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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Vice President & Chief Risk Officer (CRO) of the New Development Bank (NDB)?

न्यू डेवलपमेंट बैंक (NDB) के उपाध्यक्ष एवं मुख्य जोखिम अधिकारी (CRO) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- A. Urjit Patel / उर्जित पटेल
- B. Rajiv Ranjan / राजीव रंजन
- C. Raghuram Rajan / रघुराम राजन
- D. Shaktikanta Das / शक्तिकांत दास
- E. Dilma Rousseff / दिलमा रूसफ

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- New Development Bank (NDB), established by BRICS nations in 2014, has appointed Rajiv Ranjan as Vice President & Chief Risk Officer (CRO).
- He will serve for a five-year term.
- Rajiv Ranjan is a former Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) member and a career central banker with 35+ years of experience.

About NDB :

- Headquarters – Shanghai, China
- Established – 2014 (by BRICS: Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa)
- Current President – Dilma Rousseff





Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Vishwas Patel : Chairperson of Payments Council of India (PCI)
- Indranil Bhattacharyya : member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)
- Rajiv Anand : CEO of IndusInd Bank for a three-year term starting August 25, 2025
- Deepak Reddy : Chief Executive Officer of Manappuram Finance
- Anuradha Thakur : nominated as a Director on the Central Board of RBI
- Ajay Seth : Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- Neeraj Gambhir : Executive Director (ED) of Axis Bank for 3 years
- R. Doraiswamy : MD and CEO of LIC
- Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat : Interim MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank
- Kumar Mangalam Birla : Board of Directors of the United States-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF)
- Babitha B P : Deputy Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) at the SBI in the rank of General Manager – Infrastructure Security & Special Projects
- Sahil Kini : CEO of the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)
- Bhanu Pratap Sharma : Chairman of the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)
- Sunil Jayawant Kadam : Executive Director of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- Bhanu Pratap Sharma : Chairman of Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)
Govt extends tenure by one year
- Shri Kesavan Ramachandran : Executive Director (ED) of RBI
- Amitabh Kant : Senior adviser of Fairfax Financial Holdings
- Zou Jiayi, former Vice Finance Minister of China : President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- Anuj Pandey : Chief Executive Officer of UGRO Capital Limited
- K. Paul Thomas : Chairperson of Sa-Dhan
- Anuradha Thakur : Member of the Board of SEBI (replacing Ajay Seth)
- Pralay Mondal : MD & CEO of CSB Bank Limited for a term of 3 years
- Sandeep Batra : extension term as Executive Director (ED) of ICICI Bank





Ques: As of August 21, 2025, the total gross enrolments under Atal Pension Yojana (APY) have crossed which milestone?

21 अगस्त 2025 तक अटल पेंशन योजना (APY) के तहत कुल सकल नामांकन किस मील का पत्थर पार कर गया है?

- A. 5.25 crore
- B. 6.40 crore
- C. 7.50 crore
- D. 8.11 crore
- E. 9.25 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The PFRDA organised the APY Annual Felicitation Programme in New Delhi, where outstanding performers in APY enrolments were awarded.
- In FY 2024-25, 1.17 crore new subscribers joined APY, helping it cross 8.11 crore gross enrolments by August 21, 2025.
- APY achieved the fastest-ever 50 lakh subscribers in a single year, with 46% enrolments from youth (18–25 years).
- Women contributed significantly, making up 55% of new enrolments in FY 2024-25.
- APY currently has an AUM of ₹48,000+ crore and has grown at a 9.12% CAGR since inception.

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Ques: Which global rating agency recently retained India's sovereign credit rating at 'BBB-' with a Stable Outlook?

किस वैश्विक रेटिंग एजेंसी ने हाल ही में भारत की सॉवरेन क्रेडिट रेटिंग 'BBB-' स्थिर दृष्टिकोण (Stable Outlook) के साथ बरकरार रखी है?

- A. S&P Global / एसएंडपी ग्लोबल
- B. Moody's / मूडीज
- C. Fitch Ratings / फिच रेटिंग्स
- D. Morningstar DBRS / मॉर्निंगस्टार डीबीआरएस
- E. CRISIL / क्रिसिल

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Fitch Ratings maintained India's sovereign credit rating at 'BBB-' with a Stable Outlook.
- This is the lowest investment grade rating, but it reflects India's robust growth and solid external finances.
- Fitch forecasted India's GDP growth at 6.5% till FY26, much higher than the BBB countries' median of 2.5%.
- India's medium-term growth potential is estimated at 6.4%, supported by public investment, private sector momentum, and demographic advantages.
- Recent reforms like GST improvements and deregulation agenda could further boost consumption and investment.
- Fitch noted that strong reforms will enhance India's macro stability, fiscal credibility, GDP per capita, and help in reducing debt burden.





Ques: As per SBI Research's latest Ecowrap report, what is the estimated GDP growth of India in Q1 (April–June) of FY26?

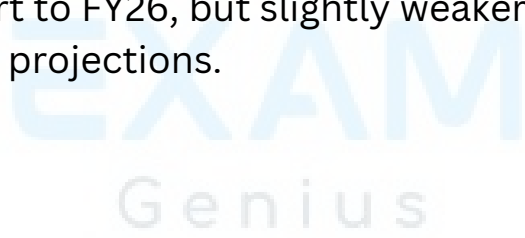
SBI रिसर्च की नवीनतम इक्वोरैप रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, FY26 की पहली तिमाही (अप्रैल-जून) में भारत की अनुमानित GDP वृद्धि दर कितनी रही?

- A. 6.8%–7.0%
- B. 6.5%
- C. 6.3%
- D. 7.2%
- E. 7.5%

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- 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%.
- For the full FY26, the report projects India's GDP growth at 6.3%, lower than RBI's target of 6.5%.
- The report also revised India's GDP forecast for the remaining quarters: Q2 – 6.5%, Q3 – 6.3%, and Q4 – 6.1%.
- This indicates a strong start to FY26, but slightly weaker momentum in the later quarters compared to RBI's projections.





Recent News Headlines Related to SBI :

- 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
- State Bank of India (SBI) plans to raise Rs.25,000 crore via Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) in FY26
- According to a survey by SBI research, India accounted for around 6.7% of the incremental growth in the global economy in FY25, with the State Bank of India (SBI) alone responsible for 1.1% of the increase
- To support India's Net Zero 2070 goals, SBI launched a Solar Rooftop Programme aimed at solarising 4 million homes by FY2027
- The State Bank of India (SBI) has decided to classify the loan account of Reliance Communications Ltd (RCom) as "fraud" under RBI guidelines
- SBI inaugurated Global Trade Finance Centres in Kolkata and Hyderabad to boost domestic and international trade services





Ques : What is India's women's employment rate (WPR) in 2023-24, as per Labour Ministry data?

श्रम मंत्रालय के अनुसार, 2023-24 में भारत की महिलाओं की रोजगार दर (WPR) कितनी रही?

- A. 22%
- B. 34.5%
- C. 40.3%
- D. 47.53%
- E. 55%

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- As per Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) data, 2017-2024, India's women's employment rate (WPR) has doubled from 22% to 40.3%.
- The unemployment rate declined to 3.2%, showing stronger job growth.
- Rural women's employment rose by 96%, while urban areas saw a 43% increase.
- Women graduates' employability also improved to 47.53% in 2024, and as per India Skills Report 2025, around 55% Indian graduates will be globally employable.

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Ques: Where did the bilateral meeting between the Foreign Ministers of India and China take place in 2025?

वर्ष 2025 में भारत और चीन के विदेश मंत्रियों के बीच द्विपक्षीय बैठक कहाँ आयोजित हुई?

- A. Beijing, China / बीजिंग, चीन
- B. New Delhi, India / नई दिल्ली, भारत
- C. Shanghai, China / शंघाई, चीन
- D. Mumbai, India / मुंबई, भारत
- E. Tianjin, China / तियानजिन, चीन

Answer : Option B

Explanation:

- Mr. Wang Yi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China held bilateral talks with Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister of India in New Delhi.

Key Outcomes:

- Both sides had positive and forward-looking talks on bilateral, regional, and global issues.
- China welcomed PM Narendra Modi's participation in the SCO Summit 2025 (Tianjin, Aug 31–Sep 1).
- Both sides agreed to support each other's BRICS Summits (India 2026, China 2027).
- Agreement to resume direct flights and finalize an updated Air Services Agreement.
- Easier visa facilitation for tourists, businesses, media, etc.
- Expansion of Indian pilgrimage to Kailash–Mansarovar in 2026.
- Commitment to boost trade and investment flows.
- Reaffirmed to maintain peace in border areas.
- Both agreed to uphold multilateralism and enhance coordination on global issues.





Ques: Which city hosted the 18th edition of the International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA 2025), the first time India organised the event?

किस शहर ने 18वें अंतर्राष्ट्रीय खगोलशास्त्र और खगोल भौतिकी ओलंपियाड (IOAA 2025) की मेजबानी की, जिसे पहली बार भारत ने आयोजित किया?

- A. Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- B. Kolkata / कोलकाता
- C. New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- D. Mumbai / मुंबई
- E. Hyderabad / हैदराबाद

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The 18th IOAA 2025, an international competition in astronomy and astrophysics for school students, was hosted in Mumbai.
- It was organised by Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE), TIFR, and supported by the Department of Atomic Energy through the Vigyan Pratibha Project.
- This was the first time India hosted IOAA, and also the largest edition ever, with over 300 students from 64 countries.
- Indian students Aarush Mishra (Bengaluru), Banibrata Majee (Delhi), Panini (Patna), and Akshat Srivastava (Kolkata) won gold medals.
- At the IOAA Board Meeting, representatives voted to suspend Israel as a recognized national team; Israeli students may now only compete individually.

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- The inaugural Khelo India Water Sports Festival (KIWSF) 2025 was held at the Dal Lake, Srinagar (J&K) from 21–23 August 2025
- Cricket South Africa (CSA) confirmed that the 2027 ODI World Cup will be held in South Africa, Namibia, and Zimbabwe
- The first World Humanoid Robot Games concluded in Beijing, China, at the National Speed Skating Oval, originally built for the 2022 Winter Olympics
- The U20 World Wrestling Championships 2025 was held in Samokov, Bulgaria, from August 17 to 24. Indian wrestlers finished the Bulgaria meet with nine medals - two gold, four silver and three bronze medals.
- 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





Ques: Which initiative was launched by the Delhi Cantonment Board under the Ministry of Defence to support the education and welfare of children of construction workers?

रक्षा मंत्रालय के अंतर्गत दिल्ली छावनी बोर्ड द्वारा निर्माण श्रमिकों के बच्चों की शिक्षा और कल्याण के लिए कौन सा अभियान शुरू किया गया?

- A. Project Aarohan / प्रोजेक्ट आरोहण
- B. Aarambh / आरंभ
- C. Project Shiksha / प्रोजेक्ट शिक्षा
- D. Bal Vikas Kendra / बाल विकास केंद्र
- E. Gyan Deep / ज्ञान दीप

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Under the aegis of the Ministry of Defence, the Aarambh initiative was launched by the Delhi Cantonment Board at Silver Oak School, Delhi Cantonment.
- The program focuses on inclusive child welfare, providing free education and essential medical facilities to children of construction laborers in the Cantonment area.
- Aarambh aims to stabilize classes for these children by offering foundation learning, life skills, and a safe space.

Key features include:

- Enrolling children in local schools with free access to quality education.
- Providing regular health check-ups and access to medical services through local health units.
- Ensuring a nurturing environment for holistic development, including nutrition and counseling.
- Providing uniforms, shoes, school bags, water bottles, tiffin, books, stationery, lunch, periodic health checkups, and transport facilities to enrolled children.





News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- "The Kunj," a premier shopping and cultural destination devoted to honoring and promoting the rich legacy of Indian handicrafts and handlooms, was opened by Union Minister of Textiles Shri Giriraj Singh
- The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) has revised the registration renewal fees for vehicles older than 20 years to discourage their continued use
- EPFO (Employees' Provident Fund Organization) under the Ministry of Labour & Employment announced a hike in the ex-gratia benefit under the Death Relief Fund
- 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.



Ques: Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Tata Digital, effective September 1, 2025?

1 सितंबर 2025 से टाटा डिजिटल के नए सीईओ के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- A. Naveen Tahilyani / नवीन ताहिलयानी
- B. Sajith Sivanandan / सजीथ शिवनंदन
- C. Ajay Piramal / अजय पिरामल
- D. Sanjiv Mehta / संजीव मेहता
- E. Ratan Tata / रतन टाटा

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sajith Sivanandan has been appointed as the new CEO of Tata Digital, the e-commerce arm of Tata Sons.
- He will assume charge from 1st September 2025, succeeding Naveen Tahilyani, who stepped down in May 2025.
- Sivanandan previously served as President, Jio Mobile Digital Services, CEO, Disney+ Hotstar and MD & Business Head, Google Pay and Next Billion Users initiative (APAC region)
- He brings with him 30+ years of experience in technology, media, telecom, payments, and consulting across India and APAC.

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Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Former India captain Sourav Ganguly : Head Coach of Pretoria Capitals for the SA20 2026 season (Replaced England batter Jonathan Trott)
- Rajit Punhani (Secretary in the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship) : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) (Replaced Ganji Kamala V. Rao)
- Sushil Kumar Lohani and D. Anandan : observers for the 17th Vice-Presidential Election
- Anish Dayal Singh : PM Modi's new Deputy NSA
- Ajay Singh : re-elected as President of Boxing Federation of India for third straight term
- Pramod Kumar (Uttar Pradesh) : Secretary General of
- Pon Baskaran (Tamil Nadu) : Treasurer of Boxing Federation of India
- 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)





Ques: Which organization signed an MoU with the Karnataka Agriculture Department to provide tech-driven, real-time advisory services to farmers?

कर्नाटक कृषि विभाग ने किसानों को प्रौद्योगिकी आधारित रीयल-टाइम परामर्श सेवाएं प्रदान करने के लिए किस संगठन के साथ समझौता किया?

- A. Infosys / इंफोसिस
- B. Wipro / विप्रो
- C. NASSCOM / नैसकॉम
- D. ISRO / इसरो
- E. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) / भारत इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स लिमिटेड

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Karnataka Agriculture Department signed an MoU with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) to provide real-time advisory services to farmers.
- Key datasets like crop information, weather data, FRUITS database, and government schemes will be integrated and analyzed.
- BEL will customize its Equinox platform for agriculture, offer technical consultancy, and support data integration to benefit farmers with accurate and timely advice.

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- Mitsui O.S.K Lines Limited (MOL), TradeWaltz Inc., and Suzuki Motor Corporation have signed MOU to improve vehicle trade cooperation between India and Africa during the 9th Tokyo International Conference on African Development in Yokohama, Japan.
- Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma approved a ₹600 crore project in collaboration with Nelco Limited (subsidiary of Tata Power) under the Samagra Shiksha Axom (SSA) framework
- The Government of India and the World Food Programme (WFP) announced a significant milestone in their collaboration aimed at addressing the global hunger crisis by signing a Letter of Intent.
- Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited has signed a 5-year Business-to-Business (B2B) agreement with the National Seed Centre (NSC) of Bhutan at Siliguri in West Bengal.
- 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
- EIL & NPCIL signed an agreement to jointly develop Bharat Small Modular Reactors (BSMRs)
- Centum Electronics Limited has signed a MOU with Bharat Electronics Limited to work together in the field of defence electronics.
- 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



Ques: Recently, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) launched its first all-women commando unit. Where did the training of the first batch begin?

हाल ही में, केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल (CISF) ने अपनी पहली ऑल-वूमेन कमांडो यूनिट शुरू की। पहले बैच का प्रशिक्षण कहाँ शुरू हुआ?

- A. Barwaha, Madhya Pradesh / बड़वाहा, मध्य प्रदेश
- B. Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
- C. Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh / ग्वालियर, मध्य प्रदेश
- D. Pune, Maharashtra / पुणे, महाराष्ट्र
- E. Delhi / दिल्ली

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The CISF has launched its first all-women commando unit to boost gender parity.
- Training of the first batch of 30 women began on August 11, 2025, at the Regional Training Centre, Barwaha (Madhya Pradesh), and will conclude on October 4, 2025.
- This all-women commando unit will act as a Quick Reaction Team (QRT) and Special Task Force (STF) for deployment at high-security establishments.

About CISF:

- Established in 1969 through the CISF Act, 1968 with 3 battalions.
- Declared as an Armed Force of the Union after the 1983 amendment.
- Motto: "Protection and Security."
- Provides security to large state-owned and private institutions.





Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and world :

- OpenAI, the provider of ChatGPT, confirmed that it will open its first India office in New Delhi by late 2025
- India's first urban ropeway is undergoing a three-month trial run in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- Suzlon Group has become the first Indian company from the energy sector to join the Renewable Energy 100 (RE100) Initiative
- Kerala has been declared India's first fully digitally literate state, marking the completion of Phase I of the Digi Kerala project
- 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
- For the first time in South-Central Railway (SCR) history, five key departments – Operations, Commercial, Finance, Security, and Medical – are being led by women officers
- Champa Raspeda, a student from Odisha's Malkangiri district, has made history by becoming the first member of the Didayi, a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG), to clear NEET 2025.
- India's first Hydrogen (H_2) powered train has cleared load tests under the Research Designs & Standards Organization (RDSO) at Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai
- NTPC Limited has become the 1st Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) in the Indian power sector to adopt a comprehensive Business Continuity Plan (BCP) aligned with International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 22301:2019, global standard for Business Continuity Management Systems (BCMS).
- India's first detachable solar panel system between railway tracks was put into service by Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW), situated in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, marking a significant advancement in green energy innovation, according to the Ministry of Railways (MoR)
- The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has become India's first railway zone to adopt compostable bio-plastic on trains
- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) launched India's first voluntary star-based property rating system focused on digital connectivity
- Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) has become the 1st Indian company to join the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM).



Ques: Why has the Department of Posts temporarily suspended booking of most postal items to the USA from 25th August 2025?

डिपार्टमेंट ऑफ पोस्ट्स ने 25 अगस्त 2025 से अमेरिका के लिए अधिकांश डाक आइटम बुकिंग अस्थायी रूप से क्यों रोक दी है?

- A. Due to closure of postal services in the USA / अमेरिका में डाक सेवाओं के बंद होने के कारण
- B. Due to Executive Order removing duty-free exemption for goods above USD 800 / वस्तुओं के लिए USD 800 से अधिक पर शुल्क-मुक्त छूट हटाने के कार्यकारी आदेश के कारण
- C. Due to strike by postal workers in India / भारत में डाक कर्मचारियों के हड़ताल के कारण
- D. Due to weather disruptions affecting flights / उड़ानों पर मौसम संबंधी व्यवधान के कारण
- E. Due to increase in postal rates / डाक दरों में वृद्धि के कारण

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The U.S. Administration issued an Executive Order on 30th July 2025 withdrawing the duty-free de minimis exemption for goods valued above USD 800, effective 29th August 2025.
- As a result, all international postal items to the USA, except gift items up to USD 100, will be subject to customs duties.
- Critical processes regarding “qualified parties” for duty collection and operational mechanisms remain undefined.
- Due to this lack of clarity, U.S.-bound air carriers cannot accept postal consignments after 25th August 2025.
- Therefore, the Department of Posts has temporarily suspended booking of all postal articles to the USA, except letters/documents and gifts up to USD 100.





Ques: Which state government has announced ₹1 crore insurance cover for municipal staff in case of accidental death?

किस राज्य सरकार ने नगर निगम कर्मचारियों के लिए दुर्घटना में मृत्यु होने पर ₹1 करोड़ बीमा कवर की घोषणा की है?

- A. Telangana / तेलंगाना
- B. Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- C. Karnataka / कर्नाटक
- D. Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- E. Kerala / केरल

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu announced insurance cover for municipal workers.
- It is ₹1 crore insurance for regular municipal workers.
- ₹20 lakh insurance for outsourced municipal workers.
- In cases of permanent disability, the same amount will be ensured.
- He also announced education support up to ₹8 lakh for their children.

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Ques: India and Fiji recently agreed to strengthen cooperation in which of the following sectors?

भारत और फ़िजी ने हाल ही में किन क्षेत्रों में सहयोग को मजबूत करने पर सहमति व्यक्त की है?

- A. Defence and Health / रक्षा और स्वास्थ्य
- B. Trade and Agriculture / व्यापार और कृषि
- C. Maritime Security / समुद्री सुरक्षा
- D. All of the above / उपरोक्त सभी
- E. Only Defence / केवल रक्षा

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India and Fiji decided to enhance cooperation in defence, health, trade, agriculture, and maritime security sectors.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed Fiji's decision to grant market access for Indian goods.
- Both leaders emphasized bilateral trade growth, collaboration in SMEs, skill development, cooperatives, culture, sports, and education.
- Fiji's Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka highlighted the importance of securing Fiji's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), and India assured support in meeting its security needs.
- An Action Plan has been prepared to enhance defence and maritime security cooperation.
- An Indian Naval Ship's visit to a Fijian port also symbolized efforts to strengthen maritime collaboration.





Ques: Which initiative did NHAI launch in collaboration with Vertis Infrastructure Trust to support the education of toll plaza employees' children?

टोल प्लाजा कर्मचारियों के बच्चों की शिक्षा का समर्थन करने के लिए NHAI ने Vertis Infrastructure Trust के सहयोग से कौन सा अभियान शुरू किया?

- A. Project Udaan / प्रोजेक्ट उड़ान
- B. Project Prerna / प्रोजेक्ट प्रेरणा
- C. Project Shiksha / प्रोजेक्ट शिक्षा
- D. Project Gyan / प्रोजेक्ट ज्ञान
- E. Project Aarohan / प्रोजेक्ट आरोहण

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- NHAI, in collaboration with Vertis Infrastructure Trust, launched 'Project Aarohan' to support the educational aspirations of toll plaza employees' children.
- The program was inaugurated by NHAI Chairman Shri Santosh Kumar Yadav.
- Implementation: SMEC Trust's Bharat Cares will manage the project's first phase, with a fund allocation of ₹1 Crore, spanning from July 2025 to March 2026.
- Coverage: 500 students from Class 11 to final-year graduation will receive ₹12,000 annual scholarships in FY 2025–26.
- Additionally, 50 bright students aiming for postgraduate and higher studies will be supported with ₹50,000 scholarships each.
- The program combines financial aid with mentorship, skill-building workshops, and career guidance, preparing students for higher education, employment, and entrepreneurship.





Ques: Which institution recently hosted the launch of MARa-THON 2025 – India's Maritime Hackathon?

हाल ही में MARa-THON 2025 – इंडिया का मेरिटाइम हैकाथॉन का शुभारंभ किस संस्थान में किया गया?

- A. IIT Delhi / आईआईटी दिल्ली
- B. IIT Madras / आईआईटी मद्रास
- C. IIT Bombay / आईआईटी बॉम्बे
- D. IIT Kharagpur / आईआईटी खड़गपुर
- E. IIT Kanpur / आईआईटी कानपुर

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW), in collaboration with NTCPWC (IIT Madras), NMC, and Chennai Port Authority, launched MARa-THON 2025 – India's Maritime Hackathon at IIT Madras.
- It is organised under the Sagarmala Start-up Innovation Initiative (S2I2) to promote Research, Innovation, Start-ups, and Entrepreneurship (RISE) in the maritime sector.
- The event also served as the curtain-raiser to India Maritime Week 2025.

Selected start-ups will receive milestone-based funding:

- Proof of Concept (PoC): Up to ₹10 lakh
- Seed Funding (MVP): Up to ₹60 lakh
- Tech Pilot Grant (Commercial Scale-up): Up to ₹1 crore





Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The 41st Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO) Convention will be hosted in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh in 2026. The 40th IATO Annual Convention was recently held in Puri, Odisha (22–24 August 2025).
- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh interacted with women military officers from 15 countries alongside Indian officers at the UN Women Military Officers Course (UNWMOC-2025) held at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
- The 11th Round of India-Australia Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) negotiations was held in New Delhi
- Ujjain will host “रूढमantic” – PHDCCI’s 2 nd Global Spiritual Tourism Conclave on 27 August 2025.
- The 28th National Conference on e-Government (NCeG) will take place in Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, on September 22 and 23, 2025
- The four-day Regional Workshop on WHO Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) for Herbal Medicines, jointly organised by the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of Ayush and the World Health Organization – South-East Asia Regional Office (WHO-SEARO), concluded at RRAP-Central Ayurveda Research Institute, Mumbai.
- 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





Ques : What is the revenue target set for IREDA in FY26 under the MoU with MNRE?
MNRE के साथ MoU के तहत IREDA का FY26 के लिए राजस्व लक्ष्य कितना रखा गया है?

- A. ₹5,957 crore
- B. ₹6,743.32 crore
- C. ₹7,960 crore
- D. ₹8,200 crore
- E. ₹11,740 crore

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) signed a performance-based MoU with the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE). Under this MoU, the revenue target for FY26 has been set at ₹8,200 crore.
- In FY25, IREDA exceeded its target of ₹5,957 crore, achieving ₹6,743.32 crore.
- The MoU also tracks performance indicators such as Return on Net Worth, Return on Capital Employed, NPA ratio, Asset Turnover Ratio, and EBITDA.
- IREDA has received an 'Excellent' rating in MoU performance for 4 consecutive years (FY21 to FY24).
- In Q1 FY26, loan sanctions grew 29% YoY to ₹11,740 crore, while disbursements rose 31% YoY to ₹6,981 crore.
- Its outstanding loan book reached ₹79,960 crore as of June 30, 2025, up 27% from the previous year.

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Ques: When is World Lake Day observed?

विश्व झील दिवस कब मनाया जाता है?

- A. 5 June
- B. 27 August
- C. 22 March
- D. 8 June
- E. 11 December

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- World Lake Day is observed every year on 27 August.
- 2025 marks the first-ever observance of this day.
- The theme for 2025: “Lakes: the lifeblood of our planet.”
- The objective is to raise awareness about the importance of lakes and promote sustainable management of lake ecosystems.
- The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) facilitates the observance.

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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





IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Monash University and IIT Bombay's Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE) Sign MoU to Boost Startups and Innovation Between India & Australia

Andhra Pradesh Government will soon set up the country's largest Central Library in Amaravati. It is spread across 2 lakh sq. ft., and designed as a "worldclass hub of knowledge."

Veteran Telugu actor and politician Nandamuri Balakrishna - officially honoured by the World Book of Records UK Gold Edition for completing 50 glorious years in the film industry. He got the Padma Bhushan honour earlier this year (2025)

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) signed a performance-based MOU with Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) outlining strategic targets for the fiscal year 2025-26. Under the MoU, the Government of India has set a Revenue from Operations target of ₹8,200 crores for FY 2025-26

Haryana CM launches 11-week 'Swachh Kurukshetra – Mera Kurukshetra, Mera Abhimaan' mission to make city cleanest, most beautiful in country.

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महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

मोनाश विश्वविद्यालय और आईआईटी बॉम्बे की सोसाइटी फॉर इनोवेशन एंड एंटरप्रेन्योरशिप (SINE) ने भारत और ऑस्ट्रेलिया के बीच स्टार्टअप और नवाचार को बढ़ावा देने के लिए समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए।

आंध्र प्रदेश सरकार जल्द ही अमरावती में देश का सबसे बड़ा केंद्रीय पुस्तकालय स्थापित करेगी। यह 2 लाख वर्ग फुट में फैला है और इसे "ज्ञान के विश्वस्तरीय केंद्र" के रूप में डिज़ाइन किया गया है।

वरिष्ठ तेलुगु अभिनेता और राजनेता नंदमुरी बालकृष्ण - जिन्हें फिल्म उद्योग में 50 गौरवशाली वर्ष पूरे करने पर वर्ल्ड बुक ऑफ रिकॉर्ड्स यूके गोल्ड एडिशन द्वारा आधिकारिक रूप से सम्मानित किया गया है। उन्हें इस वर्ष (2025) की शुरुआत में पद्म भूषण सम्मान मिला था।

भारतीय नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा विकास एजेंसी लिमिटेड (IREDA) ने नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय (MNRE) के साथ एक प्रदर्शन-आधारित समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं, जिसमें वित्तीय वर्ष 2025-26 के लिए रणनीतिक लक्ष्यों की रूपरेखा तैयार की गई है। इस समझौता ज्ञापन के तहत, भारत सरकार ने वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 के लिए परिचालन से ₹8,200 करोड़ का राजस्व लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया है।

हरियाणा के मुख्यमंत्री ने शहर को देश का सबसे स्वच्छ और सुंदर बनाने के लिए 11-सप्ताहीय 'स्वच्छ कुरुक्षेत्र - मेरा कुरुक्षेत्र, मेरा अभिमान' मिशन शुरू किया।

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