA CONNECT initiative
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has launched a nationwide Aadhaar-based Face Authentication facility for customer transactions





LQues: Which company became the first to file for IPO at GIFT IFSC targeting \$12 million?

- A. Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd
- B. Hindustan Oil Exploration Ltd
- C. XED Executive Development Ltd
- D. JSW Group
- E. ICICI Securities

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Mumbai-based XED Executive Development Ltd, a global executive education provider, became the first company to file for an IPO at GIFT IFSC, Gujarat, targeting \$12 million.
- The IPO comprises a fresh issue of \$9.6 million and an offer-for-sale of \$2.4 million by the promoter selling shareholder.
- Proceeds will be used for technology capex (\$1.8M), working capital (\$2.4M), IPO costs (\$1.2M), and general corporate purposes including acquisitions (\$4.4M).
- The IPO will be listed on NSE IX and India INX, marking the beginning of direct listing of Indian companies on international exchanges.
- In FY25, XED reported revenue of \$4.59 million, a 15% increase from the previous year, with major clients including Cornell University, Government of Maharashtra, JSW, Bank of America, and Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.





Ques: Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) recently increased the ex-gratia benefit under its Death Relief Fund for Central Board employees to what amount?

- A. ₹10 lakh
- B. ₹12 lakh
- C. ₹15 lakh
- D. ₹20 lakh
- E. ₹8.80 lakh

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- EPFO (Employees' Provident Fund Organization) under the Ministry of Labour & Employment announced a hike in the ex-gratia benefit under the Death Relief Fund.
- New benefit: ₹15 lakh (earlier ₹8.80 lakh), effective April 1, 2025.
- The amount will be given to family members/nominees/legal heirs of deceased Central Board employees from the Staff Welfare Fund.
- From April 1, 2026, the ex-gratia amount will increase by 5% annually to adjust for inflation & rising costs.

About EPFO:

- Established: 4 March 1952
- HQ: New Delhi
- CPFC (Central Provident Fund Commissioner): Ramesh Krishnamurthi





Ques: WestBridge Capital acquired 15% stake in which AMC for ₹450 crore?

- A. HDFC AMC
- B. ICICI Prudential AMC
- C. Edelweiss AMC
- D. Nippon India AMC
- E. SBI Mutual Fund

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- WestBridge Capital, a \$7 billion global investment firm focused on India and the US, acquired a 15% stake in Edelweiss Asset Management Company (AMC) for ₹450 crore.
- Edelweiss Mutual Fund has a total AUM of ₹1.52 lakh crore, with a 44% CAGR over the last 5 years, and equity AUM of ₹72,600 crore (53% growth).
- The transaction values Edelweiss AMC at 57x P/E, consistent with industry benchmarks of 30–60x.
- The deal strategically strengthens Edelweiss MF's growth trajectory, bringing WestBridge as a long-term partner, enhancing equity momentum, product innovation, and distribution capabilities.

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Ques: Which ride-hailing platform was recently penalized by the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) for publishing misleading advertisements and engaging in unfair trade practices?

- A. Ola
- B. Uber
- C. Rapido
- D. Meru Cabs
- E. InDrive

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) ordered Rapido (Roppen Transportation Services Pvt. Ltd.) to pay a penalty of ₹10,00,000 for misleading advertisements and unfair trade practices.
- CCPA also directed the platform to reimburse all consumers who availed the “AUTO IN 5 MIN OR GET ₹50” offer but did not receive the promised compensation.
- This action was taken to safeguard consumer rights and ensure fair market practices in the ride-hailing industry.

Data from the National Consumer Helpline (NCH) revealed:

- 575 complaints against Rapido between April 2023 – May 2024.
- 1,224 complaints between June 2024 – July 2025





Ques: Which of the following regions in India is NOT recognized as a GIAHS site by FAO?

- A. Koraput (Odisha)
- B. Kuttanad (Kerala)
- C. Saffron Heritage (Kashmir)
- D. Sundarbans (West Bengal)
- E. None of the above

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) recognizes three Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) sites in India:

- Koraput Region (Odisha): Known for subsistence paddy cultivation, diverse paddy landraces, medicinal plants, and tribal knowledge systems.
- Kuttanad Farming System (Kerala): Unique below-sea-level farming, paddy cultivation, fishery, coconut & food crops, and inland water fishing.
- Saffron Heritage (Kashmir): Rich agro-pastoral system, traditional saffron cultivation, intercropping, and organic farming.

- Sundarbans (West Bengal) is not recognized as a GIAHS site.
- The recognition highlights India's efforts to preserve traditional agricultural practices, biodiversity, and community knowledge systems.





Ques: Recently, simultaneous translation of parliamentary proceedings has been made available in how many languages of the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution?

- A. 18
- B. 20
- C. 21
- D. 22
- E. 25

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla announced during the Monsoon Session that simultaneous translation of parliamentary proceedings is now available in all 22 languages of the Eighth Schedule.
- Newly added: Kashmiri, Konkani, Santali → completing the full list.
- Earlier service covered 18 languages: Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Dogri, Gujarati, Kannada, Maithili, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Odia, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu.
- Technology support is being developed by Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence Center at IIT Madras, Pravartak Technologies Foundation.

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Ques: Engineers India Limited (EIL) recently signed an agreement with NPCIL for the development of which type of nuclear technology?

- A. Fast Breeder Reactors
- B. Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors
- C. Bharat Small Modular Reactors (BSMRs)
- D. Fusion Reactors
- E. Thorium-based Reactors

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- EIL & NPCIL signed an agreement to jointly develop Bharat Small Modular Reactors (BSMRs).
- This initiative is part of the Nuclear Energy Mission for Viksit Bharat, which aims for 100 GW nuclear power capacity by 2047.
- The Union Budget allocated ₹20,000 crore (~USD 2.4–2.5 billion) for this mission.
- Target: At least five indigenously designed SMRs operational by 2033.
- SMRs will play a crucial role in strengthening India's long-term clean energy transition strategy.

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- India signed the Terms of Reference (ToR) with the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), comprising Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyz Republic, to begin negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA)
- Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) and Air India signed an MoU in Gurugram for the supply of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)
- The Office of Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), organized a two-week International Certificate Program on “Heritage and Indigenous Textiles”.
- Assam Rifles & Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Manipur to enhance the technical and operational readiness of personnel, particularly in areas like surveillance, reconnaissance, and logistics support in challenging terrains
- India and China recorded a positive bilateral outcome when visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi assured External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar that his country will resume the much-needed supply of fertilizers, rare earth minerals and tunnel boring machines (TBM) as the two countries moved towards normalisation of ties.
- International Business Machines Corporation signed a Letter of Intent with the Government of Maharashtra to advance the state’s quantum computing ecosystem. IBM will provide technical expertise to help Maharashtra design and implement its quantum computing initiative
- Astrophel Aerospace Private Limited signed a framework Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) to collaborate on the development of reusable rocket engine technology.
- International Business Machines (IBM) & Government of Maharashtra to advance the state’s quantum computing ecosystem
- The National Health Authority (NHA) and the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) signed an MoU to launch e-Sushrut@Clinic
- Adani Defence Systems and Technologies Limited and Prime Aero Services LLP have signed a definitive agreement to acquire a 100% share in Indamer Technics Private Limited, a private sector Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul company
- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) signed a 5-year R&D agreement with the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) on 12 August 2025



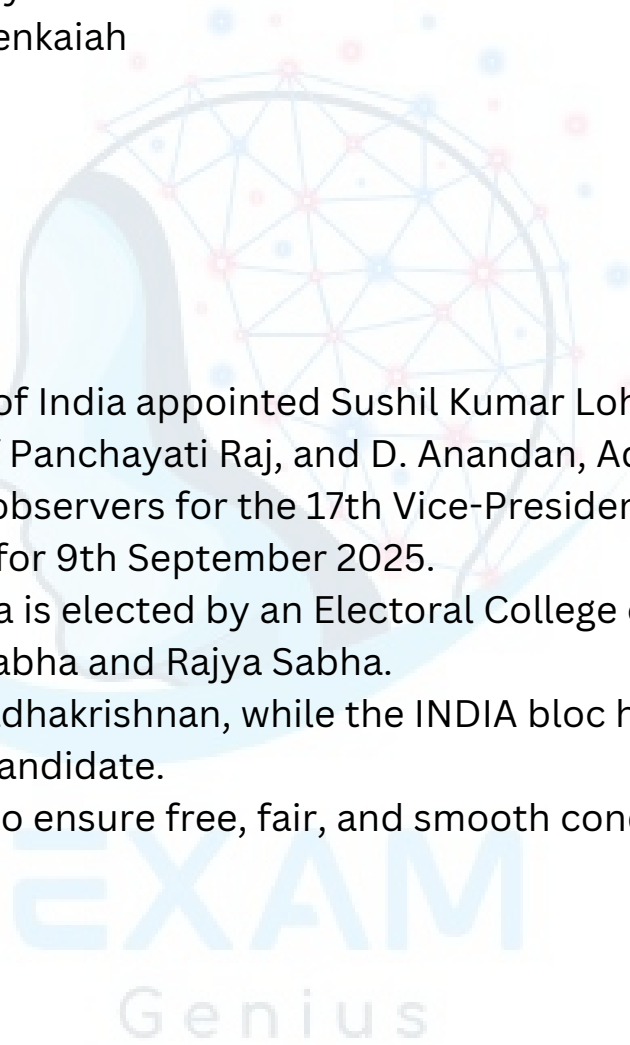
Ques: Who have been appointed as observers for the upcoming 17th Vice-Presidential Election of India 2025?

- A. Sushil Kumar Lohani and D. Anandan
- B. CP Radhakrishnan and B Sudershan Reddy
- C. Rajnath Singh and Nirmala Sitharaman
- D. Amit Shah and Piyush Goyal
- E. Venkaiah Naidu and M. Venkaiah

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Election Commission of India appointed Sushil Kumar Lohani, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, and D. Anandan, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, as observers for the 17th Vice-Presidential Election.
- The election is scheduled for 9th September 2025.
- The Vice-President of India is elected by an Electoral College comprising the members of both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.
- NDA has nominated CP Radhakrishnan, while the INDIA bloc has fielded B Sudershan Reddy as their candidate.
- Observers are appointed to ensure free, fair, and smooth conduct of the election process across states.





Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Ajay Singh : re-elected as President of Boxing Federation of India for third straight term
- Jaideep Gandhi : Vice President of the Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI)
- Srinivasan. K. Swamy : president of Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) for 2025-26
- H.E. Zeenat Kureshi : Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)-India Trade Commissioner
- Noel Tata : Director on the Tata Sons Board at the 107th Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- Chief operating officer of VI Abhijit Kishore : Chief executive officer of Vodafone Idea for Three years (Replaced Akshaya Moondra)
- Mir Mohammed Ali : Director in the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE)
- IAS Pratyay Amrit : Bihar Chief Secretary (succeed Amrit Lal Meena)
- PB Balaji : CEO of Tata Motors-owned Jaguar Land Rover (JLR)
- Mrs. S. Radha Chauhan : Chairperson of the Capacity Building Commission in New Delhi
- Dr. A. Rajarajan : Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)
- IAS officer Shashi Prakash Goyal : Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh (succeeds Manoj Kumar Singh)
- KJ Patel : Managing Director of IFFCO (retirement of US Awasthi)
- Raj Kumar Arora : Controller General of Defence Accounts (Replaced Dr Mayank Sharma)
- A. Robert Jerard Ravi : 3-month extension as the Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) till October 14, 2025
- Mumbai-born Shailesh Jejurikar : President & CEO of Procter & Gamble (P&G) (succeed Jon Moeller)
- Nikhil Ravishankar, an executive of Indian origin : CEO of Air New Zealand (Replaced CEO Greg Foran)
- Lok Sabha Secretary-General Utpal Kumar Singh : Additional charge as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Sansad TV (Replaced Rajit Punhani)





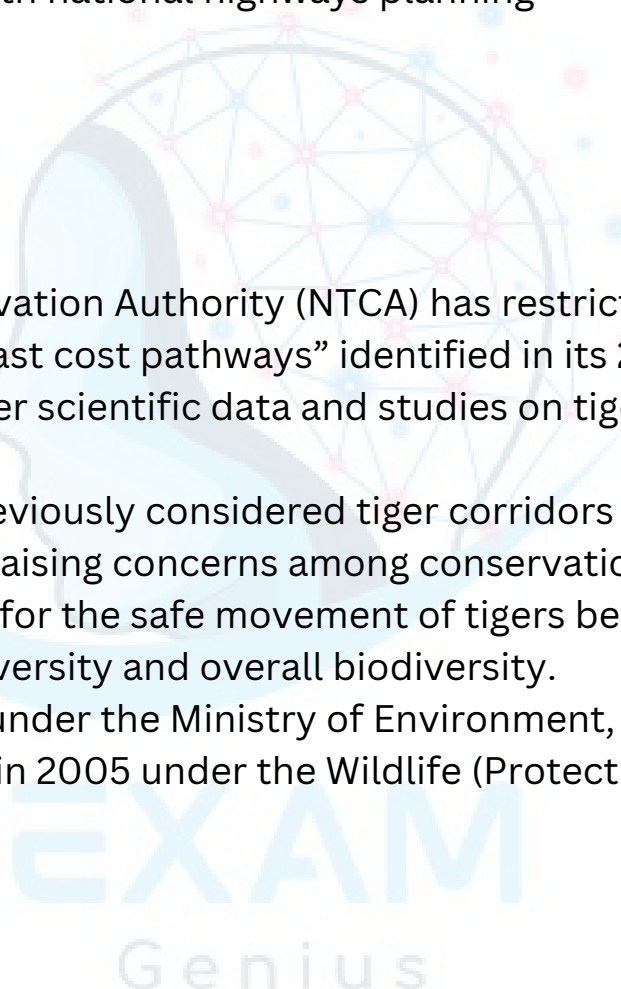
Ques: What recent change has the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) made regarding tiger corridors?

- A. Expanded the definition to include all forest areas
- B. Restricted the definition to the 32 “least cost pathways” from its 2014 report
- C. Declared all tiger habitats as protected zones
- D. Allowed unrestricted industrial development in tiger corridors
- E. Merged tiger corridors with national highways planning

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has restricted the definition of tiger corridors to the 32 “least cost pathways” identified in its 2014 report.
- This change excludes newer scientific data and studies on tiger movement and habitats.
- As a result, some areas previously considered tiger corridors could now be opened for development projects, raising concerns among conservationists.
- Tiger corridors are crucial for the safe movement of tigers between habitats, helping maintain genetic diversity and overall biodiversity.
- NTCA is a statutory body under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), created in 2005 under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (amended in 2006).





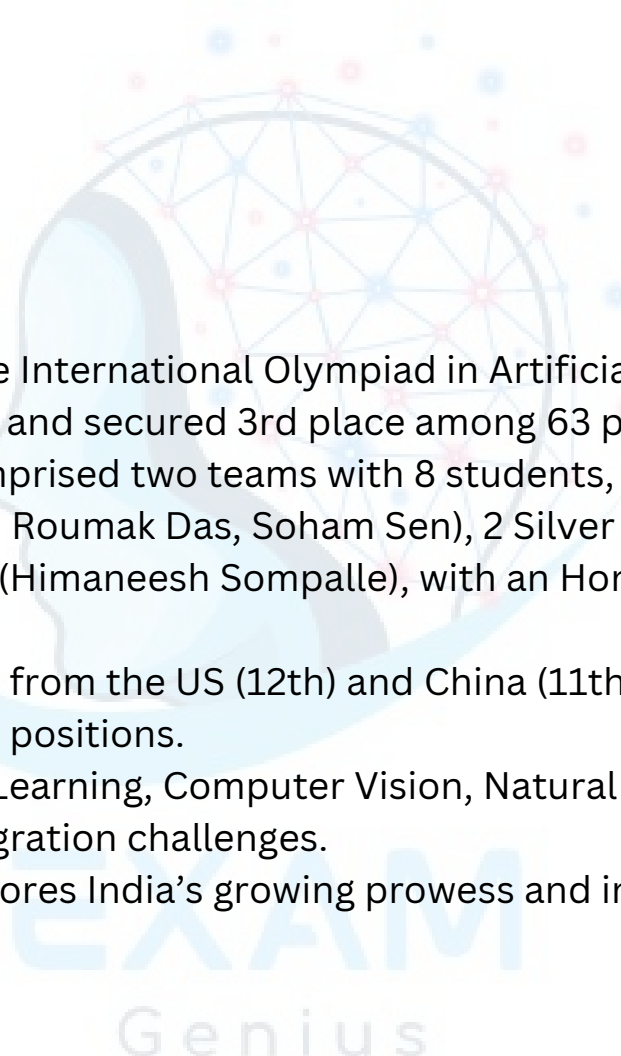
Ques: India secured which position at the International Olympiad in Artificial Intelligence (IOAI) 2025 on its debut?

- A. 1st
- B. 2nd
- C. 3rd
- D. 5th
- E. 10th

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India made its debut at the International Olympiad in Artificial Intelligence (IOAI) 2025, held in Beijing, China, and secured 3rd place among 63 participating countries.
- The Indian contingent comprised two teams with 8 students, winning a total of 6 medals: 3 Gold (Arjun Tyagi, Roumak Das, Soham Sen), 2 Silver (Rayan Banerjee, Samik Goyal), and 1 Bronze (Himaneesh Sompalle), with an Honourable Mention for Ishaan Gangwani.
- India outperformed teams from the US (12th) and China (11th), while Russia and Poland claimed the top two positions.
- Events included Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing, and Robotics-based AI integration challenges.
- This achievement underscores India's growing prowess and innovation in AI/ML research.





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Liverpool's Mohamed Salah became the first man to win the PFA Player of the Year award three times (2018, 2022, and 2025)
- The 18th International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO 2025) was held in Jining, China. India's Performance (2025) : Total: 7 medals + 1 special award
- Sara Errani and Andrea Vavassori, clinched the \$1 million top prize at the US Open mixed doubles tournament
- Real Madrid has been crowned the world's most valuable football club in the Brand Finance Football 50-2025 report
- Spanish tennis star Carlos Alcaraz lifted his first-ever Cincinnati Open title after rival Jannik Sinner (Italy) was forced to retire just 23 minutes into the final.
- The Iga Świątek, Polish star defeated Jasmine Paolini (Italy) 7-5, 6-4 to claim the 2025 Cincinnati Open title, her first hard-court trophy in over a year.
- The Quantbox Chennai Grand Masters 2025 was the third edition of India's premier classical super chess tournament. It carried a record prize pool of ₹1 crore (~\$85,600) – ₹75 lakh for the Masters and ₹25 lakh for the Challengers
- Tanya Hemant from Bangalore clinched the Women's Singles title at the Saipan International 2025 Badminton Tournament
- Bihar is hosting the 12th Men's Asia Cup Hockey for the first time. The tournament will be held from 29th August to 7th September 2025 at the Rajgir International Stadium, Rajgir (Bihar). The mascot is named "Chand"
- India will host the Asian Open Short Track Speed Skating Trophy 2025 for the first time at Maharana Pratap Sports College, Raipur, Dehradun (Uttarakhand) started from 20-23 August 2025
- Indian shuttler Devika Sihag claimed her first International Challenge title by winning the women's singles event at the Malaysia International Challenge 2025 in Ipoh.
- Six-times MotoGP champion Marc Marquez wins Austrian Grand Prix for first time
- Venus Williams, who received a wild card at the age of 45, will become the oldest tennis player to play singles at the U.S. Open in over 40 years (since Renee Richards, who was 47 in 1981).
- The mascot of the first-ever Khelo India Water Sports Festival (KIWSF) 2025 is the Himalayan Kingfisher. The event will be held at Dal Lake, Srinagar, from 21-23 August 2025





Ques: JSW Steel Limited recently signed a non-binding Heads of Agreement with which foreign steel major to jointly explore setting up a 6 MTPA integrated steel plant in India?

- A. Nippon Steel, Japan
- B. POSCO Group, South Korea
- C. Baosteel, China
- D. ArcelorMittal, Luxembourg
- E. Thyssenkrupp, Germany

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- JSW Steel Limited (India) and POSCO Group (South Korea) signed a non-binding Heads of Agreement.
- The plan is to jointly explore setting up a 6 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA) integrated steel plant in India through a 50:50 joint venture.
- Odisha is the preferred location due to its iron ore and coal reserves and strong logistical advantages.
- The estimated investment is about ₹65,000 crore (USD 7.44 billion).

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Ques: NASA recently introduced the ‘Surya Heliophysics Foundational Model (Surya)’. What is its primary purpose?

- A. Study of Exoplanets
- B. Asteroid Mining Research
- C. Human Spaceflight Simulation
- D. Forecasting Space Weather
- E. Deep Ocean Exploration

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- NASA has introduced the ‘Surya Heliophysics Foundational Model (Surya)’, an advanced open-source AI system for understanding and forecasting space weather.
- Developed by NASA’s Interagency Implementation and Advanced Concepts Team (IMPACT) under the Office of Data Science, in collaboration with IBM and other partners.
- Built on the success of Solar Dynamics Observatory (SDO), launched in 2010, which has continuously observed the Sun for ~15 years.
- Surya was trained on 9 years of continuous SDO data (images every 12 seconds in multiple wavelengths + magnetic field measurements).
- Capable of generating visual forecasts up to 2 hours in advance, with higher accuracy than traditional methods.

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Ques: What is the target for India-Russia bilateral trade by 2030?

- A. \$50 billion
- B. \$75 billion
- C. \$100 billion
- D. \$150 billion
- E. \$200 billion

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India and Russia have set a target of \$100 billion for bilateral trade by 2030 to reduce the current trade imbalance.
- India aims to boost exports in key sectors such as pharmaceuticals, agriculture, textiles, and IT, while strengthening energy, connectivity, and skilled labour cooperation.
- Both countries are negotiating a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) under the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) to facilitate smoother trade.
- Enhanced connectivity projects like the North-South Transport Corridor, Chennai-Vladivostok Corridor, and Arctic cooperation are part of this strategic partnership.
- The initiative also addresses non-tariff barriers, such as restrictions on marine exports, to promote balanced and sustainable trade growth.

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Ques: Which Indian city is set to host three major international sports events in 2025, including the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship, Asian Aquatics Championship, and AFC U-17 Asian Cup Qualifiers?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Ahmedabad
- E. Hyderabad

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Ahmedabad is set to host three big international sporting events in 2025, establishing the city as a growing global sports powerhouse.
- In 2025, Gujarat will host three important competitions: the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship, the Asian Aquatics Championship, and the AFC Under-17 Asian Cup Football Qualifiers.

International Events Scheduled in Ahmedabad (2025) :

- Asian Aquatics Championship
- AFC U-17 Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers at The Arena by TransStadia, Ahmedabad
- Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship at Naranpura Sports Complex, Ahmedabad

Upcoming International Events in Gujarat :

- Asian Weightlifting Championship : 2026 in Ahmedabad
- Archery Asia Para Cup (World Ranking Tournament) : 2026 in Ahmedabad
- World Police and Fire Games : 2029 in Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, and Ekta Nagar
- Commonwealth Games 2030 : Ahmedabad chosen as host city following India's successful bid





Ques: What is the new renewal fee for imported four-wheeler vehicles older than 20 years?

- A. ₹20,000
- B. ₹50,000
- C. ₹80,000
- D. ₹1,00,000
- E. ₹1,50,000

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) has revised the registration renewal fees for vehicles older than 20 years to discourage their continued use.
- For imported four-wheelers or larger vehicles over 20 years old, the renewal fee has been fixed at ₹80,000.
- Fees for other categories include: LMVs – ₹10,000, motorcycles – ₹2,000, three-wheelers & quadricycles – ₹5,000, imported two-/three-wheelers – ₹20,000.
- The draft amendment was issued in February 2025 and finalized on 21 August 2025.
- The move aims to reduce pollution and encourage the replacement of old, polluting vehicles with newer, cleaner alternatives.

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News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- The Union Ministry of Home Affairs has officially approved the renaming of Jalalabad town in Shahjahanpur district, Uttar Pradesh, to Parashurampuri
- Union Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary announced that NABARD and NCDC together infused over Rs 42,000 crore into cooperative banks during FY 2024-25
- The Power Ministry revised India's coal & lignite-based thermal capacity addition target to 97 GW by FY35, up from 90 GW by FY32
- The Ministry of Finance suspended the 11% import duty on cotton from 19 August to 30 September 2025
- Bharat Steel 2026 is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Steel (MoS), launched by Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy
- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) organised an Interactive Session at Kaushal Bhawan, New Delhi with senior officers from Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Sikkim, Tripura and West Bengal
- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh announced that two Indian aquanauts – Raju Ramesh (Senior Scientist) and Cdr. Jatinder Pal Singh (Retd) – successfully dived to 4,025 m and 5,002 m in the Atlantic Ocean
- The Ministry of Textiles has finalized 7 sites under the PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks scheme
- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued a gazette notification under clause (da) of Section 7D of the Citizenship Act, 1955, tightening rules for OCI cardholders
- Ministry of Tourism operates the voluntary Incredible India Homestay Establishments classification scheme to improve service quality and tourist experience for both domestic and international visitors.
- Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will digitally transfer ₹3,200 crore as crop insurance claim amounts.
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari laid the foundation stone for 29 National Highway projects worth Rs.5,233 crore at Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh, in the presence of CM N. Chandrababu Naidu and actor-politician Pawan Kalyan
- The Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, promotes registration under the Geographical Indication (GI) of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act, 1999 for handloom and handicraft products across India





Ques: Recently, who among the following pledged to donate their organs at Army Hospital (Research & Referral), giving a boost to the Armed Forces Organ Retrieval & Transplantation Authority (AORTA)?

- A. General Anil Chauhan (CDS)
- B. Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Raj Shukla
- C. Admiral Dinesh Tripathi & Mrs. Tripathi
- D. Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari & Mrs. Chaudhari
- E. General Upendra Dwivedi (COAS) & Mrs. Sunita Dwivedi

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), along with his wife Mrs. Sunita Dwivedi, President of Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA), pledged to donate their organs at Army Hospital (Research & Referral).
- This step significantly strengthens the Armed Forces Organ Retrieval & Transplantation Authority (AORTA).
- The initiative aims to spread awareness and inspire the Armed Forces community to lead the nation in organ donation.
- AORTA has emerged as a national leader in organ retrieval & transplant efforts.
- The Indian Army already holds a record with 26,000+ personnel pledging organ donations in a single campaign.

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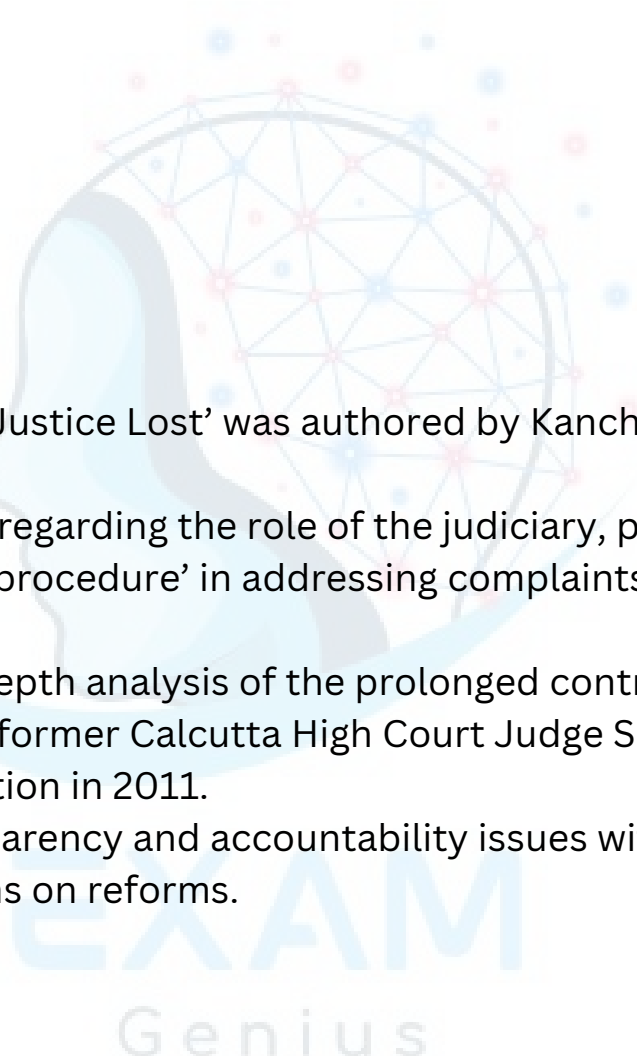
Ques: Who is the author of the book 'Justice Denied Justice Lost' that discusses the judiciary and the Soumitra Sen case?

- A. Arundhati Roy
- B. Kanchan Chakraborty
- C. Ramachandra Guha
- D. Barkha Dutt
- E. Shashi Tharoor

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The book 'Justice Denied Justice Lost' was authored by Kanchan Chakraborty and released in Kolkata.
- It raises critical questions regarding the role of the judiciary, particularly the Supreme Court's 'in-house procedure' in addressing complaints against sitting judges.
- The book provides an in-depth analysis of the prolonged controversy surrounding corruption charges against former Calcutta High Court Judge Soumitra Sen, spanning from 2006 until his resignation in 2011.
- The work highlights transparency and accountability issues within India's judicial system, sparking discussions on reforms.





Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- “The Weight Loss Revolution – Weight Loss Drugs and How to Use Them”. : Dr. Ambrish Mithal
- ‘Why the Constitution Matters’ : Former Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud
- My Name is Emilia del Valle : Isabel Allende
- The Conscience Network: A Chronicle of Resistance to a Dictatorship : Sugata Srinivasaraju
- "Mohan and Muhammad: Gandhi, Jinnah and the Break-up of British India" : Meghnad Desai
- "M S Swaminathan: The Man Who Fed India" : Priyambada Jayakumar
- The Conscience Network : Journalist–author Sugata Srinivasaraju
- "The Man Who Became Cinema" : Ashok Chopra
- “Sustainable Wellness of Students: A Collective Responsibility in Higher Education” : co-edited by Prof. Kamal Kishore Pandey , Prof. Lata Pandey, and Dr. Ramanand
- "The Rise of the Hitman: The Rohit Sharma Story" : R. Kaushik
- The New World: 21st Century Global Order and India : Ram Madhav
- "Eternal Light: The Life and Times of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama." : Arvind Yadav
- Das Paise ka Postcard : retired Army man S.N. Ahmed
- "Honest John: A Life of John Matthai" : Bakhtiar K. Dadabhoy
- ‘One in a Billion’ : Sonal Holland
- Confessions of a Shakespeare Addict : Retired IPS officer V.S. Ravi
- The Sour Mango Tree: Selected Works : Palyaada Lankesh (translated by Dr nataraj hulyar)
- Swasthya Ke Prahari : Lalit Shaurya
- ‘Ambedkar ke Sandesh’ : compiled by D.S. Veeraiah
- The One: Cricket, My Life and More : Former Indian Cricketer Shikhar Dhawan
- ‘Mujib’s Blunders: The Powers and the Plot Behind His Killing’ : Manash Ghosh
- A Billion Butterflies: A Life in Climate and Chaos Theory : Dr. Jagadish Shukla
- “History That India Ignored” : Prem Prakash, Chairman of Asian News International (ANI)
- ‘New World: 21st Century Global Order in India’ : senior BJP leader Ram Madhav
- “Zan! Zendegi! Azadi!” (Woman! Life! Freedom!) : Chowra Makaremi





Ques: What is the purpose of Exercise Samanvay Shakti 2025 inaugurated in Assam?

- A. To conduct joint naval drills
- B. To foster military-civil integration and coordinated regional response
- C. To test new missile systems
- D. To promote international military cooperation
- E. To organize adventure sports for civilians

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Exercise Samanvay Shakti 2025 was inaugurated at Laipuli in Tinsukia district, Assam.
- It is a 10-day military-civil integration exercise initiated by the Indian Army in collaboration with Assam and Manipur state officials.
- The exercise aims to foster synergy, efficient cooperation, cohesion, and mutual understanding between security forces, government departments, and civil institutions.
- The unified approach is intended to address the complex challenges of the region effectively.
- Participants included the Indian Army, Indian Air Force, District Administration, Police, Intelligence Agencies, NDRF, SDRF, Medical Officials, BRO, GREF, Railways, educational institutions, and security officials from OIL India, IOCL, and Coal India.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Defence Exercise :

- Exercise Ulchi Freedom Shield is an annual large-scale joint military exercise conducted by South Korea and the United States
- The 12th edition of Sri Lanka–India Naval Exercise (SLINEX-25) was held from 14–18 August 2025 in Colombo, Sri Lanka
- The 21st edition of Yudh Abhyas (a joint military exercise between India and the U.S.) will be held in Alaska this month
- The Indian Navy and the Hellenic (Greek) Navy held a joint PASSEX (passing exercise) near the Mumbai coast in the Arabian Sea. The Western Naval Command deployed INS Tarkash to conduct a PASSEX exercise with the passing Hellenic Navy Ship HS Psara.
- Exercise Divya Drishti is a high-altitude technology demonstration conducted by the Indian Army in East Sikkim. It aimed to test advanced technologies that enhance battlefield awareness, real-time surveillance, and swift decision-making
- The Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) jointly organize the Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX), which is one of India's longest continuous maritime exercises
- Talisman Sabre 2025 is the 11th edition of a major bilateral military exercise led by Australia, started on July 13, 2025. It is the largest bilateral military drill between Australia and the United States, held biennially since 2005
- The Indian Army conducted a military exercise titled 'Prachand Shakti' in Meerut. It was organised by the Charging RAM Division at the Kharga Corps Field Training Area
- The Japan Coast Guard Ship Itsukushima arrived at Chennai Port as part of a Global Ocean Voyage Training. The port call will culminate in a joint sea exercise named 'Jaa Mata' (meaning See you later) on July 12, 2025
- ConvEx-3 (2025) is a full-scale international emergency preparedness exercise focused on nuclear or radiological emergencies with potential cross-border impacts
- The 53rd edition of NATO's premier multinational maritime-focused exercise, BALTOPS 25, was launched in Latvia
- Tiger Claw is the first-ever joint exercise between the Special Forces of the Indian Air Force (Garud) and the United States Air Force Special Forces





Ques: Where will the 28th National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG) 2025 be held?

- A. Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- B. Bengaluru, Karnataka
- C. New Delhi
- D. Jaipur, Rajasthan
- E. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The 28th National Conference on e-Government (NCeG) will take place in Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, on September 22 and 23, 2025.
- The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), and the Government of Andhra Pradesh are collaborating to organize the event.
- The 28th National eGovernance Conference 2025 will have IIM Visakhapatnam as its knowledge partner.
- The conference will be held over two days with the theme "Viksit Bharat: Civil Service and Digital Transformation."

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Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- Union Minister of Ayush chaired the 2nd meeting of the Society of NIA, Jaipur in New Delhi
- The Ministry of Defence (MoD) is organising the first-of-its-kind Tri-Services Seminar “Ran Samwad” at the Army War College, Mhow (Dr. Ambedkar Nagar)
- Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth (RAV), an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Ayush, hosted its 30th National Seminar on “Management of Illness & Wellness in Paediatrics through Ayurveda” at Scope Complex Auditorium, Lodhi Road, New Delhi
- India Elected Chair of the Asia-Pacific Institute of Broadcasting Development (AIBD) Executive Board for 2025–2027 at 23rd General Conference in Phuket, Thailand.
- CSIR-National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi organized two-days National Conference MAPIKI 2025. The theme of the conference was Measurements for All Times, for All People.
- High-Level Meeting (HLM) between the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Sri Lanka Coast Guard (SLCG) 8th edition Held at New Delhi
- The “Leaders’ Dialogue on Green & Digital Maritime Corridors” was organised in Mumbai by JNPA and IPA under the aegis of MoPSW
- The first-ever International Manuscript Heritage Conference will be held in September 2025 in India.
- The Bharat Ratna Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Centenary International Conference was held 7–9 August 2025 at Pusa, New Delhi. Theme: Evergreen Revolution – The Path to Bio-Happiness.
- The 25th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit will be held in Tianjin, China on August 31–September 1, 2025
- India’s largest handloom-focused hackathon kicked off at IIT Delhi, bringing together over 400 innovators, technologists, and design thinkers from across the country
- The inaugural edition of India-New Zealand Defence Strategic Dialogue was held in New Delhi to discuss security perspectives and further bolster bilateral cooperation.
- The 15th CoP to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands was held at Victoria Falls National Park, Zimbabwe
- PCIM&H (Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy), under the Ministry of Ayush, hosted the inaugural session of the WHO–IRCH Workshops at its headquarters in Ghaziabad





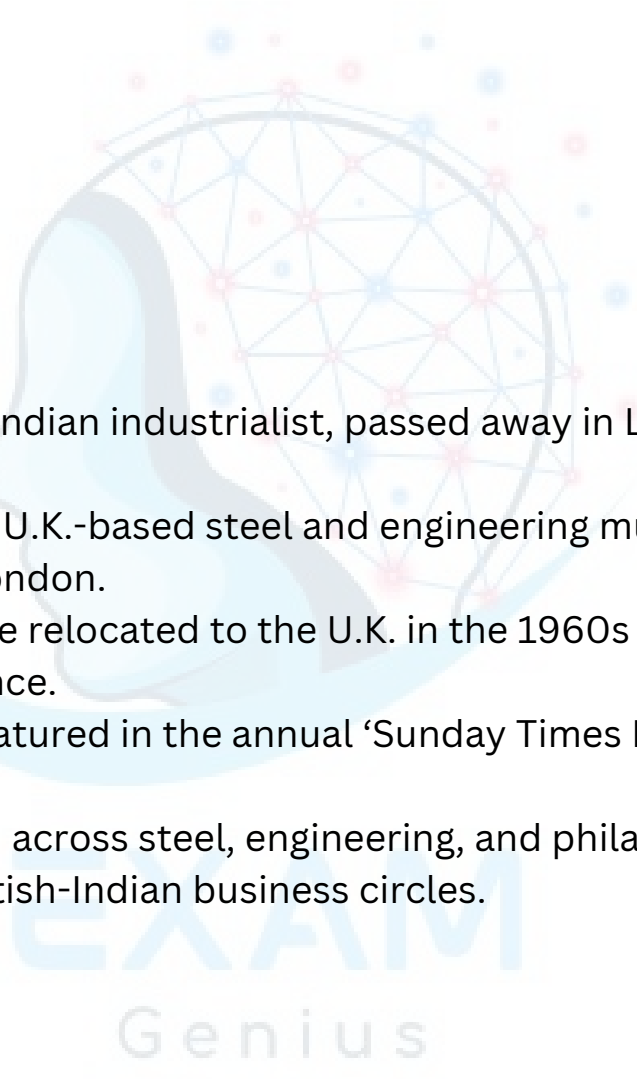
Ques: British-Indian industrialist Lord Swraj Paul, who recently passed away, was the founder of which multinational company?

- A. OneWeb
- B. Starlink Satellite Communication Pvt Ltd
- C. HughesNet
- D. Viasat
- E. BSNL Satellite

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Lord Swraj Paul, a British-Indian industrialist, passed away in London at the age of 94.
- He was the founder of the U.K.-based steel and engineering multinational, Caparo Group, headquartered in London.
- Born in Jalandhar, India, he relocated to the U.K. in the 1960s and established a significant industrial presence.
- Lord Paul was regularly featured in the annual 'Sunday Times Rich List' for his business achievements.
- His contributions spanned across steel, engineering, and philanthropy, marking him as a prominent figure in British-Indian business circles.





Important days :

- August 1-7 (first week of August) : World Breastfeeding Week 2025 (Theme 2025 Prioritize Breastfeeding: Create Sustainable Support Systems")
- 1 August : World Lung Cancer Day (Theme 2025 Stronger Together: United for Lung Cancer Awareness)
- 1 August : World Wide Web Day (Theme 2025 Empowering the Future: Building an Inclusive, Safe, and Open Web)
- 1 August : World FinTech Day 2025 (Theme 2025 GFF Empowering Finance for a Better World, Powered by AI)
- 1 August : National Mountain Climbing Day
- 3rd August (first Sunday of August) : National Friendship Day (Theme 2025 Building Bridges: Celebrating Diversity, Solidarity, and a Culture of Peace)
- 3 August : Cloves Syndrome Awareness Day
- 3 August : 15th Indian organ donation day - Angdaan Jeevan Sanjeevani Abhiyaan
- 5 August : Article 370 abrogation
- 6 August : International Day of Awareness of the Special Development Needs and Challenges of Landlocked Developing Countries
- 6 August : Hiroshima Day
- 7 August : National Javelin Day
- 9 August : World Sanskrit Day
- 9 August : Nagasaki Day
- 9 August : World Tribal Day, also called World Indigenous Day (2025 Theme: "Indigenous Peoples and Artificial Intelligence – Defending Rights, Shaping the Future".)
- 10 August : World Lion Day 2025
- 10 August : World Biofuel Day
- 12 August : International Youth Day (Theme 2025 - Local Youth Actions for the SDGs and Beyond.)
- 12 August : World Elephant Day (2025 Theme - "Matriarchs & Memories")
- 12th - 26th August : World Photography Week
- 13 August : World Organ Donation Day (Theme 2025 Answering the Call)
- 13 August : International Left Handers Day 2025
- 21 August : Death anniversary of Shehnai maestro Ustad Bismillah Khan

