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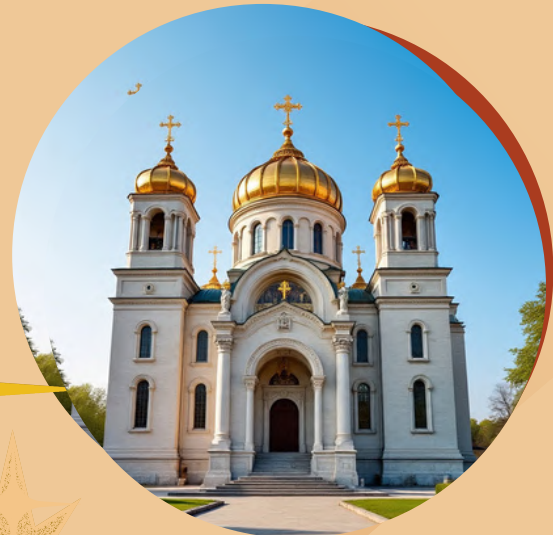


WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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150+ MCQ
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explanation



- Banking & finance
- National
- International
- Sports





Ques: The Union Finance Ministry has introduced a one-time switch facility allowing central government employees to move from which scheme to the National Pension System (NPS)?

- A. Employee Provident Fund (EPF)
- B. General Provident Fund (GPF)
- C. Unified Pension Scheme (UPS)
- D. Atal Pension Yojana (APY)
- E. Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS)

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Union Finance Ministry has introduced a one-time, one-way switch facility allowing central government employees to move from the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) to the National Pension System (NPS).
- Employees can switch anytime, but not later than one year before superannuation or three months before voluntary retirement.
- Employees facing disciplinary action, dismissal, or removal are not eligible.
- Once switched to NPS, employees will no longer receive assured UPS payouts, but the government's 4% differential contribution will be added to their individual NPS corpus.
- The last date to enroll in UPS is 30 September 2025.

About Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) :

- Upgraded from : Existing NPS, which was introduced on 1st January, 2004 by Atal Bihari Vajpayee government
- Contribution : The central government employees will be required to contribute 10% of their basic salary and Dearness Allowance (DA). The central government has increased its contribution from 14% (currently under NPS) to 18.5%.
- Adoption : Maharashtra was the 1st state, which has implemented UPS for its government employees with effective from March 2024





Ques: Which bank recorded the highest credit card spend in July 2025?

- A. State Bank of India (SBI)
- B. Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- C. ICICI Bank
- D. Yes Bank Limited
- E. HDFC Bank

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- In July 2025, HDFC Bank recorded the highest credit card spend at ₹53,904 crore, with a 21.1% YoY growth.
- Per-card spend stood at ₹17,399, the lowest in five months, with a 5.1% YoY growth.

Other top banks by spend:

- ICICI Bank → ₹36,197 Cr (+4.6% YoY)
- SBI → ₹32,609 Cr (+21.1% YoY)
- Axis Bank → ₹22,815 Cr (+11% YoY)
- IndusInd Bank → ₹8,930 Cr (+10.9% YoY)

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Ques: Which official reviewed the performance of India Post and India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) in New Delhi?

- A. Minister of Finance
- B. Minister of State for Communications
- C. Prime Minister of India
- D. Governor of RBI
- E. Minister of Electronics & IT

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Minister of State for Communications, reviewed the performance of India Post and India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) in New Delhi.
- IPPB achieved a net profit of ₹134 crore in the current financial year.
- It has a customer base exceeding 12 crore, annual revenues over ₹2,000 crore, and a CAGR of 60–70% over the past two years.
- IPPB is rapidly emerging as a key driver of financial inclusion and digital banking services across India.

About India Post Payments Bank Limited (IPPB) :

- Established : 2017
- HQ : New Delhi, Delhi
- CEO & MD : R. Viswesvaran
- Tagline : Your Bank at Your Doorstep

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Ques: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched the September 2025 round of which surveys to gauge consumer confidence?

- A. Both UCCS and RCCS
- B. Rural Consumer Confidence Survey (RCCS)
- C. Urban Consumer Confidence Survey (UCCS)
- D. Consumer Expenditure Survey
- E. Economic Outlook Survey

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The RBI has begun the September 2025 round of its Urban Consumer Confidence Survey (UCCS) and Rural Consumer Confidence Survey (RCCS), inviting households across the country.
- These surveys are conducted to gather public perceptions and expectations in both urban and rural areas.
- The urban survey will cover 19 cities, including Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Jammu, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Patna, Raipur, Ranchi, and Thiruvananthapuram.
- The survey captures urban households' views on the general economic situation, employment scenario, price levels, and their own income and spending behaviour.
- The rural survey will cover 31 states and union territories.

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Ques: India will sign a pact with which UN-mandated body in September 2025 for exploration of critical minerals in the Indian Ocean?

- A. UNDP
- B. UNEP
- C. UNCTAD
- D. International Seabed Authority (ISA)
- E. UNESCO

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India will sign a contract with the International Seabed Authority (ISA) in September 2025 to explore critical minerals such as cobalt, nickel, copper, and manganese in the northwest Indian Ocean.
- The exploration will focus on polymetallic sulphides (PMS) at Carlsberg Ridge (between Yemen & Maldives).
- Four sites have been identified under the Deep Ocean Mission for critical mineral exploration.
- These critical minerals are vital for renewable energy, EV batteries, defence, and green technologies.

India already holds two ISA contracts:

- 2002–2027: Polymetallic nodules (PMN) in Central Indian Ocean (nickel, copper, cobalt, manganese)
- 2016–2031: Polymetallic sulphides (PMS) in Indian Ocean ridge





Ques: The Indian Army is conducting the “Terrier Cyber Quest 2025” in collaboration with which institute to address defence and cybersecurity threats?

- A. IIT Madras
- B. IIT Delhi
- C. IISc Bangalore
- D. DRDO
- E. NIT Warangal

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Indian Army’s Territorial Army, in collaboration with IIT Madras, Indian Army Research Cell (IARC), and CyberPeace, is conducting the Indian Army Terrier Cyber Quest 2025, a national-level challenge to tackle real defence and cybersecurity threats.
- The event will be held in New Delhi.
- The competition aims to foster innovation and collaboration in advanced domains such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Quantum Computing, and Drone Technology.
- It features two key challenges focused on building stronger systems for India using AI and ML.

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Ques: As per Capitaline data, which company reported the highest net profit among India's unlisted companies in FY25?

- A. Reliance Jio
- B. NSE
- C. Tata Sons
- D. Reliance Retail
- E. Mahanadi Coalfield

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Tata Sons reported the highest net profit among unlisted companies in FY25 at ₹27,304 crore, despite a 23.7% YoY decline.
- Reliance Jio came second with ₹24,666 crore, showing 22.1% growth.
- NSE stood third with ₹10,981 crore, recording a 67.8% YoY growth.

Other top unlisted companies by profit include:

- Mahanadi Coalfield – ₹10,706 cr (↓ 8.8%)
- Reliance Retail – ₹9,963 cr (↑ 12.4%)
- Northern Coalfield – ₹9,530 cr (↑ 15.3%)
- NABARD – ₹7,628 cr (↑ 25.0%)

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Ques: Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) signed an MoU with which security force to enhance cooperation in training, research, and academic development related to national security?

- A. Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
- B. Border Security Force (BSF)
- C. Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
- D. Sahastra Seema Bal (SSB)
- E. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), a national university dedicated to national security and policing education under the Ministry of Home Affairs, signed an MoU with the Sahastra Seema Bal (SSB), Alwar (Rajasthan).
- The collaboration aims to foster cooperation in training, research, and academic development related to national security.
- RRU will provide academic inputs and advanced training to strengthen the operational capabilities of SSB.
- RRU, based in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, is dedicated to teaching, research, and training in policing, national security, law enforcement, correctional administration, and strategic studies.
- It offers diploma and degree certifications to personnel across various national security organizations.





Ques: What is the name of India's first indigenous Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) Autonomous Combat Aircraft unveiled under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative?

- A. DRDO Nishant
- B. HAL Tejas UAV
- C. FWD Kaal Bhairava
- D. Astra MALE
- E. Prahaar Drone

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India unveiled its first indigenous MALE Autonomous Combat Aircraft in Bengaluru under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative.
- The AI-powered aircraft is named FWD Kaal Bhairava and has already secured a \$30 million maiden export order from a South Asian country.
- Developed by Flying Wedge Defence and Aerospace (FWDA), the system is inspired by Kaal Bhairava, the eternal guardian of time.
- The aircraft can fly up to 30 hours with an operational range of 3,000 kilometres.

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Ques: When was the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) launched?

- A. 15 August 2015
- B. 28 August 2014
- C. 2 October 2016
- D. 1 January 2015
- E. 28 August 2015

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- PMJDY was launched on 28 August 2014, becoming the world's largest financial inclusion initiative.
- As of mid-August 2025, 56.16 crore bank accounts have been opened with total deposits of ₹2.67 lakh crore.
- 56% of Jan Dhan accounts belong to women, promoting gender equality in financial access.
- Accounts grew from 14.72 crore (2015) to 56.16 crore (2025).
- PMJDY provides small accounts for those without legal documents, a free RuPay debit card with ₹2 lakh accident insurance, and overdraft facility up to ₹10,000.
- Accounts are linked to schemes like DBT, PMJJBY, PMSBY, APY, and MUDRA.
- Guinness World Record: Most bank accounts opened in one week = 18,096,130.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) of Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)?

- A. Ramesh Chand
- B. Akash Tripathi
- C. Alok Kumar
- D. Rajiv Gauba
- E. Ajay Mathur

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Akash Tripathi, a 1998-batch IAS officer, has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of SECI.
- His appointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).
- He will serve in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary.
- SECI is a state-owned company under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).

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Ques: Which ministry invites nominations for the National Youth Award (NYA) 2024?

- A. Ministry of Education
- B. Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
- C. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- D. Ministry of Culture
- E. Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, invited nominations for the National Youth Award (NYA) 2024.
- The award aims to motivate young persons aged 15–29 years to achieve excellence in national development or social service.
- It is awarded in two categories: Individual and Organisation.
- Typically, up to 20 awards are given in the Individual category and up to 5 awards in the Organisation category each year.

Prize money:

- Individuals: Medal, certificate, and ₹1,00,000
- Voluntary youth organisations: Medal, certificate, and ₹3,00,000





Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Best KVK in the North Eastern Region : ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Wokha, Nagaland
- Miss Universe India 2025 : Manika Vishwakarma, a model from Ganganagar, Rajasthan
- 'Institution Building' and 'Best Inclusion Recruitment Programme' Awards Under Asia's Best Employer Brand Awards 2025 held in Singapore : Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC)
- Lalit Kala Akademi Award at the 64th National Exhibition of Art 2025 : Sculptor Premchandra Pukhrambam from Manipur's Kakching district for his wooden sculpture titled "Made Me Change"
- Lifetime Achievement Award at the 17th International Documentary and Short Film Festival of Kerala (IDSFFK) : documentary filmmaker Rakesh Sharma
- Equator Prize 2025 : Bibi Fatima
- Apex Bank award for the 23rd time : South Canara District Central Cooperative (SCDCC) Bank
- International Architectural Award 2025 in the Transport Category : Terminal 2 (T2) of Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, also known as Guwahati International Airport
- M.S. Swaminathan Award for Food and Peace : Dr. Arenare, a Nigerian scientist
- National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) award : Telangana
- 43rd Lokmanya Tilak National Award : Union Minister Nitin Gadkari
- Guinness World Record for hosting the largest parent-teacher meeting (PTM) : Andhra Pradesh
- PATA Gold Award 2025 in the category of 'Most Engaging Social Media Campaign' : Kerala Tourism
- PEN Translates award : Hindi author Geetanjali Shree for her book Once Elephants Lived Here
- "Emerging Coastal and Heritage Award" by the U.S.-based International Tourism Conclave and Travel Awards (ITCTA) : Andhra Pradesh Tourism
- GP Birla Memorial Award 2025 : Dr. V. Narayanan, the current Chairman of ISRO and Secretary of the Department of Space
- Mrs Earth International 2025. : Vidhu Ishiqa





Ques: The Indian Armed Forces are participating in the multilateral exercise “BRIGHT STAR 2025” hosted by which country?

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Egypt
- C. United Arab Emirates
- D. United States
- E. Israel

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- More than 700 personnel from the Indian Armed Forces and Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff will participate in the Multilateral Exercise ‘BRIGHT STAR 2025’ from 28 August to 10 September 2025.
- The participation demonstrates India’s commitment to regional peace, stability, and security, while enhancing jointness, interoperability, and cooperation with friendly foreign countries.
- Exercise Bright Star is a multilateral exercise hosted by Egypt in conjunction with the US since 1980, and is among the largest Tri-Service multilateral exercises in the region.
- The exercise is conducted biennially, with the last edition held in 2023.

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Ques: Which team won the 134th edition of the Durand Cup 2025?

- A. Diamond Harbour FC
- B. North East United FC
- C. Mohun Bagan
- D. East Bengal
- E. Chennaiyin FC

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- North East United FC (NEUFC) retained the Durand Cup by defeating Diamond Harbour FC (DHFC) 6-1 in the final of the 134th edition, held at Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan (VYBK), Kolkata.
- NEUFC won the trophy and a monetary prize of ₹1.21 crore, the highest champion's purse in the history of Asia's oldest football tournament. The runner-up DHFC received ₹60 lakh.

Awards of Durand Cup 2025:

- Golden Player (Player of the Tournament): Alaaeddine Ajaraie (NEUFC)
- Golden Boot (Highest Scorer): Alaaeddine Ajaraie
- Golden Glove (Best Goalkeeper): Gurmeet Singh (NEUFC)

About Durand Cup :

- Started : 1888
- Number of teams : 24
- Organising body : Durand Football Tournament Society and AIFF
- Most successful team(s) : Mohun Bagan (17 titles)
- 2025 edition : 134th
- Venue : Imphal, Kokrajhar, Kolkata, Shillong and Jamshedpur
- Current champions : NorthEast United (2nd title)





Ques: From 27th August 2025, most Indian goods entering the US will attract what tariff rate under the Trump administration?

- A. 25%
- B. 30%
- C. 40%
- D. 50%
- E. 60%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- From 27th August 2025, most Indian goods entering the US will attract a 50% tariff.
- The 50% tariff includes the 25% tariff announced in late July and an additional 25% “penalty” tariff announced in early August, targeting India’s purchases of Russian oil and defence imports from Moscow.
- Trade experts estimate that India’s merchandise exports to the US could drop by 40–45% in 2025–26 compared to the previous year.
- About 30% of exports (valued at \$27.6 billion in FY25) such as pharmaceuticals, electronics, and petroleum products remain duty-free.
- 4% of exports, mainly auto parts, face a 25% tariff.
- Competitors like Vietnam, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, and Pakistan could benefit from India’s potential export losses.
- The US accounts for 20% of India’s merchandise exports and 2% of GDP.
- Specific sectors impacted include marine exports (48% revenue from US), home textiles (60% exports to US), and carpets (50% exports to US).





Ques: India's Akums Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited signed a framework agreement with which country's government to set up a new pharmaceutical manufacturing facility through a joint venture?

- A. Kenya
- B. South Africa
- C. Namibia
- D. Tanzania
- E. Zambia

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India's Akums Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited signed a framework agreement with the Government of Zambia (GRZ) to establish a pharmaceutical manufacturing facility and supply medicines for Zambia's national health programs.
- Akums will hold a 51% stake in the new joint venture company, while the Zambian state will hold the remaining 49% stake.
- The facility will manufacture general oral solids, liquids, injectables, and beta-lactam products.
- GRZ will procure medicines worth at least USD 50 million (₹425 crore) over 2026–27, supplied from Akums' facilities in India.
- Once established, the plant will also export medicines to neighboring African countries like Zimbabwe, Namibia, Botswana, Malawi, Tanzania, and Mozambique.





Ques: Recntly, which two Indian space start-ups launched satellites onboard SpaceX's Falcon-9 rocket from California?

- A. Agnikul & Skyroot
- B. Pixxel & Dhruva Space
- C. Bellatrix & Astrogate
- D. ISRO & Skyroot
- E. Pixxel & Bellatrix

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Pixxel Space launched 3 Firefly satellites, completing Phase-1 of its 6-satellite hyperspectral constellation for high-resolution Earth observation.
- Dhruva Space (Hyderabad-based) launched its first commercial satellite – LEAP-01, carrying payloads from Australia's Akula Tech and Esper Satellites, marking India's first hosted payload mission.
- Earlier in January 2025, Pixxel had launched 3 Firefly satellites. With all 6 Fireflies in orbit, Earth becomes a "living laboratory" for continuous planetary observation.

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Ques: Veteran Communist Party of India (CPI) leader Suravaram Sudhakar Reddy, who passed away recently, held which key position in the CPI in 2012?

- A. President
- B. General Secretary
- C. Treasurer
- D. Vice President
- E. Organizing Secretary

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Suravaram Sudhakar Reddy, a veteran Communist Party of India (CPI) leader, actively engaged in student activism and was elected All India President of All India Students' Federation (AISF) in 1970.
- He was elected as Member of Parliament representing CPI from Nalgonda (Telangana) in 1998 and 2004.
- In 2012, he was elected as the General Secretary of the CPI.

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Ques: Who was awarded the 2025 Stockholm Water Prize during the 35th World Water Week held in Stockholm, Sweden?

- A. Prof. Veerabhadran Ramanathan
- B. Prof. Gunter Blochl
- C. Prof. Ashok Gadgil
- D. Prof. Claudia Tebaldi
- E. Prof. Upmanu Lall

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 35th World Water Week 2025 was held from August 24 to 28 in Stockholm, Sweden, organized by Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI).
- Theme 2025: “Water for Climate Action”.
- The 2025 Stockholm Water Prize was awarded to Professor Gunter Blochl, a distinguished hydrologist from the Vienna University of Technology.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in August 2025?

- A. Raghuram Rajan
- B. Shaktikanta Das
- C. Urjit Patel
- D. D. Subbarao
- E. Arvind Subramanian

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Urjit Patel, former RBI Governor (2016–2018), has been appointed as Executive Director at the IMF for a period of three years, as per the order dated 28 August 2025.
- He served as RBI Governor succeeding Raghuram Rajan and resigned in December 2018 citing personal reasons.
- Patel is notable as the first RBI Governor since 1990 to resign before completing his term.
- His appointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).

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Ques: Which ministry launched an additional module on the UMEED portal to help widows, divorced women, and orphans apply for maintenance support from Waqf-alal-aulad properties?

- A. Ministry of Women & Child Development
- B. Ministry of Minority Affairs
- C. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- D. Ministry of Law & Justice
- E. Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Minority Affairs launched an additional module on the UMEED portal.
- This module allows widows, divorced women, and orphans to apply for maintenance support from Waqf-alal-aulad properties under Rule 8(2) of the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Rules, 2025, framed under the UWMEED Act, 1995.
- UMEED portal aims to simplify Waqf property management, enable real-time data updates, and provide the public access to verified information.
- The portal was launched by Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, with the Ministry of Minority Affairs as the nodal ministry.

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Ques: Where was the 19th edition of the World Youth Archery Championships (WYAC) 2025 held?

- A. Lausanne, Switzerland
- B. New Delhi, India
- C. Winnipeg, Canada
- D. Tokyo, Japan
- E. Paris, France

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The 19th World Youth Archery Championships (WYAC) 2025 was held in Winnipeg, Canada.
- Organized by World Archery (WA), headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 570 archers from 63 countries participated in Recurve and Compound events for Under-18 (Cadet) and Under-21 (Junior) categories.
- India excelled, winning 8 medals: 4 gold, 2 silver, and 2 bronze.

Ranking of Top three countries in medal tally :

- 1 South Korea : 7 gold, 6 silver, and 4 bronze
- 2 India : 4 gold, 2 silver, and 2 bronze
- 3 USA : 4 gold, 2 silver

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Ques: The Government of India has extended the import duty exemption on cotton till which date?

- A. 31st March 2025
- B. 30th June 2025
- C. 30th September 2025
- D. 31st December 2025
- E. 31st March 2026

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Government of India has extended the import duty exemption on cotton till 31st December 2025, as notified by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- Aim: To stabilize input costs across the textile value chain (yarn, fabric, garments, made-ups) and support global competitiveness while safeguarding domestic cotton farmers.
- India's textile-apparel sector employs over 45 million people, making it the second-largest employment provider in the country.
- Farmers' interests are protected through the Minimum Support Price (MSP) by Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), ensuring at least 50% above the cost of production.
- Cotton textile exports accounted for 33% of total textile & apparel exports (USD 7.08 billion) during April–October 2024–25.

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Ques: What is the primary objective of the Rhisotope Project launched by the University of the Witwatersrand?

- A. To increase rhino population
- B. To make rhino horns traceable and deter illegal trafficking
- C. To study rhino behavior
- D. To provide medical care to rhinos
- E. To promote tourism in South Africa

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Rhisotope Project uses radioactive isotopes injected into rhino horns to make them traceable.
- The campaign is aimed at deterring illegal trafficking of rhino horns globally.
- It is supported by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).
- The project began by tagging five rhinos at the Waterberg Biosphere Reserve.
- The radioactive tagging is claimed to be harmless to the animals and detectable by global customs radiation monitors.

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Ques: Which Indian cricketer recently retired from the Indian Premier League (IPL) in 2025?

- A. Ravichandran Ashwin
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. Rohit Sharma
- D. Jasprit Bumrah
- E. MS Dhoni

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Ravichandran Ashwin, one of India's legendary off-spinners, officially retired from the IPL in 2025.
- He last played for Chennai Super Kings (CSK), marking the end of a decorated domestic T20 career.
- Ashwin made his IPL debut in 2009 and played 221 matches in total.
- He had already retired from international cricket in December 2024, following the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Australia.

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Ques: Which ministry released the Revised National Action Plan on Glanders to strengthen surveillance, prevention, and control of the disease in India?

- A. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- B. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare
- C. Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
- D. Ministry of Science & Technology
- E. Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying issued the Revised National Action Plan on Glanders.
- The plan focuses on strengthening surveillance, prevention, control, and eradication of Glanders, a contagious and often fatal disease of equines.
- Major revisions include: reducing the infected zone from 5 km to 2 km, redefining the surveillance area as 2–10 km, and aligning restrictions accordingly.
- The DAHD collaborates with ICAR–National Research Centre on Equines (NRCE), Hisar for advanced diagnostics and epidemiological studies.
- Glanders, caused by *Burkholderia mallei*, primarily affects horses, mules, and donkeys and is notifiable under the PCICDA Act, 2009.

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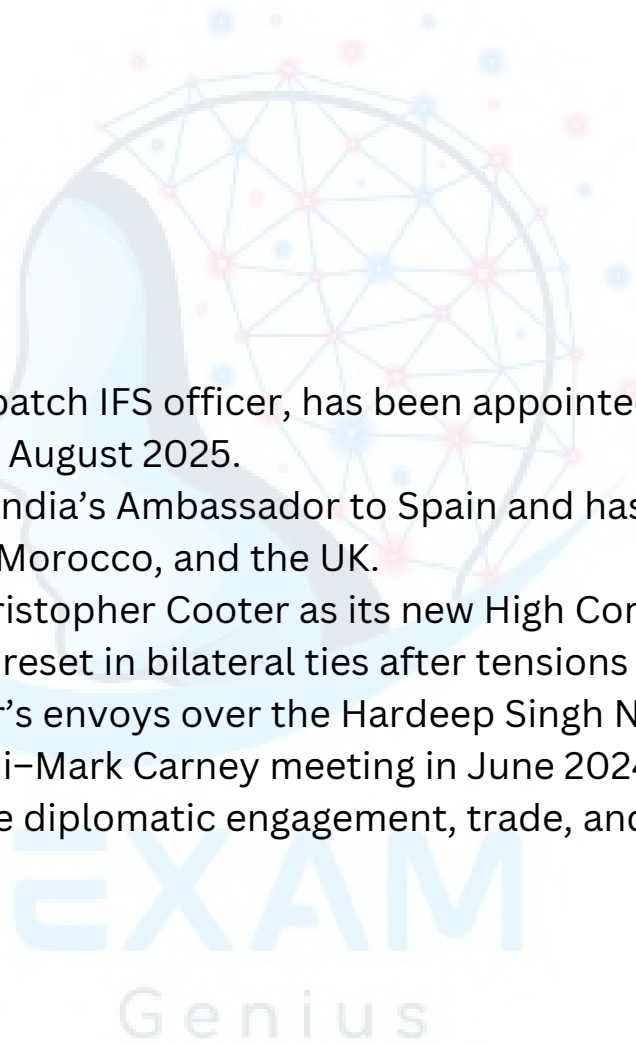
Ques: Who has been appointed as India's new High Commissioner to Canada in August 2025?

- A. Sanjay Kumar Verma
- B. Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- C. Dinesh K Patnaik
- D. Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- E. Ruchira Kamboj

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Dinesh K Patnaik, a 1990-batch IFS officer, has been appointed as India's High Commissioner to Canada in August 2025.
- He is currently serving as India's Ambassador to Spain and has held postings in Geneva, Dhaka, Cambodia, Morocco, and the UK.
- Canada has appointed Christopher Cooter as its new High Commissioner to India.
- This appointment marks a reset in bilateral ties after tensions in 2023, when both nations expelled each other's envoys over the Hardeep Singh Nijjar controversy.
- The move follows the Modi–Mark Carney meeting in June 2024 (G7 Summit), where both sides agreed to restore diplomatic engagement, trade, and people-to-people connectivity





Ques: Where was the Asian Short Track Speed Skating Trophy 2025 hosted in India?

- A. Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
- B. Manali, Himachal Pradesh
- C. Gangtok, Sikkim
- D. Leh, Ladakh
- E. Dehradun, Uttarakhand

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- India hosted the Asian Short Track Speed Skating Trophy 2025 at Himadri Ice Rink, Maharana Pratap Sports College, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
- Skaters from 11 Asian nations participated, including India, China, Japan, Thailand, Chinese Taipei, Vietnam, Singapore, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Indonesia, and Malaysia.
- The event was organized by the Ice Skating Association of India.
- Thailand led the medal tally with 30 medals (15 Gold, 12 Silver, 3 Bronze), followed by India with 39 medals (9 Gold, 12 Silver, 18 Bronze), and Japan in third with 23 medals (8 Gold, 8 Silver, 7 Bronze).

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Ques: Which Indian state will host the FIDE World Cup 2025, marking the tournament's return to India after 23 years?

- A. Goa
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Gujarat
- E. Telangana

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Goa will host the FIDE World Cup 2025 from October 30 to November 27, 2025.
- This is the first time in 23 years that India is hosting the event, the last being Hyderabad (2002) when Viswanathan Anand won the trophy.
- The event, organized by FIDE, will feature 206 top players from 90+ countries.
- Prize pool: \$2 million.
- The tournament offers 3 spots in the 2026 Candidates Tournament.
- Format: 8-round knockout, with each match consisting of two classical games, plus Rapid & Blitz tie-breakers if needed.
- The top 50 seeds get byes into the second round, giving them a strategic edge.

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Ques: Which two states expressed willingness to resolve the Mahanadi water dispute amicably?

- A. Odisha and Chhattisgarh
- B. Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh
- C. Odisha and Maharashtra
- D. Odisha and West Bengal
- E. Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The Mahanadi River originates in Chhattisgarh and flows into Odisha, draining into the Bay of Bengal.
- About 53% of its catchment lies in Chhattisgarh and 47% in Odisha.
- The dispute arose because Odisha accused Chhattisgarh of constructing barrages and dams upstream without consultation, affecting water flow to Odisha, especially during lean months, impacting the Hirakud Dam.
- Odisha approached the Supreme Court in 2016, alleging violation of interstate water-sharing norms.
- The SC referred the matter to a Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal in 2018 under the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956.

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Ques : The Income Tax Department has recently raised the prosecution threshold under the Black Money Act (BMA), 2015 for undisclosed foreign assets (excluding immovable property) to what amount?

- A. ₹5 lakh
- B. ₹10 lakh
- C. ₹15 lakh
- D. ₹20 lakh
- E. ₹25 lakh

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The threshold increased from ₹5 lakh to ₹20 lakh, effective October 1, 2024.
- Aimed at reducing compliance burden, especially for employees working abroad.
- Applies under the Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015 (BMA).
- Earlier: penalty up to ₹10 lakh under Sections 42 & 43 and prosecution under Sections 49 & 50.
- Now: If undisclosed foreign assets (excluding immovable property) are valued up to ₹20 lakh, no penalty or prosecution will be initiated.

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Ques: What is the purpose of the 'NAKSHA' project recently launched in Puducherry?

- A. To provide employment in rural areas
- B. To improve public transportation
- C. To promote renewable energy in cities
- D. To develop smart cities
- E. To create highly accurate digital land records of urban areas

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- The NAKSHA (NAtional geospatial Knowledge-based land Survey of urban HAbitations) project is a pilot programme launched by the Department of Land Resources (DoLR) under DILRMP.
- It uses advanced technologies like aerial mapping and drones to create highly accurate digital land records, replacing traditional land survey methods.
- The programme was inaugurated by Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in Raisen, Madhya Pradesh in February 2025 and has now been launched in Puducherry.

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Ques: Recently, India and Bhutan signed an MoU in Thimphu to strengthen cooperation in which sector?

- A. Defence sector
- B. Renewable energy sector
- C. Education & skill development
- D. Space research sector
- E. Agriculture & allied sectors

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The MoU was signed by India's Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Bhutan's Ministry of Agriculture & Livestock in Thimphu.
- It aims to strengthen cooperation in agriculture research, livestock health, post-harvest management, value chain development, and exchange of knowledge, skills, and expertise.
- The MoU reflects the shared commitment of India and Bhutan towards food security, sustainable farming, and rural prosperity.

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Ques: What is the name of the strategic roadmap unveiled by Tripura CM Dr. Manik Saha?

- A. Viksit Tripura 2047
- B. Tripura Vision 2030
- C. Unnati Tripura 2050
- D. Shrestha Tripura 2040
- E. Tripura Progressive Plan

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Tripura CM Dr. Manik Saha unveiled “Viksit Tripura 2047” at Pragya Bhavan, Agartala.
- The vision document carries the theme “Unnata Tripura, Shrestha Tripura” (Advanced Tripura, Best Tripura).
- Objectives include strengthening Tripura’s economy, increasing per capita income and GSDP, achieving 100% renewable energy usage, 100% literacy, promoting women empowerment, and expanding international trade.
- Tripura’s Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) has grown by 14.21%, targeting USD 124 billion by 2047.
- The roadmap follows guidelines of NITI Aayog.

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Ques: Who inaugurated India's first National Biofoundry Network in August 2025?

- A. Dr. Harsh Vardhan
- B. Dr. Jitendra Singh
- C. Dr. K. Vijay Raghavan
- D. Dr. Renu Swarup
- E. Dr. Ashwini Kumar Choubey

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- On 27 August 2025, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh (Ministry of Science & Technology) inaugurated India's first National Biofoundry Network along with the BioE3 Challenge for Youth.
- Nodal Ministry: Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology.
- Both initiatives are under the BioE3 Policy, launched in August 2024, aimed at boosting Biotechnology for Economy, Environment, and Employment.
- Bioeconomy target: \$300 billion by 2030.
- Platform: National-level collaboration of six premier institutions to foster innovation, youth engagement, and start-up development.
- BioE3 Challenge for Youth: Theme "Design Microbes, Molecules & More", open to school & university students, researchers, startups, Indian nationals.
- Awards: ₹1 lakh for top 10 monthly winners; funding up to ₹25 lakh for 100 selected innovators.

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Ques: Which company's subsidiary, CG Semi, will roll out the first made-in-India semiconductor chip?

- A. Tata Electronics
- B. Vedanta Resources
- C. CG Power and Industrial Solutions
- D. Reliance Industries
- E. Bharat Electronics Limited

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- CG Semi, a subsidiary of CG Power and Industrial Solutions (Murugappa Group), will roll out India's first made-in-India semiconductor chip from its Sanand, Gujarat facility.
- The project involves an investment of ₹7,600 crore to develop two units – G1 & G2.
- G1 unit (commercial production 2026) has a peak capacity of 0.5 million units/day.
- G2 unit (to be completed by end of 2026) will have a peak capacity of 14.5 million units/day.
- Together, G1 & G2 are expected to create 5,000 direct and indirect jobs, boosting India's semiconductor ecosystem, supporting self-reliance, and enabling global market entry.

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Ques: Where was India's first phytosaur fossil discovered?

- A. Leh, Ladakh
- B. Thulus Spang, Suru Valley, Kargil, Ladakh
- C. Nubra Valley, Ladakh
- D. Pangong Lake, Ladakh
- E. Zaskar Valley, Ladakh

Answer: Option E

Explanation :

- Researchers discovered the fossilized remains of a rare crocodile-like species, known as a phytosaur, in Megha village, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- The fossil measures 1.5 to 2 meters and is estimated to be over 200 million years old.
- Phytosaurs lived during the Late Triassic Period (~242–201 million years ago).
- These reptiles were freshwater-dwelling and abundant in the Late Triassic, with distinct groups evolving successively over time.
- The discovery was made by Dr. Narayandas Inkhiya, a senior hydrogeologist, and his team from Rajasthan's water department.

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Ques: Where was the Suru Summer Festival organized for the first time in 2025?

- A. Leh, Ladakh
- B. Thulus Spang, Suru Valley, Kargil, Ladakh
- C. Nubra Valley, Ladakh
- D. Pangong Lake, Ladakh
- E. Zaskar Valley, Ladakh

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The Suru Summer Festival was organized for the first time on 26th August 2025 at Thulus Spang, Suru Valley, Kargil, Ladakh.
- It was conducted by the Department of Tourism, UT Ladakh, in collaboration with LAHDC Kargil and District Administration Kargil.
- The festival celebrates the natural beauty, adventure sports potential, and cultural richness of Suru Valley.
- National Geographic recognized Suru Valley as one of the 25 best places in the world to visit in 2025.

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Ques: With traditional destinations tightening immigration norms, which country is emerging as a major new job frontier for Indian workers, potentially employing up to 1 million Indians by 2025?

- A. Germany
- B. Russia
- C. Australia
- D. Japan
- E. France

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- With UK, US, and Canada tightening immigration, Russia is emerging as a key new destination for Indian workers.
- By the end of 2025, up to 1 million Indians could be employed in Russia.
- Major sectors: construction, machinery, textiles, electronics – all facing labour shortages.
- India's Ambassador to Russia Vinay Kumar confirmed a sharp rise in consular activity.
- To manage this, India will open a new Consulate General in Yekaterinburg (Sverdlovsk region, an industrial hub).
- Indian workers started moving in 2024, with Za Rodinu fish processing plant (Kaliningrad) being one of the first recruiters.
- Russia's Ministry of Labour projects a 3.1 million worker shortfall by 2030.





Ques: 29 August is observed internationally as which day?

- A. International Day of Peace
- B. International Day against Nuclear Tests
- C. International Day for Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons
- D. International Atomic Energy Day
- E. World Environment Day

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- In 2009, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared 29 August as the International Day against Nuclear Tests.
- The first commemoration took place in 2010.
- UNGA also designated 26 September as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons.
- India conducted two nuclear tests in 1998 under Pokhran-II.

India's nuclear program highlights:

- Smiling Buddha (1974): India's first successful nuclear test at Pokhran, Rajasthan, making India the sixth nuclear-capable nation after the US, USSR, UK, France, and China.
- Operation Shakti (1998 / Pokhran-II): Series of five nuclear tests, including a thermonuclear bomb.





Ques: National Sports Day in India marks the birth anniversary of which sports legend?

- A. Milkha Singh
- B. P.T. Usha
- C. Major Dhyan Chand
- D. Kapil Dev
- E. Saina Nehwal

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- National Sports Day in India is celebrated on 29 August to mark the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand.
- The day has been nationally recognized since 2012.
- In 2019, it also served as the launch platform for the Fit India Movement.
- Celebration Theme 2025: “Ek Ghanta, Khel ke Maidan Main”.
- India will celebrate National Sports Day 2025 from August 29 to 31, led by Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya through a three-day nationwide campaign under the Fit India Mission promoting sports and fitness.

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Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education selects 21 teachers in Higher Education Institutions and Polytechnic for National Awards to Teachers 2025.

Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini announced the waiver of stamp duty on houses allotted under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), Mukhyamantri Shahri Awas Yojana and Mukhyamantri Gramin Awas Yojana. The waiver is also applicable on residential plots up to 100 yards.

Death sentence can be challenged under Article 32 on ground of breach of procedural safeguards, says Supreme Court

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan chairs 56th Meeting of the Council of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) Held at IIT Delhi. 55th Edition held at IIT Bhubaneswar in 2023

India established a 21-member National Designated Authority (NDA), led by the Union Environment Secretary, under the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC). This measure aims to monitor carbon trading and market-based methods that conform with the Paris Agreement.

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Ques: Which company launched the ‘Health Systematic Investment Plan (SIP)’ and the ‘Health Buddy’ App in India?

- A. LIC
- B. HDFC Life
- C. ICICI Prudential Life
- D. TATA AIA Life Insurance
- E. SBI Life

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

TATA AIA Life Insurance Company Limited launched two innovative offerings:

- Health Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) – a first-of-its-kind Non-Participating Unit-Linked Health Insurance Plan with zero premium allocation charges and a maturity booster for long-term fund value. It allows tax-free withdrawals from the 6th policy year for health-related expenses.
- Health Buddy App – India’s first 24×7 virtual health and wellness companion by a life insurance provider, offering preventive health check-ups, women’s healthcare support, dental consultations, and services across 24+ medical specialties.

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Ques: How much dividend did the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) pay to the Centre for FY 2024–25?

- A. ₹5,000 crore
- B. ₹6,250 crore
- C. ₹7,324.34 crore
- D. ₹8,100 crore
- E. ₹9,500 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- LIC paid a dividend of ₹7,324.34 crore to the Centre for FY 2024–25.
- The CEO & MD R. Doraiswamy presented the cheque to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, representing the government's share approved by LIC shareholders at the AGM on 26 August 2025.
- LIC recommended a final dividend of ₹12 per equity share.
- The company posted a profit after tax of ₹48,151 crore, an 18.38% growth from ₹40,676 crore in FY24.

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Ques: Where did Punjab National Bank (PNB) open its first startup-focused branch in alignment with Startup India?

- A. Connaught Place, New Delhi
- B. Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi
- C. Nehru Place, New Delhi
- D. Gurgaon, Haryana
- E. Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Punjab National Bank (PNB) launched its first startup-focused branch at Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi, in alignment with the Startup India initiative.
- The initiative aims to support entrepreneurial growth, promote innovation, and foster startups across India.
- During the launch, PNB signed an MoU with the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) to connect startups with PNB's financial products and schemes, strengthening the support ecosystem for entrepreneurs.

About Punjab National Bank :

- Established : 19 May 1894
- HQ : New Delhi
- MD & CEO : Ashok Chandra
- Tagline : The Name You Can Bank Upon

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Ques: Which initiative aims to provide investor education to passengers on Vande Bharat trains?

- A. Investment Ka Sahi Kadam
- B. Rail Investor Connect
- C. SEBI Women Investor Scheme
- D. Mutual Fund Mahotsav
- E. Bharat Nivesh Rail Yatra

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey announced incentives for women who are first-time mutual fund investors.
- As of March 2024, women's AUM accounted for about 33% of total individual AUM.
- AMFI launched the 'Investment Ka Sahi Kadam' campaign, providing content in 13 languages and organizing over 30 on-ground camps.
- The 'Bharat Nivesh Rail Yatra' initiative was started to educate passengers on Vande Bharat trains about investing and financial literacy.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Chairman and CEO of the Indian Railway Board (IRB), becoming the first individual from the SC/Dalit community to hold this post?

- A. Vinod Kumar Yadav
- B. Suneet Sharma
- C. Satish Kumar
- D. Ashwani Lohani
- E. Rajesh Agrawal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Satish Kumar, a retired officer of the Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS), was appointed Chairman and CEO of the Indian Railway Board (IRB).
- He was first appointed to this top post on 1 September 2024 and his tenure has been extended by one year.
- He is the first individual from the Scheduled Castes (SC)/Dalit community to hold this position in the history of the IRB.

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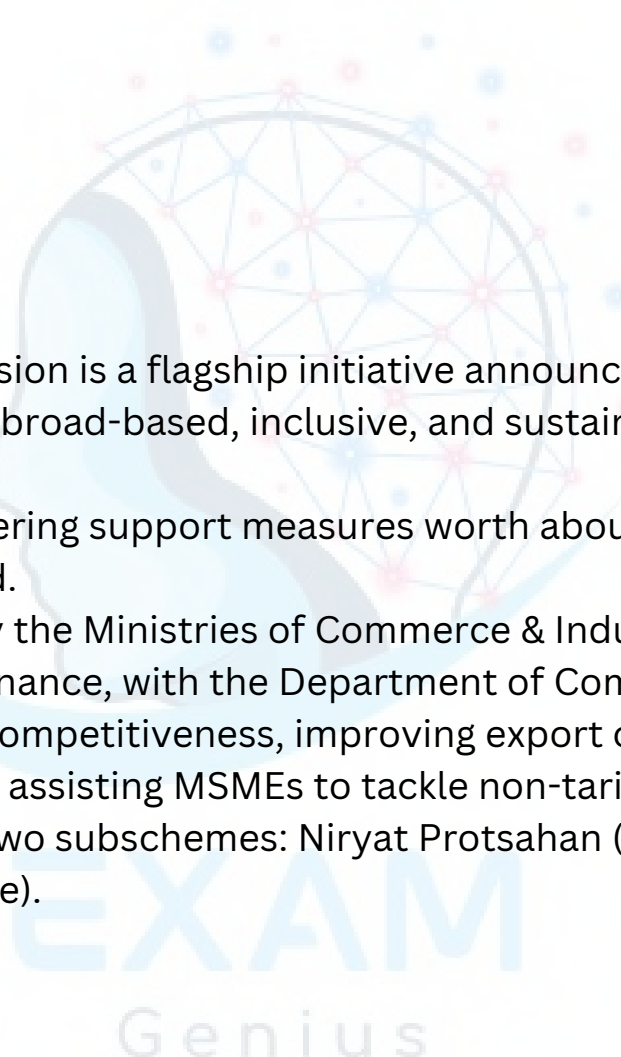
Ques: What is the total proposed financial support under India's Export Promotion Mission (2025–2031)?

- A. Rs 10,000 crore
- B. Rs 14,500 crore
- C. Rs 20,000 crore
- D. Rs 25,000 crore
- E. Rs 30,000 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- The Export Promotion Mission is a flagship initiative announced in the Union Budget 2025-26, aimed at enabling broad-based, inclusive, and sustainable export growth over six years (FY 2025–31).
- The government is considering support measures worth about Rs 25,000 crore for exporters during this period.
- Mission is driven jointly by the Ministries of Commerce & Industry, Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, and Finance, with the Department of Commerce as the lead.
- Focus: Enhancing export competitiveness, improving export credit access, enabling cross-border factoring, and assisting MSMEs to tackle non-tariff barriers.
- Implementation through two subschemes: Niryat Protsahan (₹10,000+ crore) and Niryat Disha (₹14,500+ crore).





Ques: Where is the Punatsangchhu-II Hydroelectric Project, completed in 2025, located?

- A. Wangdue Phodrang District, Bhutan
- B. Thimphu District, Bhutan
- C. Paro District, Bhutan
- D. Bumthang District, Bhutan
- E. Chukha District, Bhutan

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The 1020 MW Punatsangchhu-II Hydroelectric Project is a run-of-the-river hydroelectric facility located on the right bank of the Punatsangchhu River in Wangdue Phodrang District, Western Bhutan.
- Developed under a 2010 India–Bhutan Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA).
- Funding: India provided 30% as grant and 70% as loan (10% interest, repayable over 30 half-yearly installments).
- Construction Timeline: Foundation laid in 2010; faced delays due to geology, floods, COVID; commissioned in phases between Dec 2024 – Aug 2025.
- Capacity: 1,020 MW with 6 × 170 MW Francis turbines, increasing Bhutan's hydro capacity by 40%.
- Implementing Agencies: India – BHEL (electro-mechanical equipment), WAPCOS, NIRM, Jaiprakash Associates; Bhutanese Authority oversaw execution.





Ques: Which youth football team achieved a historic European treble in 2025?

- A. Bengaluru Football Club
- B. Minerva Academy Football Club
- C. Kerala Blasters Youth
- D. Mohun Bagan Academy
- E. FC Pune City Youth

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya felicitated the young footballers of Minerva Academy Football Club (Mohali) in New Delhi.
- The team achieved a historic European treble, winning the Gothia Cup (Sweden), Dana Cup (Denmark), and Norway Cup (Norway) in a single season (Under 14 and 15 squad).
- In 26 unbeaten international matches, the team scored 295 goals while conceding very few.
- Individual honours went to Konthoujam Yohenba Singh (Best Player, Gothia Cup) and Huidrom Tony (Best Player, Dana Cup).

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Ques: What is the rank of Delhi in the Smart City Index 2025 published by IMD?

- A. 52
- B. 89
- C. 135
- D. 120
- E. 104

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Smart City Index 2025 was published by the International Institute for Management Development (IMD), covering 146 countries.
- The ranking is based on five parameters: Health & Safety, Mobility, Activities, Opportunities, and Governance.
- Swiss cities continue to dominate the list, while Middle Eastern cities have shown remarkable progress.
- Indian cities remain outside the global top 20, but are gradually improving.
- Among Indian cities, Delhi ranks the highest at 104 in the 2025 index.

Ranking of top 5 countries :

- 1 Zurich
- 2 Oslo
- 3 Geneva
- 4 Dubai
- 5 Abu Dhabi
- 146 Rio de Janeiro

Ranking of Indian cities :

- 104 Delhi
- 106 Mumbai
- 109 Hyderabad
- 110 Bengaluru

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Ques: Which company launched the 'ARISE FOR YOU' innovation and entrepreneurship challenge for students in India?

- A. Infosys
- B. Wipro
- C. HCL Technologies
- D. Tata Consultancy Services
- E. Tech Mahindra

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- HCL Technologies (HCLTech) launched 'ARISE (Aspire.Rise.Inspire.Skill.Excel) FOR YOU', an innovation and entrepreneurship challenge for students.
- The initiative is in collaboration with Pearson India and MeitY Startup Hub (MSH) to promote entrepreneurial spirit among India's youth.

About 'ARISE FOR YOU' :

- Participation of over 150,000 students across more than 3,000 campuses, will culminate in a national grand finale, scheduled for March 12-13, 2026.
- Pearson India will provide the Entrepreneurship & Small Business (ESB) Certification and the related learning content
- MSH contributes its innovation ecosystem and features around 62 hubs for mentorship and counselling
- Grants up to Rs.10 lakhs, incubation support, and national media coverage





Ques: Who among the following have recently been elevated as Supreme Court judges of India?

- A. Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice Vipul Pancholi
- B. Justice Surya Kant and Justice Vikram Nath
- C. Justice J K Maheshwari and Justice Bhushan R Gavai
- D. Justice N V Ramana and Justice D Y Chandrachud
- E. Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice S A Bobde

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Justice Alok Aradhe (then Chief Justice of Bombay High Court) and Justice Vipul Pancholi (CJ of Patna High Court) have been appointed as Supreme Court judges.
- The appointment is notified by the President under clause (2) of Article 124 of the Constitution, after consultation with Supreme Court and High Court judges.
- Tenure: Judges serve until 65 years of age, but can resign earlier by submitting resignation to the President.
- Collegium system: Comprising the Chief Justice of India and four senior-most Supreme Court judges, decides appointments, elevations, and transfers.
- The term “collegium” is not in the Constitution but established via judicial pronouncements.

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Ques: What is Biochar, which is expected to play a crucial role in India's carbon market set to launch in 2026?

- A. A fossil fuel alternative derived from petroleum
- B. A type of charcoal rich in carbon, produced from agricultural residue
- C. A fertilizer made from chemical compounds
- D. A synthetic polymer used in construction
- E. A natural gas substitute from biomass

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian carbon market set to be launched in 2026, CO₂ removal technologies such as biochar are expected to play a crucial role.
- Biochar is a granular, carbon-rich material obtained by heating crop residue and organic municipal waste at 400°C to 600°C in the absence of oxygen.
- It acts as a long-term carbon sink, capable of holding carbon in soil for 100–1,000 years.

Applications of Biochar:

- Agriculture: Improves water retention in semi-dry soils, restores degraded soils, and reduces nitrous oxide emissions by 30–50%.
- Construction: Serves as a low-carbon alternative to conventional building materials, creating stable carbon sinks.
- Wastewater Treatment: Provides a low-cost, effective option to reduce pollution.





Ques: Who has been appointed as the interim President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)?

- A. Sourav Ganguly
- B. Roger Binny
- C. Rajeev Shukla
- D. Shashank Manohar
- E. N. Srinivasan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Rajeev Shukla has been appointed as the interim President of BCCI, replacing Roger Binny, the 40th President.
- Roger Binny had taken over as BCCI President in October 2022, succeeding former India captain Sourav Ganguly.
- BCCI, established in 1928, has its headquarters in Mumbai and is responsible for governing cricket in India.

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Ques: Under which scheme did India achieve a record-low price of ₹55.75/kg for Green Ammonia in the first SECI auction?

- A. National Hydrogen Energy Mission
- B. Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition (SIGHT)
- C. National Bio-Energy Mission
- D. Green Ammonia Development Scheme
- E. Renewable Energy Development Program

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The SIGHT Scheme (Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition) is part of the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM).
- Operational since 2023, the scheme has an implementation period from FY 2025–26 to 2029–30.
- Aim: Build and strengthen the green hydrogen ecosystem by providing market-enabling incentives across the value chain—from electrolyser manufacturing to green hydrogen production and its derivatives.
- Ministry: Implemented jointly by Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) and Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG).

Scheme Components:

- Component I: Electrolyser Manufacturing Incentives (Budget ₹4,440 crore)
- Component II: Green Hydrogen Production Incentives (Budget ₹13,050 crore)





Ques: India and Japan signed the implementing arrangement for which joint lunar mission?

- A. Chandrayaan-4
- B. Gaganyaan Lunar Mission
- C. LUPEX-1
- D. Chandrayaan-5
- E. H3 Lunar Probe

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India and Japan signed the implementing arrangement for the Chandrayaan-5 mission, a joint lunar polar exploration mission.
- The agreement was signed between ISRO (India) and JAXA (Japan) during PM Narendra Modi's visit to Japan.
- The mission, also known as LUPEX (Lunar Polar Exploration), will be launched by JAXA's H3-24L launch vehicle, carrying an ISRO-made lunar lander and a Japan-made lunar rover.
- Objective: To study lunar volatile materials, including lunar water, near a Permanently Shadowed Region (PSR) at the lunar South Pole.

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Ques: A pioneering documentary on Kushok Bakula Rinpoche, who played a key role in modern Ladakh and reviving Buddhism in Mongolia, premiered at which venue?

- A. India International Centre, Delhi
- B. India Habitat Centre, Delhi
- C. National Museum, Delhi
- D. Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Delhi
- E. Siri Fort Auditorium, Delhi

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The documentary on Kushok Bakula Rinpoche premiered at the India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi.
- Directed by Dr. Hindol Sengupta, Professor at O.P. Jindal Global University, it pays tribute to the Buddhist monk and diplomat who helped shape modern Ladakh and revive Buddhism in Mongolia.
- Kushok Bakula Rinpoche was the spiritual head of Pethup Gompa, Spituk, Ladakh and is revered as an incarnation of Buddha Amitabha.
- Followers believe he was among the original Sixteen Arhats, close disciples of Buddha, with 19 previous incarnations recorded in the Tibetan scripture Naytan Chagchot.

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Ques: Which irrigation project in Telangana has recently come under scrutiny for structural damage and design flaws?

- A. Nagarjuna Sagar Project
- B. Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project
- C. Polavaram Project
- D. Sriram Sagar Project
- E. Pranahita-Chevella Project

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP), located on the Godavari River in Kaleshwaram, Bhupalpally district, Telangana, is a large-scale multi-stage irrigation project.
- It uses over 1,800 km of canal network to irrigate 16 lakh acres across 13 districts.
- The National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) reported significant structural damage and design flaws, raising concerns about its foundation, planning, and governance.
- Initially estimated at ₹71,000 crore, costs have escalated beyond ₹1 lakh crore.
- CAG termed it economically unviable (benefit-cost ratio < 1) with high annual power and operational costs (~₹10,000 crore).

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Ques: Which scheme provides direct financial assistance to pregnant women and lactating mothers under Mission Shakti?

- A. Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana
- B. Mission Indradhanush
- C. Janani Suraksha Yojana
- D. Poshan Abhiyaan
- E. Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Women and Child Development has extended the special registration drive for PMMVY till 15 August, 2025.
- It is a centrally sponsored scheme under Mission Shakti's sub-scheme Samarthya, providing assistance through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).
- Implemented from 1 January 2017 under Section 4 of the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013.
- Benefits : For first child → ₹5,000 in two instalments.
- For second child (only if girl) → ₹6,000 in one instalment.
- Exclusion: Women employed in Central/State Govt. jobs, PSUs, or already receiving similar benefits.
- In case of miscarriage/stillbirth, the woman is treated as a fresh beneficiary in the next pregnancy.
- The scheme mainly targets socially and economically disadvantaged women to improve health, nutrition, and compensate wage loss.





Ques: Nuakhai festival is primarily celebrated in which region of India?

- A. Western Odisha, Southern Chhattisgarh & adjoining areas of Simdega
- B. Coastal Odisha
- C. Northern Bihar
- D. Western Maharashtra
- E. Eastern Uttar Pradesh

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- Nuakhai is an agricultural festival observed on panchami tithi (the fifth day) of the lunar fortnight of Bhadrapada (August–September), just after Ganesh Chaturthi.
- It celebrates the new crop of the season; 'nua' means new and 'khai' means eat.
- Primarily celebrated in Western Odisha, southern Chhattisgarh, and adjoining areas of Simdega (Jharkhand).
- Its coastal counterpart is Nabanna, observed in Coastal Odisha.
- Farmers offer the first produce to Goddess Samaleswari, the famous Mother Goddess of Sambalpur district, Odisha.

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Ques: Which podcast series was launched by the Startup Policy Forum in collaboration with the IndiaAI Mission to highlight AI-driven startup journeys?

- A. AI Startup Chronicles
- B. IndiaAI in Action
- C. AI Innovators India
- D. Startup AI Spotlight
- E. AI Success Stories

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Startup Policy Forum (SPF), in collaboration with the IndiaAI Mission under MeitY, launched the “IndiaAI in Action” podcast series in New Delhi.
- Objective: Showcase startup founders leveraging AI to scale innovation, competitiveness, and sector-specific solutions.
- The podcast series is powered by Vultr, a global cloud platform with 220,000+ customers across 32 data centres.

Featured founders include:

- Harshil Mathur – Razorpay (Fintech)
- Vivek Raghavan – Sarvam AI (AI Research)
- Sanket Shah & Anshul Khandelwal – Invideo (Content Creation)
- Alope Bajpai & Rajnish Kumar – ixigo (Travel)





Ques: During his visit to Japan, what traditional item was presented to Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a symbol of good luck?

- A. Maneki-neko
- B. Daruma doll
- C. Kokeshi doll
- D. Origami crane
- E. Furin wind chime

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was presented with a Daruma doll during his two-day visit to Japan, which is seen as a symbol of good luck.
- The doll was presented by Rev Seishi Hirose, Chief Priest of the Shorinzan Daruma-Ji temple.
- Takasaki City, Gunma, is the birthplace of the famous Daruma dolls.
- The Daruma tradition in Japan is based on the legacy of Bodhidharma, an Indian monk from Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu, known in Japan as Daruma Daishi, who is believed to have traveled to Japan over a thousand years ago.

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The Andhra Pradesh government officially launched the Bharat Biodesign Research and Innovation (BRAIN) programme at the Ratan Tata Innovation Hub in Amaravati

Air India Express, a wholly owned subsidiary of Air India, has joined the International Air Transport Association (IATA), an airline trade association, making it the fourth Indian carrier to join after Air India, IndiGo, and SpiceJet.

The Mizoram Assembly passed the 'Mizoram Prohibition of Beggary Bill, 2025. Its objective is not only to prohibit begging, but also to assist and rehabilitate beggars

Scientists have discovered a rare quadruple star system in our Milky Way galaxy called UPM J1040-3551 AabBab. International research team led by Professor Zenghua Zhang, of Nanjing University

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) convened the Regional Conference of Skill Ministers – Kaushal Manthan in Chandigarh, a landmark dialogue aimed at deepening collaboration between the Centre, States and Union Territories on the future of skills and entrepreneurship.

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Ques: When was Karnataka Grameena Bank formed under the 'One State, One RRB' concept?

- A. January 1, 2024
- B. May 1, 2025
- C. April 1, 2023
- D. June 1, 2025
- E. March 1, 2024

Answer :Option B

Explanation :

- Under the 'One State, One RRB' initiative, the two RRBs of Karnataka were amalgamated to form Karnataka Grameena Bank, effective May 1, 2025.
- The bank has 1,750 branches and handles business of over ₹1,03,451 crore.
- The new common logo was unveiled as part of a rebranding exercise by Shreekanth M Bhandiwad, Chairman of KGB, in Ballari.
- The logo is designed for all 11 amalgamated Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in India.

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Ques: India's fiscal deficit for April–July FY26 stood at what percent of the annual target?

- A. 17.2%
- B. 25%
- C. 29.9%
- D. 31%
- E. 33%

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- According to the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), India's fiscal deficit for April–July FY26 widened to ₹4.7 lakh crore, which is 29.9% of Budget Estimates (BE).
- In the same period of FY25, fiscal deficit was ₹2.8 lakh crore (17.2% of BE).
- Net tax revenues contracted 7.5% YoY to ₹6.62 lakh crore due to weak direct tax collections.
- Non-tax revenues rose 34% YoY, boosted by a higher-than-budgeted dividend transfer from RBI.
- Capital expenditure surged 33% YoY to ₹3.5 lakh crore, forming 31% of FY26 BE.
- Revenue expenditure increased 17% YoY, exceeding the required 9.5% growth to meet the annual target.
- Total expenditure of ₹15.63 lakh crore comprised ₹12.16 lakh crore revenue account and ₹3.46 lakh crore capital account.





Ques: What milestone did India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) achieve in August 2025?

- A. Crossed ₹25 lakh crore monthly transaction value
- B. Crossed 20 billion monthly transactions
- C. Crossed 700 million yearly transactions
- D. Crossed 721 million annual transactions
- E. Crossed 15 billion daily transactions

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) crossed 20 billion monthly transactions in August 2025, recording 20.01 billion transactions compared to 19.47 billion in July.
- The total transaction value for August was Rs 24.85 lakh crore, slightly lower than July's Rs 25.08 lakh crore.
- Year-on-year, UPI transactions grew 33% from nearly 15 billion in August 2024.
- The daily UPI transaction crossed 700 million for the first time on August 2, with a peak of 721 million transactions a few days later.
- On average, UPI handled 645 million daily transactions worth Rs 80,177 crore in August 2025.

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Ques: What is the unique feature of Jio Payments Bank's upcoming 'Savings Pro' account?

- A. Free insurance coverage
- B. Auto-invest idle cash in overnight mutual funds
- C. Cashback on every transaction
- D. No minimum balance requirement
- E. International debit card facility

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Jio Payments Bank's 'Savings Pro' account will automatically invest idle cash in customer accounts into overnight mutual funds to offer better returns.
- This feature is designed to maximize returns on idle balances without manual intervention by customers.
- The announcement was made by Hitesh Sethi, MD & CEO, Jio Financial Services, during the company's second AGM.
- As of June-end, Jio Payments Bank had 2.58 million depositors with deposits worth ₹358 crore and over 50,000 business correspondents across India.

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Ques: Outward remittances under RBI's LRS scheme stood at how much in Q1 FY26?

- A. \$5.7 billion
- B. \$6.92 billion
- C. \$7.8 billion
- D. \$8.5 billion
- E. \$9.26 billion

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Outward remittances under RBI's Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) remained broadly flat at \$6.92 billion in Q1 FY26 (April–June 2025).
- The LRS scheme, introduced in 2004, allows resident individuals to remit up to \$250,000 per year for any permissible transaction.
- In Q1 FY26, the largest contributor was the international travel segment at \$3.9 billion, while overseas education outflows declined 24.15% YoY to \$452.1 million.
- Remittances under deposits rose 15.9% YoY to \$190.92 million; purchase of immovable property surged 95.02% YoY to \$124.13 million.
- Investment in equity or debt rose 62% YoY to \$514.5 million, while gift remittances fell 12% YoY to \$714.7 million.

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Ques: Who said that India will soon become the world's third largest economy and credited the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana for boosting growth?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Nirmala Sitharaman
- C. Sanjay Malhotra
- D. Shaktikanta Das
- E. Raghuram Rajan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra stated that India is set to become the world's third largest economy soon.
- He credited the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana for boosting the country's growth.
- His remarks came as India's GDP grew 7.8% in the April-June quarter, the highest in five quarters before the US imposed heavy tariffs.
- Addressing 'Santripati Shivir', a financial inclusion campaign in Rangwasa village, Indore, he noted that 55 crore accounts have been opened under the Jan Dhan Yojana launched 11 years ago.
- The financial inclusion campaign, in collaboration with banks, is running nationwide from July 1 to September 30.

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Ques: What was India's net FDI in Q1FY26 (Apr–Jun 2025)?

- A. \$6.22 billion
- B. \$25.17 billion
- C. \$4.91 billion
- D. \$7.87 billion
- E. \$12.38 billion

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- India's net FDI declined 21.1% YoY to \$4.91 billion in Q1FY26 (Apr–Jun 2025) from \$6.22 billion in Q1FY25.
- Gross FDI rose to \$25.17 billion, indicating India remains attractive for investors.
- Outward FDI (Indian entities' overseas investments) surged to \$7.87 billion from \$4.38 billion in Q1FY25.
- Repatriation/divestment stood at \$12.38 billion, slightly higher than last year's \$12.17 billion.
- In June 2025 alone, net FDI fell sharply to \$1.07 billion from \$2.24 billion in June 2024.

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Ques: Which company is developing one of the world's largest solar projects in Kutch, Gujarat, aiming to meet nearly 10% of India's electricity needs?

- A. Adani Group
- B. Tata Power
- C. NTPC Limited
- D. Reliance Industries
- E. ReNew Power

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Reliance Industries announced a transformative energy plan to make Jamnagar and Kutch in Gujarat global hubs for clean energy production.
- At the company's 48th Annual General Meeting, Anant Ambani revealed that the solar park being built in Kutch could meet nearly 10% of India's electricity demand within the next decade.
- Reliance is setting up a massive solar project spanning 550,000 acres, which is about three times the size of Singapore.
- The company is also constructing a battery gigafactory, starting in 2026 with an initial capacity of 40 GWh/year, scalable to 100 GWh/year.

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Ques: Which company has been awarded the contract to replace India Post Payments Bank's (IPPB) fleet of 1,000 ATMs and cash dispensers?

- A. CMS Info Systems
- B. AGS Transact Technologies
- C. HDFC Bank
- D. ICICI Bank
- E. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) awarded CMS Info Systems the contract to replace its fleet of 1,000 ATMs and cash dispensers after the bankruptcy of its earlier service provider, AGS Transact Technologies.
- IPPB faced disruptions in ATM operations due to AGS's financial troubles.
- As of March 31, 2025, CMS managed 73,000 ATMs (about 47% of all outsourced ATMs in India) and 65,000 retail touchpoints.
- The collapse of AGS, which once operated nearly 40,000 ATMs, forced several banks to transition to CMS.
- RBI data shows that the total ATM network in India contracted by 4% to 208,063 by end-July 2025, compared to 216,352 a year earlier.

About India Post Payments Bank Limited (IPPB) :

- Established : 2017
- HQ : New Delhi, Delhi
- CEO & MD : R. Viswesvaran
- Tagline : Your Bank at Your Doorstep





Ques: Who has been elected as the new Chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI)?

- A. Aweek Sarkar
- B. N Ravi
- C. Viveck Goenka
- D. MV Shreyams Kumar
- E. Mahendra Mohan Gupta

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Mahendra Mohan Gupta, Chairman of Jagran Prakashan Ltd (publisher of Dainik Jagran), has been elected as the Chairman of PTI Board of Directors.
- MV Shreyams Kumar of Mathrubhumi Group has been elected as Vice-Chairman.
- The 15-member PTI board includes leaders from India's top media houses such as Aweek Sarkar, Vijay Kumar Chopra, Vineet Jain, N Ravi, Viveck Goenka, Riyad Mathew, Sameer Singh, L Adimoolam, Hormusji N Cama.
- Other eminent members include Prof. Deepak Nayyar, former Foreign Secretary & NSA Shivshankar Menon, and former Tata Sons Executive Director R. Gopalakrishnan.

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Ques: The Department of Posts signed an MoU with which company to develop and implement the DIGIPIN system?

- A. Google Maps
- B. HERE Technologies
- C. Microsoft India
- D. ESRI India
- E. MapmyIndia - Mappls

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Department of Posts signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with MapmyIndia - Mappls, a leading provider of location technology, IoT, and geospatial solutions.
- The collaboration focuses on developing and implementing DIGIPIN, a digital location identification system.
- MapmyIndia will provide base maps for integration into the Know Your DIGIPIN application, enabling accurate generation of DIGIPINs based on geographic location.
- The DIGIPIN functionality will also be integrated into the Mappls application, allowing users to search and navigate locations using DIGIPIN seamlessly.

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Ques: Where was India's first tempered glass manufacturing facility for mobile devices inaugurated?

- A. Gurugram
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Pune
- D. Noida
- E. Hyderabad

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India's first tempered glass manufacturing facility for mobile devices was inaugurated at Noida by Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw.
- The facility was set up by Optiemus Electronics in collaboration with Corning Incorporated, USA.
- Shri Vaishnaw highlighted that in the past 11 years, electronics manufacturing in India has grown six times, reaching a production value of ₹11.5 lakh crore, with exports exceeding ₹3 lakh crore.
- The sector has also generated direct and indirect employment for 2.5 million people.

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Ques: Which team won the 7th edition of the SAFF U17 Women's Championship?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Nepal
- C. Bhutan
- D. India
- E. Sri Lanka

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- India won the 7th edition of the SAFF U17 Women's Championship, defeating Nepal 5-0 at Changlimithang Stadium, Thimphu, Nepal.
- The championship featured four teams – India, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Bhutan – competing in a round-robin format.
- India is also the most successful team in the tournament's history, with 3 titles since the championship started in 2017.

Awards given are :

- Top scorer : Anushka Kumari (India) (8 goals)
- Best player : Abhista Basnett (india)
- Best goalkeeper : Meghla Rani Roy (Bangladesh)
- Fair play award : Bangladesh





Ques: Recently, Gangwal family sold how much stake in IndiGo for ₹2,933 crore?

- A. 0.8%
- B. 1.0%
- C. 1.3%
- D. 2.0%
- E. 3.0%

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Rakesh Gangwal's Chinkerpoo Family Trust sold a 1.3% stake in IndiGo (InterGlobe Aviation) for ₹2,933 crore through open market transactions.
- With this transaction, the Gangwal family's total holding in IndiGo reduced from 7.81% to 6.51%.
- Following the deal, IndiGo's share price fell 5.22% to ₹5,734 on NSE.
- So far in 2025, the Gangwals have sold shares worth ₹14,497 crore, and their cumulative divestment since 2022 is \$4.51 billion (₹39,532.79 crore).

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Ques: What position did Neeraj Chopra finish in the Diamond League Final 2025 held in Zurich, Switzerland?

- A. Winner
- B. Runner-up
- C. Third Place
- D. Fourth Place
- E. Did not place

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Neeraj Chopra, two-time Indian Olympic medallist, finished runner-up with a best throw of 85.01 meters at the Diamond League Final 2025 in Zurich, Switzerland.
- This marked his 26th consecutive top-two finish in the overall Diamond League standings.
- Julian Weber (Germany) won the event with a personal best throw of 91.57m, claiming his first Diamond League trophy.

Top 3 in Diamond League Final 2025 :

- 1 Julian Weber (Germany) - 91.51 m
- 2 Neeraj Chopra (India) - 85.01 m
- 3 Keshorn Walcott (Trinidad & Tobago) - 84.95 m

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Head of OpenAI's education initiatives across India and the broader Asia-Pacific (APAC) region?

- A. Sundar Pichai
- B. Raghav Gupta
- C. Satya Nadella
- D. Sam Altman
- E. Nandan Nilekani

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Raghav Gupta, former Coursera Asia-Pacific Managing Director, has been appointed as the Head of OpenAI's education initiatives across India and the broader APAC region.
- OpenAI launched an India-first initiative to empower educators with AI tools and training, alongside a research project with IIT Madras, backed by USD 500,000 funding.
- The initiative, named OpenAI Learning Accelerator, will distribute about 500,000 ChatGPT licenses and training to educators and students over the next six months.
- Partnerships will be made with the Ministry of Education (MoE), AICTE, and ARISE member schools.
- This move comes as OpenAI prepares to open its first India office in New Delhi later this year.

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Ques: Japan recently pledged how much investment in India over the next 10 years?

- A. \$57 billion
- B. \$60 billion
- C. \$65 billion
- D. \$67 billion
- E. \$70 billion

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- At the 15th India-Japan Annual Summit held in Tokyo (August 2025), Japan pledged \$67 billion (10 trillion yen) in private-sector investments in India over the next decade.
- The summit resulted in 21 key outcomes, including 13 agreements covering defence, critical minerals, semiconductors, high-speed rail, and skill development.
- Japan will also train 50,000 skilled and semi-skilled Indian workers in the next five years.
- This investment aims to strengthen industrial cooperation between Indian states and Japanese prefectures.
- The move is expected to boost economic and strategic ties between India and Japan significantly.

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Qus: What is the name of Google's new AI-powered photo editing tool in the Gemini app?

- A. Pixel Painter
- B. Gemini Editor
- C. Image Master
- D. Photo Genie
- E. Nano Banana

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Google has unveiled a new AI-powered photo editing tool “Nano Banana” in its Gemini app.
- Developed by Google DeepMind, it is considered one of the world's best image-editing tools.
- The tool has now been formally released as Gemini 2.5 Flash Image.
- Free users can make up to 100 edits daily, while paid users can enjoy 1,000 edits.

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Ques: Bihar Cabinet recently approved which scheme to provide financial aid to women for starting businesses?

- A. Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana
- B. Bihar Women Empowerment Yojana
- C. Mahila Udyam Sahayata Yojana
- D. Nitish Kumar Nari Shakti Yojana
- E. Mahila Aatmanirbhar Mission

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Bihar Cabinet approved the Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana in 2025 to empower women and promote entrepreneurship.
- Under this scheme, one woman from every family in Bihar will receive ₹10,000 as the first installment, starting September 2025.
- After six months, based on performance, an additional ₹2 lakh will be given, and later up to ₹12 lakh can also be provided as a grant.
- The amount given under this scheme will not need to be repaid by beneficiaries.
- The initiative aims to create better job opportunities and strengthen women-led businesses in the state.

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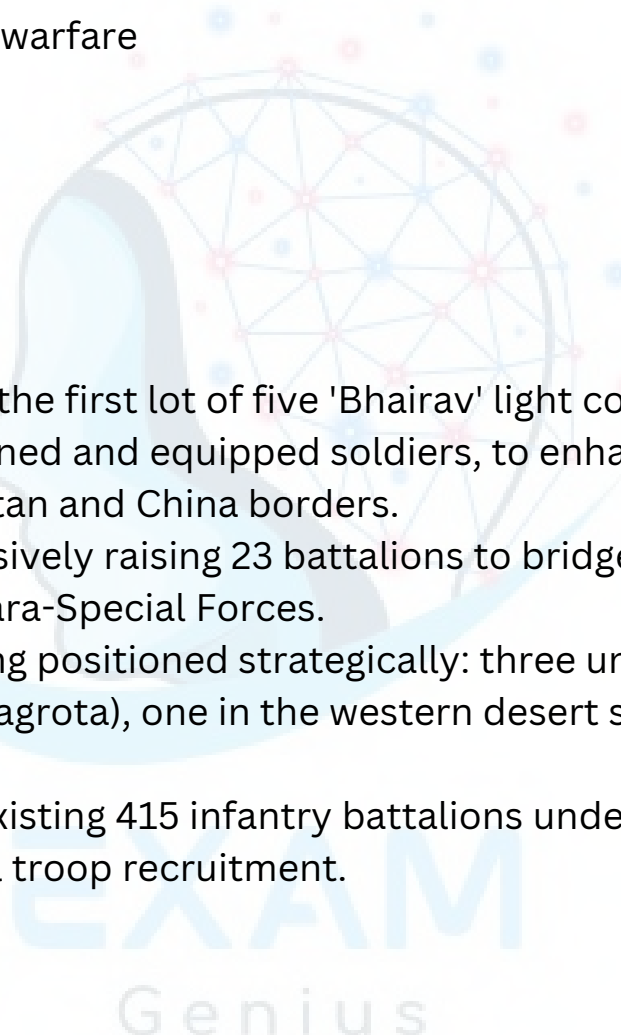
Ques: What is the purpose of raising the new 'Bhairav' light commando battalions by the Indian Army?

- A. To conduct peacekeeping missions abroad
- B. To enhance swift strike capabilities along borders with Pakistan and China
- C. To replace regular infantry units
- D. To provide disaster relief in remote areas
- E. To train soldiers in cyber warfare

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Indian Army is raising the first lot of five 'Bhairav' light commando battalions, each with 250 specially trained and equipped soldiers, to enhance swift strike capabilities along the Pakistan and China borders.
- The plan includes progressively raising 23 battalions to bridge the gap between regular infantry and elite Para-Special Forces.
- The first five units are being positioned strategically: three under Northern Command (Leh, Srinagar, Nagrota), one in the western desert sector, and one in the eastern hilly sector.
- Soldiers are drawn from existing 415 infantry battalions under the "save and raise" concept, without additional troop recruitment.





Ques: By which year does the Indian government plan to start bullet train operations on the Gujarat section of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail project?

- A. 2026
- B. 2027
- C. 2028
- D. 2029
- E. 2030

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India and Japan agreed to immediately begin signalling work, including the Japanese system, to prepare for the introduction of the E5 series Shinkansen train for testing.
- The Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR) project was launched in September 2017, with the foundation stone laid by PM Narendra Modi and then Japan PM Shinzo Abe in Sabarmati, Gujarat.
- The first section of the bullet train corridor will open in Gujarat by December 2027, while the full route is expected to be operational by 2028, covering 508 km in 2 hours and 7 minutes.
- Japan also plans to debut the advanced E10 Shinkansen trains in both Japan and India around 2030, after initial trials with E5 trains in 2026-27.
- Designed by the East Japan Railway Company, the E10 has a maximum speed of 320 km per hour, which is the same as the E5 series





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Government of India has increased usage charges for gunny bags by nearly 40% bringing financial relief to State Governments and Union Territories in the country

President Murmu SCOPE Eminence Awards 2022-23 to Public Sector Enterprises In New Delhi. The SCOPE Eminence Awards, instituted by the Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE)

IIT Hyderabad) & Army Training Command, Shimla signed an MOU to establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE) titled VIGRAHA (Virtual, Intelligent, Ground-breaking Research in AR/VR and High-tech Applications for Indian Army)

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ayush and Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Shri Prataprao Jadhav, presided over the BRICS CCI Healthcare Summit 2025 in New Delhi, held on the theme "Bridging Tradition and Innovation."

The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and Delhi Teachers University collaborated to host a special screening of the critically acclaimed short film "Selfie Please" at the IGNCA's Samvet Auditorium.

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Ques: What was India's estimated real GDP growth in Q1FY26 (Apr–Jun 2025)?

- A. 6.5%
- B. 7.0%
- C. 7.8%
- D. 8.0%
- E. 8.8%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The National Statistics Office (NSO) released India's Q1FY26 GDP estimates, showing real GDP growth of 7.8%, marking a 5-quarter high.
- The Nominal GDP for Q1FY26 grew 8.8%, estimated at ₹86.05 lakh crore.
- Real Gross Value Added (GVA) registered 7.6% growth, while Nominal GVA grew 8.8%, estimated at ₹78.25 lakh crore.
- This surpasses RBI's projection of 6.5% growth for Q1FY26.

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Ques: SBI GIFT City signed a €100-million climate deal with which organization?

- A. World Bank
- B. AFD (Agence Française de Développement)
- C. IMF
- D. ADB
- E. NDB

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The State Bank of India (SBI) signed a €100-million line of credit with France's AFD at its GIFT City branch.
- The deal aims to promote green financing in India and support the transition to a low-carbon economy.
- Funds from this partnership will be utilized for climate mitigation (reducing greenhouse gas emissions) and adaptation measures to manage future climate risks.
- SBI targets a green portfolio of 7.5–10% of domestic gross advances by 2030.

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Ques: The Reserve Bank of India imposed a monetary penalty on Bandhan Bank for non-compliance with which regulatory requirement?

- A. Non-adherence to KYC/AML norms
- B. Violation of RBI directions on automation of income recognition and asset classification
- C. Non-submission of statutory returns
- D. Breach of Basel III capital requirements
- E. Non-compliance with priority sector lending norms

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- RBI imposed a penalty of Rs. 44.70 lakh on Bandhan Bank for non-compliance with statutory and regulatory directions, specifically regarding the automation of Income Recognition, Asset Classification, and Provisioning (IRAC) processes in banks.
- The penalty was imposed under Section 47A(1)(c) read with Section 46(4) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- Bandhan Bank had paid certain employees via commission, violating RBI norms, and manually intervened in backend data without maintaining proper audit trails or user logs, leading to the regulatory action.

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Ques: Which company has launched the 'Unity Bank BharatPe Credit Card' in partnership with Unity Small Finance Bank?

- A. Paytm
- B. BharatPe
- C. PhonePe
- D. Razorpay
- E. MobiKwik

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- BharatPe, India's leading financial services and UPI payments company, partnered with Unity Small Finance Bank to launch the Unity Bank BharatPe Credit Card.
- The card provides flexible EMI options up to 12 months for big-ticket purchases, helping customers manage expenses conveniently.
- This launch strengthens BharatPe's offerings in the credit and payment solutions space

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Ques: Japan provided a loan of Rs 3,500 crore to fund which biofuel project in Assam?

- A. Assam Bio Ethanol Private Limited (ABEPL)
- B. Assam Renewable Energy Corporation
- C. Assam Green Fuels Ltd
- D. Golaghat Bio Power Pvt Ltd
- E. North East Bioenergy Ltd

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) provided a Rs 3,500 crore (60 billion JPY) loan to Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC).
- The loan aims to fund Assam Bio Ethanol Private Limited (ABEPL) to establish a biofuel production and power generation plant in Golaghat district, Assam.
- This project directly supports India's National Policy on Biofuels, which targets 20% ethanol blending in gasoline (E20) by 2025.
- India is the world's third-largest CO₂ emitter, after China and the USA, highlighting the importance of biofuel initiatives.

About Power Finance Corporation Limited :

- Established : 1986
- HQ : New Delhi
- CMD : Parminder Chopra





Ques: Which company has partnered with ICICI Bank to implement India's first Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system?

- A. NHAI
- B. Indian Highways Management Company Limited (IHMCL)
- C. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
- D. Road Transport Corporation (RTC)
- E. FASTag Services Ltd

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indian Highways Management Company Limited (IHMCL), promoted by NHAI, has signed an agreement with ICICI Bank to implement the country's first Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system at Choryasi Fee Plaza, Gujarat on NH-48.
- MLFF is a barrier-less tolling system that uses FASTag and Vehicle Registration Number (VRN) recognition via high-performance RFID readers and ANPR cameras.
- It allows seamless toll collection without stopping vehicles, reducing congestion, travel time, fuel consumption, and emissions.
- IHMCL also plans to roll out MLFF at around 25 National Highway fee plazas in the current financial year.

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Ques: The Telangana Legislative Assembly passed bills to ensure what percentage of reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) in local body polls?

- A. 35%
- B. 40%
- C. 42%
- D. 45%
- E. 50%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Telangana Legislative Assembly unanimously passed the Panchayat Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2025 and Telangana Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 2025.
- These bills propose to lift the 50% ceiling on total reservations set by Supreme Court rulings such as Indra Sawhney (1992).
- The move enables 42% reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) in panchayats, municipalities, and urban local bodies.
- In Telangana's local body polls: SCs already have ~17% reservation, STs have ~10%.

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Ques: Who is the author of the book Operation SINDOOR?

- A. Arundhati Roy
- B. Lt Gen KJS 'Tiny' Dhillon
- C. Rajiv Malhotra
- D. Gen Bipin Rawat
- E. Vikram Sampath

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The book "Operation SINDOOR" is authored by Lt Gen KJS 'Tiny' Dhillon and published by Penguin Veer.
- It reveals previously unrevealed details about India's deep strikes inside Pakistan, highlighting the strategic capabilities of the Indian military.
- The book serves as a testament to the strength and strategic planning of the Indian Armed Forces.

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Ques: What is India's rank in the 2025 Global Peace Index (GPI) released by the Institute for Economics and Peace?

- A. 105
- B. 110
- C. 125
- D. 120
- E. 115

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The 2025 Global Peace Index (GPI) was released by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), headquartered in Sydney, Australia.
- The index covered 163 independent states and territories, representing 99.7% of the global population.
- India was ranked 115th out of 163 countries, showing a modest improvement from its previous position, with a GPI score of 2.229, marking a 0.58% improvement in peace levels compared to last year.
- Iceland has retained the top position since 2008 due to its high levels of safety, security, and low militarisation.
- In Asia, Singapore emerged as the safest country, ranked 6th globally in the 2025 report.

Ranking of top 5 countries :

- 1 Iceland
- 2 Ireland
- 3 New Zealand
- 4 Austria
- 5 Switzerland
- 163 Russia





Ranking of India & its neighboring countries :

- 76 Nepal
- 97 Sri Lanka
- 98 China
- 115 India
- 123 Bangladesh
- 144 Pakistan



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Ques: Where was the 16th Asian Shooting Championship held?

- A. Tokyo, Japan
- B. Shymkent, Kazakhstan
- C. Seoul, South Korea
- D. Bangkok, Thailand
- E. New Delhi, India

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 16th Asian Shooting Championship took place at the Shymkent Shooting Plaza in Shymkent, Kazakhstan.
- The event featured 748 athletes from 27 Asian countries competing in various shooting disciplines at both senior and junior levels.
- India's team of 35 senior shooters and 129 junior athletes topped the medal tally for the first time, winning a total of 99 medals, including 50 gold, 26 silver, and 23 bronze.
- The championship was organized by the Asian Shooting Confederation (ASC) in collaboration with the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) and the Kazakhstan Shooting Sport Federation

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Ques: Maharashtra launched which initiative to provide a uniform education curriculum for students with intellectual disabilities?

- A. Disha Shiksha
- B. Buddhi Vikas Yojana
- C. Samagra Shiksha Vikas
- D. Disha Abhiyan
- E. Inclusive Learning Mission

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Maharashtra launched 'Disha Abhiyan', becoming the first state in India to implement a state-wide uniform curriculum for students with intellectual disabilities.
- Developed by the Jai Vakil Foundation and certified by the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID).
- The program focuses on improving teaching standards and learning outcomes through academics, life skills, and vocational training.
- Rolled out in 453 special schools across Maharashtra.

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Ques: What is the total length of the newly constructed Bairabi–Sairang rail line in Mizoram?

- A. 45.10 km
- B. 51.38 km
- C. 62.25 km
- D. 48.75 km
- E. 55.50 km

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Bairabi–Sairang broad-gauge rail line in Mizoram is 51.38 km long and was constructed at an estimated cost of ₹5,021 crore.
- It will connect Aizawl, Mizoram's capital, with Assam, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, and the rest of India.
- The line features 48 tunnels, 55 bridges, 87 minor bridges, 5 road overbridges, and 6 underbridges, significantly reducing travel time from about 10 hours to 3 hours.
- PM Modi laid the foundation stone in November 2014 and flagged off the first train on the Bairabi–Silchar section in 2016.

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Ques: Which country was accepted as a dialogue partner of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) at the 2025 summit?

- A. Vietnam
- B. Thailand
- C. Cambodia
- D. Myanmar
- E. Laos

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Laos was accepted as a dialogue partner of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) during the SCO summit held in Tianjin, China.
- The SCO merged the categories of dialogue partners and observers into a single status of SCO partners, with Laos being added to it.
- Following this, the grouping now comprises 10 members and 17 partners.
- The 2025 summit was the largest SCO gathering, with China, holding the Presidency, inviting 20 foreign leaders and 10 heads of international organisations, including UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, for the SCO Plus summit.

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Ques: Which states were the top performers in the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2024 for fiscal year 2023-24?

- A. Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Tripura
- B. Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Telangana
- C. Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Odisha
- D. Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh
- E. West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Sikkim

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2024, prepared by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) in collaboration with AEEE and published by the Ministry of Power, evaluates energy efficiency performance of 36 States and UTs for FY 2023-24.
- Top performing states in their respective groups were Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh (AP), Assam, and Tripura.
- The Front Runner category now includes AP, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu.
- Other states: Assam and Kerala are Achievers, while Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Odisha, and UP are Contenders.

Top Performing States by Energy Consumption Group :

Group 1 : Maharashtra

Group 2 : Andhra Pradesh (AP)

Group 3 : Assam

Group 4 : Tripura





Ques: On the occasion of the first Amma Samman Diwas, Sikkim CM launched which initiative for women?

- A. Nari Adalat
- B. Nari Shakti Vikas
- C. Mahila Nyaya Manch
- D. Stree Samman Sabha
- E. Women Justice Forum

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Sikkim CM Prem Singh Tamang launched 'Nari Adalat' on the occasion of the first Amma Samman Diwas at Rongpo.
- August 10 has been declared Amma Samman Diwas, a yearly tribute to mothers across the state.
- Nari Adalat is a community-based forum run by women, providing accessible and informal justice, especially in rural and semi-urban areas, without relying entirely on the formal court system.

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Ques: The annual three-day Mela Patt festival, dedicated to Lord Vasuki Nag, is celebrated in which Indian state/UT?

- A. Jammu and Kashmir
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Sikkim
- E. Assam

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Mela Patt is an annual three-day festival celebrated in Bhaderwah Valley, Doda district, Jammu and Kashmir.
- It is dedicated to Lord Vasuki Nag, the presiding deity of the valley, and is held at Khakhal Mohalla in Bhaderwah town.
- The festival has been celebrated since the 16th century and marks the historic meeting between Mughal Emperor Akbar and King Nag Pal of Bhaderwah.
- It begins every year on Nag Panchami, seven days after the conclusion of the Kailash Yatra.
- The Jhari procession, where a metallic “Jahari” is carried to the Vasuki Nag Temple.
- The iconic Patt display, a decorated conical arrangement of silk cloths and flowers.
- The traditional Dikko Dance, showcasing peace, pride, and communal harmony among people of all religions and backgrounds.





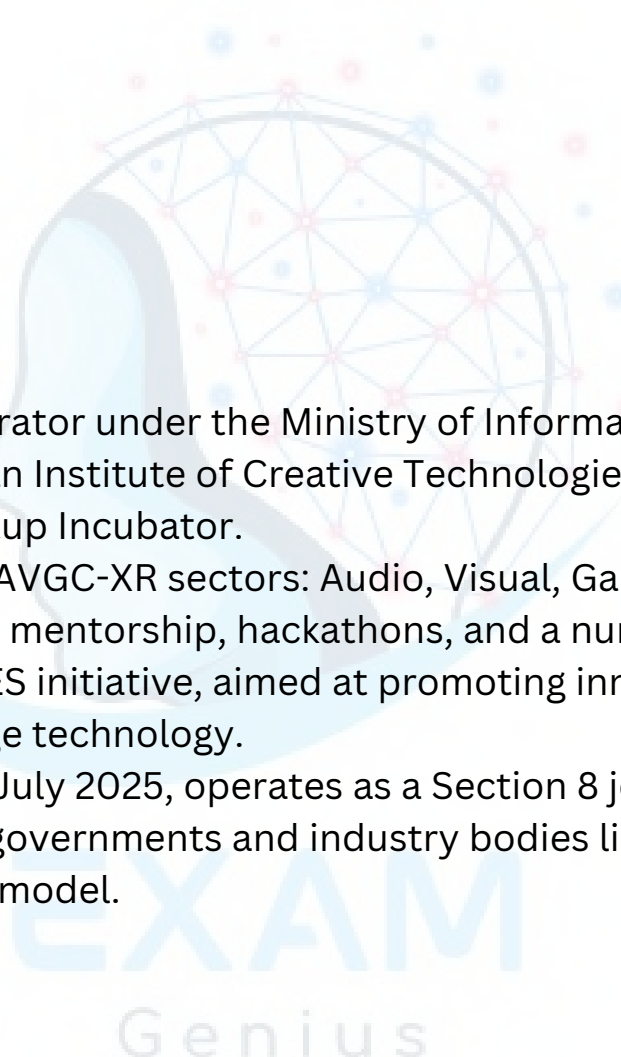
Ques: Which initiative recently launched a dedicated Media Tech Startup Incubator for the AVGC-XR sector?

- A. Startup India Accelerator
- B. WaveX by Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
- C. Atal Innovation Mission
- D. NITI Aayog Media Lab
- E. Make in India Media Hub

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- WaveX, the startup accelerator under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Creative Technologies (IICT), launched a dedicated Media Tech Startup Incubator.
- The incubator focuses on AVGC-XR sectors: Audio, Visual, Gaming, Comics, and Extended Reality, providing mentorship, hackathons, and a nurturing ecosystem.
- WaveX is part of the WAVES initiative, aimed at promoting innovation in media, entertainment, and language technology.
- IICT Mumbai, launched in July 2025, operates as a Section 8 joint venture, bringing together central and state governments and industry bodies like FICCI and CII in a public-private partnership model.





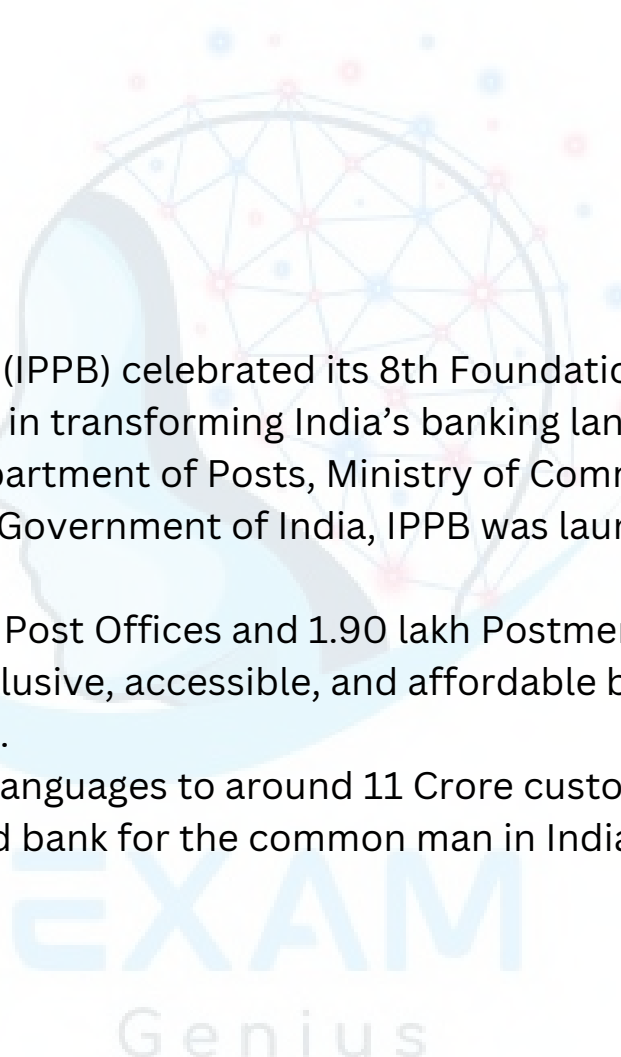
Ques: Which bank celebrated its 8th Foundation Day, leveraging India's postal network for financial inclusion?

- A. State Bank of India (SBI)
- B. India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)
- C. Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- D. HDFC Bank
- E. Bank of Baroda

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) celebrated its 8th Foundation Day, also called IPPB Day, marking progress in transforming India's banking landscape.
- Established under the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications, with 100% equity owned by the Government of India, IPPB was launched on 1st September 2018.
- It leverages over 1.64 lakh Post Offices and 1.90 lakh Postmen and Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS) to provide inclusive, accessible, and affordable banking services across 5.57 lakh villages and towns.
- IPPB offers services in 13 languages to around 11 Crore customers, aiming to be the most accessible and trusted bank for the common man in India.





Ques: How many UPI transactions were recorded in August 2025, crossing a historic milestone?

- A. 19.47 billion
- B. 24.85 billion
- C. 25.08 billion
- D. 21.67 billion
- E. 20.01 billion

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- In August 2025, UPI transactions crossed a historic milestone of 20.01 billion, with a total transaction value of ₹24.85 lakh crore.
- The daily average of UPI transactions in August was 645 million.
- Year-on-year growth: transaction volume rose 34%, and transaction value increased 21%.
- Top usage categories included groceries, restaurants, mobile recharges, service stations, and gaming apps.
- Maharashtra led UPI usage, followed by Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh.

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Ques: What was India's GST collection in August 2025?

- A. ₹1.75 lakh crore
- B. ₹1.84 lakh crore
- C. ₹2.01 lakh crore
- D. ₹1.96 lakh crore
- E. ₹1.86 lakh crore

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- India's GST collections for August 2025 rose by 6.5% year-on-year, reaching ₹1.86 lakh crore (₹1,86,315 crore), compared to ₹1.75 lakh crore in August 2024.
- Between April and August 2025, the gross GST collections totaled ₹10,04,414 crore, showing a 9.9% growth over the same period last year.

Recent month-wise GST collections :

March 2025 : ₹1,96,141 crore
April 2025 : ₹2,36,716 crore
May 2025 : ₹2,01,050 crore
June 2025 : ₹1,84,567 crore
July 2025 : ₹1,95,735 Crore

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Ques: BSE and NSE imposed a total fine of ₹10.72 lakh on Coal India Ltd for non-compliance with which SEBI regulation?

- A. Regulation 10
- B. Regulation 15
- C. Regulation 17
- D. Regulation 19
- E. Regulation 21

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Coal India Ltd was fined a total of ₹10.72 lakh (₹5.36 lakh each by BSE and NSE) for non-compliance with Regulation 17 of SEBI LODR.
- Regulation 17 deals with the appointment of independent directors on the board.
- The violation was observed for the quarter ending June 30, 2025, and the penalty was imposed due to the company not maintaining the required number of independent directors.
- This fine ensures compliance with SEBI norms to strengthen corporate governance in listed companies.

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Ques: Which two organisations signed an MoU to enhance insurance benefits for railway employees in India?

- A. Indian Railways & LIC
- B. Indian Railways & SBI
- C. Indian Railways & HDFC
- D. Indian Railways & ICICI Bank
- E. Indian Railways & PNB

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indian Railways (IR) and the State Bank of India (SBI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance insurance benefits for railway employees, especially frontline Group C workers.
- Under this MoU, insurance coverage for railway employees with SBI salary accounts has been raised to ₹1 crore, compared to earlier lower coverage under the Central Government Employees Group Insurance Scheme (CGEGIS).
- Employees holding SBI salary accounts are eligible for ₹10 lakh coverage without paying any premium or undergoing a medical examination.

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Ques: Who chaired the first-ever Sports Goods Manufacturing Conclave held in New Delhi?

- A. Union Minister of Commerce
- B. Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment
- C. Prime Minister of India
- D. Union Minister of MSME
- E. Union Minister of Industry

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The first-ever Sports Goods Manufacturing Conclave in New Delhi was chaired by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment.
- Organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, the conclave brought together stakeholders from NITI Aayog, Commerce Ministry, DPIIT, FICCI, CII, MSMEs, and leading sports industry representatives.
- For the first time, Sports Goods Manufacturing has been formally included in the Allocation of Business Rules, 1961 under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, granting it official policy recognition like other national industries.
- During the Sports Goods Manufacturing Conclave, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports announced that two nutritional supplement testing labs received NABL accreditation and FSSAI referral lab approval. These labs are:
 1. Centre of Excellence for Research and Analysis of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances at NFSU, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, and
 2. Analytical Testing Laboratory at NIPER, Hyderabad.





Ques: How many medals did India win at the World Games 2025 in Chengdu, China?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India secured a record haul of three medals at the World Games 2025 held in Chengdu, China from 7–17 August.
- The medals included one silver (Namrata Batra in women's sanda 52kg) and two bronze (Rishabh Yadav in men's individual compound archery and Anandkumar Velkumar in men's 1000m sprint).
- This performance marked India's first-ever medal in wushu at the World Games.
- India finished 65th in the overall medal table

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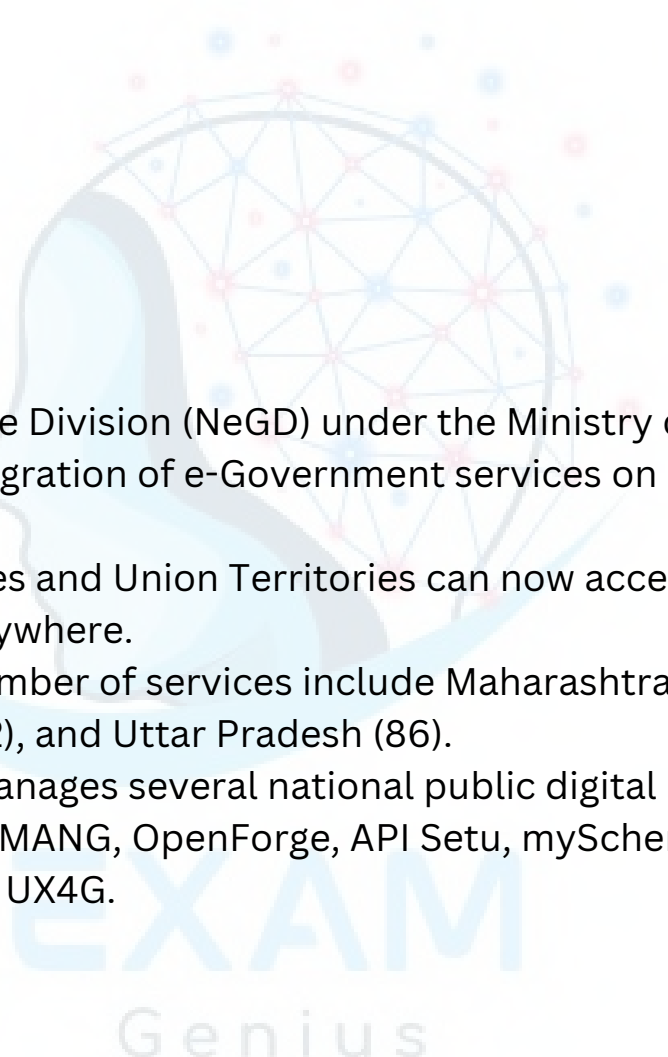
Ques: Which national initiative has enabled Pan-India integration of e-Government services on DigiLocker and e-District platforms?

- A. Digital India
- B. National e-Governance Division (NeGD)
- C. UMANG
- D. MyGov
- E. India Stack

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The National e-Governance Division (NeGD) under the Ministry of Electronics and IT has achieved Pan-India integration of e-Government services on DigiLocker and e-District platforms.
- Citizens across all 36 States and Union Territories can now access close to 2,000 digital services anytime, anywhere.
- States with the highest number of services include Maharashtra (254), Delhi (123), Karnataka (113), Assam (102), and Uttar Pradesh (86).
- NeGD, created in 2009, manages several national public digital platforms such as DigiLocker, Entity Locker, UMANG, OpenForge, API Setu, myScheme, India Stack Global, Meri Pehchaan, and UX4G.





Ques: The Matsya Shakti Project, launched in August 2025, aims to empower which community through skill development and sustainable livelihood training?

- A. Tribal communities
- B. Small-scale farmers
- C. Women entrepreneurs
- D. Minority fishing communities
- E. Artisans

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Matsya Shakti Project was launched in August 2025 by Union Minister George Kurian in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- It is designed to empower minority fishing communities through skill development, sustainable livelihood training, and entrepreneurial support under the Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) scheme.
- Managed by ICAR–Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) through its Vizhinjam Regional Centre and in collaboration with the Ministry of Minority Affairs, the one-year program targets 690 beneficiaries, providing stipends during training and post-training support to start enterprises or work as consultants.

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Ques: Where was the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Healthcare Summit 2025 held?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Beijing
- C. Mumbai
- D. Moscow
- E. Johannesburg

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Healthcare Summit 2025 was held in New Delhi with the theme "Bridging Tradition and Innovation."
- It was presided over by Shri Prataprao Jadhav, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ayush and Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare.
- During the summit, the minister highlighted that the Ministry of Ayush has signed MoUs with 25 countries, fostering international collaboration in traditional medicine and strengthening global healthcare partnerships.

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Ques: Where was the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3) held in 2025?

- A. Awaza, Turkmenistan
- B. Geneva, Switzerland
- C. New York, USA
- D. Vienna, Austria
- E. Nairobi, Kenya

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC3) was held in Awaza, Turkmenistan from 5–8 August 2025.
- The theme of the conference was “Driving Progress through Partnerships.”
- LLDC3, held once every ten years, highlights the development challenges of 32 landlocked developing countries, home to over 600 million people.
- The conference aims to facilitate coordinated international efforts to bridge development gaps and implement the Awaza Programme of Action (APoA 2024–2034), adopted by the UN General Assembly on 24 December 2024.
- APoA provides a framework to address structural challenges, mobilize investment, and advance sustainable development in LLDCs.

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Ques: Which company has announced the acquisition of a majority stake in Pinkvilla India Pvt Ltd?

- A. Amazon
- B. Flipkart
- C. Reliance Retail
- D. Zomato
- E. Tata Digital

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Flipkart announced the acquisition of a majority stake in Pinkvilla India Pvt Ltd.
- This move is part of Flipkart's strategy to expand its content footprint and enhance engagement with Gen Z and millennial audiences.
- Flipkart aims to leverage Pinkvilla's strong brand, capabilities, and loyal audience base.
- The deal size was not disclosed by Flipkart.
- This acquisition will strengthen Flipkart's position in the digital content and lifestyle media space

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Ques: Which tech company has partnered with the ICC to enhance fan engagement in women's cricket?

- A. Microsoft
- B. Google
- C. Apple
- D. Amazon
- E. Facebook

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) partnered with Google to enhance fan engagement in women's cricket.
- Google became the second women's-only partner of ICC after Unilever.
- The partnership, announced ahead of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 (India & Sri Lanka) and Women's T20 World Cup 2026 (England & Wales), will leverage Google's ecosystem—Android, Google Gemini, Google Pay, and Google Pixel—to provide fans smarter, interactive ways to follow matches and highlights.

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Ques: According to the National Annual Report and Index (NARI) 2025, which city is ranked among the safest for women in India?

- A. Patna
- B. Jaipur
- C. Kohima
- D. Delhi
- E. Kolkata

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The National Annual Report and Index (NARI) 2025, published by the National Commission for Women (NCW), surveyed 12,770 women across 31 major cities to assess women's safety.
- The report ranked Kohima, Visakhapatnam, Bhubaneswar, Aizawl, Gangtok, Itanagar, and Mumbai as the safest cities for women.
- The national safety score is 65%, with cities categorized as “much above,” “above,” “below,” or “much below” this benchmark.
- Public spaces such as neighbourhoods (38%) and public transport (29%) were reported as common hotspots for safety concerns.
- Overall, six in ten women surveyed felt safe in their city, while 40% considered themselves “not so safe” or “unsafe”, with the highest risk group being women under 24 years.

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Ques: Which Indian organization won the Ramon Magsaysay Award 2025?

- A. Pratham Education Foundation
- B. Foundation to Educate Girls Globally (Educate Girls)
- C. Smile Foundation
- D. Teach For India
- E. Akshaya Patra Foundation

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Foundation to Educate Girls Globally, popularly known as Educate Girls, won the Ramon Magsaysay Award 2025, often referred to as Asia's Nobel Prize.
- It was founded by Safeena Husain and has become the first Indian organization to receive this prestigious honor.
- The award is given by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and the Philippine government, with winners announced every year on August 31, the birth anniversary of former Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay.
- Other 2025 awardees include Shaahina Ali from the Maldives and Flaviano Antonio L. Villanueva from the Philippines for their exceptional contributions to public service.

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Ques: NTPC shareholders approved a 1-year extension for CMD Gurdeep Singh. Until which year will he now serve?

- A. 2025
- B. 2026
- C. 2027
- D. 2028
- E. 2029

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- NTPC shareholders approved the reappointment of Gurdeep Singh as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) for an additional 1-year term, extending his tenure till 31st July 2026.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) had earlier approved this extension beyond his superannuation date of 31st July 2025.
- Gurdeep Singh has been leading NTPC since 2016, contributing significantly to renewable energy expansion and power sector reforms.

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Ques: What is the Bharat Forecast System (BharatFS) recently informed to the Rajya Sabha by Union Minister Jitendra Singh?

- A. An advanced indigenous weather forecasting system
- B. A new satellite navigation system
- C. A high-speed rail network project
- D. A national disaster management platform
- E. A solar energy forecasting system

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Bharat Forecast System (BharatFS) is an indigenously developed advanced weather forecasting system recently highlighted in the Rajya Sabha by Union Minister Jitendra Singh.
- It uses the Triangular Cubic Octahedral (TCO) dynamical grid, enabling a 6 km horizontal resolution, which is higher than its predecessor (GFS T1534 ~12 km) and typical global models (9–14 km).
- Developed by Indian institutions including IITM-Pune, NCMRWF-Noida, and IMD, and supported by supercomputing facilities Arka and Arunika, it enables real-time, high-resolution weather prediction.
- The system aims to provide forecasts at the cluster of panchayats level and improve the prediction of extreme weather events.

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IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

In continuation of the Public Notice dated August 22, 2025, the Department of Posts has reviewed the suspension of booking of mail to the United States of America

PM Narendra Modi gifted Vintage Precious Stone Ramen Bowls with Silver Chopsticks, which included 1 large brown moonstone bowl, 4 smaller bowls, and silver chopsticks

The Indian Navy's indigenous ASW Corvette INS Kadmatt arrived at Port Moresby to participate in Papua New Guinea's 50th Independence Day celebrations, reaffirming the growing friendship and maritime partnership between India and Papua New Guinea.

Economist with roots in Kalaburagi, Karnataka, SP Kothari Appointed as Assistant secretary for the Office of Economic Policy at the US department of the treasury. He receive Padma Shri award in 2020

Indian Railways flags off first industrial salt-loaded rake from Sanosara (Bhuj - Naliya section) to Dahej. The first rake carried 3851.2 tonnes of industrial salt, covering 673.57 km and generating ₹31.69 lakh in earnings.

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