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Ques: Which organization has directed banks to settle unclaimed deposits through special camps between October and December 2025?

- A. SEBI
- B. IRDAI
- C. RBI
- D. Ministry of Finance
- E. NABARD

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- ▶ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has asked all banks to settle unclaimed deposits such as savings/current accounts inactive for 10 years, term deposits not claimed within 10 years, dividends, interest warrants, pensions, etc., over the next three months (October–December 2025).
- ▶ Such deposits are transferred to the Depositor Education and Awareness Fund (DEAF) maintained by RBI, but claimants can withdraw them later with interest.
- ▶ To facilitate settlement, RBI will organize district-level week-long joint camps, starting in Gujarat in October 2025 and continuing across India until December.
- ▶ The State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) will lead the initiative in respective states to ensure maximum claim settlements.

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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- RBI renewed its Statement of Commitment (SoC) to the FX Global Code, reaffirming adherence to global best practices in the forex market.
- RBI finalized the “Authentication Mechanisms for Digital Payment Transactions” Directions, 2025, effective from April 1, 2026.
- RBI cancelled the Certificate of Registration (CoR) of Datta Finance and Trading IPvt. Ltd., an NBFC, due to irregular lending practices.
- Investors can now hold up to 10% stake in Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) without prior RBI approval.
- From November 1, 2025, all Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) funds will be routed via RBI’s e-Kuber platform.
- PhonePe received final RBI approval to operate as an online payment aggregator.
- DBS Bank India became the first and only wholly-owned subsidiary authorised by RBI to collect GST payments as an Agency Bank.
- RBI constituted a Regulatory Review Cell (RRC) to strengthen the institutional mechanism for reviewing regulations.
- RBI issued new directions to regulate payment aggregators in 2025, which came into effect immediately.





Ques: What is the Ways and Means Advances (WMA) limit set by the RBI for the second half of FY 2025-26 (October 2025–March 2026)?

- A. ₹25,000 crore
- B. ₹50,000 crore
- C. ₹75,000 crore
- D. ₹1,00,000 crore
- E. ₹1,50,000 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), in consultation with the Government of India, set the WMA limit for H2 FY 2025-26 (Oct–Mar 2026) at ₹50,000 crore.
- RBI may trigger fresh market loan floatation once the Government utilises 75% of this limit.
- For the first half (H1) of FY 2025-26, the WMA limit was ₹1,50,000 crore.
- Interest rate: WMA = Repo Rate; Overdraft = Repo Rate + 2%.

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Ques: What is the minimum net worth requirement for an SRO in the Fintech (SRO-FT) sector?

- A. ₹1 crore
- B. ₹2 crore
- C. ₹5 crore
- D. ₹10 crore
- E. ₹15 crore

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Fintech Association for Consumer Empowerment (FACE) is India's first Self-Regulatory Organisation for Fintech (SRO-FT).
- To qualify as an SRO-FT, an entity must have a minimum net worth of ₹2 crore.
- In comparison, general financial market SROs like FIMMDA require ₹10 crore, while SROs within the Account Aggregator (AA) ecosystem also need ₹2 crore.
- After RBI recognition, FACE's membership grew from 60 in August 2024 to 275 in August 2025, showing its expanding role in fintech regulation and consumer empowerment.

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Ques: SBI Mutual Fund recently launched its first scheme under the Specialised Investment Fund (SIF) category. What is its name?

- A. SBI Magnum Balanced Fund
- B. SBI Magnum Equity Hybrid Fund
- C. SBI Magnum Hybrid Long Short
- D. SBI Magnum Debt Fund
- E. SBI Magnum Arbitrage Fund

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- SBI Mutual Fund launched its first Magnum Hybrid Long Short scheme under the Specialised Investment Fund (SIF) category.
- The scheme aims to generate regular income through derivatives strategies, including covered calls, arbitrage, and cash & derivatives segments.
- Investment allocation: 65–75% equity, 25–35% debt, and 10% in REITs & InVITs; target returns are 8–11% (not guaranteed).
- The New Fund Offer (NFO) opened for subscription from October 1, 2025.

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Ques: Which organization launched a dedicated window in the Food Safety Compliance System (FSCS) portal for licensing and registration of Ayurveda Aahara products?

- A. Ministry of AYUSH
- B. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- E. National Institute of Ayurveda

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- FSSAI launched a dedicated window in the Food Safety Compliance System portal for licensing and registration of Ayurveda Aahara products.
- Ayurveda Aahara refers to traditional Ayurvedic food products formulated based on ancient texts and principles.
- The initiative includes a list of 91 pre-approved traditional recipes, published on 25 July 2025, based on ancient Ayurvedic texts.

About FSSAI:

- Established: 2008
- HQ: New Delhi
- Chairperson: Ms. Punya Salila Srivastava





Recent News Headlines Related to SBI :

- Hero Future Energies (HFE), the renewable energy arm of Hero Group, secured ₹1,024 crore funding from SBI for a 60 MW Hybrid Peak Power Project in Kurnool district, Andhra Pradesh.
- SBI Foundation, the CSR arm of the State Bank of India, launched the SBI Platinum Jubilee Asha Scholarship 2025 with a funding commitment of ₹90 crore for FY26.
- The State Bank of India (SBI) sold about 413.44 crore equity shares of Yes Bank.
- SBI, through its Start-up Branch, hosted its first-ever Start-up Pitch Fest – Dream2Demo.
- SBI raised \$500 million by issuing 5-year bonds with a 4.50% coupon rate, payable semi-annually.
- SBI provided a €100 million line of credit to Agence Francaise de Developpement (AFD). SBI aims to achieve a green portfolio of 7.5–10% of its domestic gross advances by 2030.
- SBI Research (Ecowrap report) estimated India's Q1 FY26 GDP growth at 6.8%–7.0%, higher than RBI's forecast of 6.5%.
- SBI Economic Research Department (ERD) reported a significant increase in UPI adoption.
- SBI ERD released state-wise UPI transaction data for the first time; Maharashtra led with a 9.8% share in July.
- SBI introduced a unique personal loan program for Agniveers; eligible SBI salary account holders can avail loans up to ₹4 lakh.





- SBI revised its IMPS (Immediate Payment Service) charges effective August 15, 2025.
- SBI plans to raise up to ₹15,000 crore in FY26 through Tier-II bonds.
- SBI disbursed ₹32,311 crore in education loans between FY 2022-23 and 2024-25, topping the list; Union Bank of India ranked second with ₹14,559 crore.
- SBI has been named the World's Best Consumer Bank for 2025 by Global Finance magazine.
- SBI posted a 12.48% YoY increase in Q1 FY26 net profit to ₹19,160 crore.

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Ques: Who was appointed as the Chairman of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) during its 39th AGM?

- A. Partha Sinha
- B. Sudhanshu Vats
- C. Rakesh Kapoor
- D. Nitin Paranjpe
- E. Amitabh Kant

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sudhanshu Vats, Managing Director of Pidilite Industries, was appointed as Chairman of ASCI during the 39th Annual General Meeting.
- He replaced Partha Sinha, the outgoing chairman.

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Ques: Who launched the Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025, India's largest school hackathon?

- A. Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- B. Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan
- C. NITI Aayog CEO
- D. AICTE Chairman
- E. Atal Innovation Mission Director

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025, India's largest school hackathon, was launched by Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan.
- Aim: To engage students from Class 6th to 12th across India in a large-scale hackathon focusing on creativity and problem-solving.
- Organised by: Department of School Education & Literacy, in partnership with Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, and AICTE.
- Four key themes: Vocal for Local, Atmanirbhar Bharat, Swadeshi, and Samriddhi.
- Winners will be announced in January 2026, with over 1,000 top innovators recognised.

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Ques: Where will the tri-service exercise ‘Cold Start 1’, aimed at testing drones and counter-drone technologies, be conducted?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Gujarat
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Punjab
- E. Haryana

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indian Armed Forces will conduct the tri-service exercise ‘Cold Start 1’ in Madhya Pradesh from 6–10 October 2025.
- The exercise will focus on testing indigenous drones and counter-drone technologies, building on lessons from Operation Sindoor.
- It aims to strengthen India’s counter-drone capabilities and multi-layered air defence systems.
- India is also developing the Sudarshan Chakra Air Defence System for counter-UAVs, hypersonic threat mitigation, and integrated weapon systems.

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Ques: FIFA unveiled three official mascots for the 23rd FIFA World Cup 2026. Which of the following pairs is correct?

- A. Clutch – Jaguar – Mexico
- B. Zayu – Moose – Canada
- C. Maple – Bald Eagle – USA
- D. Clutch – Bald Eagle – USA
- E. Zayu – Tiger – India

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- FIFA unveiled three official mascots – Clutch, Zayu, and Maple – for the 23rd FIFA World Cup 2026.
- The tournament will be co-hosted by the United States, Mexico, and Canada from June 26 to July 19, 2026, marking the first time the event is held across three countries.
- Clutch (Bald Eagle – USA): Midfielder
- Zayu (Jaguar – Mexico): Striker
- Maple (Moose – Canada): Goalkeeper

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Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals

- The Portal Logistics Data Bank (LDB) 2.0 was launched by Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal.
- PM Modi launched the Gyan Bharatam Portal on 12 September 2025 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, during the International Conference on Gyan Bharatam.
- Portal Kapas Kisan was launched by Union Minister Giriraj Singh, Ministry of Textiles, and developed by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI).
- Union Minister for Communications and Development of North East Region, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, launched the AI-powered interactive mobile application for India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025.
- The 'Vedic Clock' and its mobile app were launched by Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav in Bhopal.
- The Ministry of Minority Affairs launched an additional module on the UMEED portal.
- The Press Sewa Portal was launched by Press Registrar General of India (PRGI) Yogesh Baweja.
- NITI Aayog launched the "Work for Viksit Bharat" portal to recruit professionals in sectors like economics, big data, infrastructure, climate change, telecom, and IT.
- Tutoz, India's first AI-powered learning app, was launched by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.
- Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia launched the Sanchar Saathi mobile app in 22 Indian languages to enhance accessibility and combat telecom frauds.





- Meri Panchayat App, an m-Governance platform, was developed by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and NIC under MeitY.
- UIDAI launched the “Reporting of Death of a Family Member” service on the myAadhaar Portal on 9th June 2025.
- The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) launched a new dedicated portal: <https://grants.depwd.gov.in>.
- The Government of India recently added 7 products from Bihar to the e-NAM (National Agriculture Market) platform to promote online trading.

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Ques: Who inaugurated India's first fleet of electric heavy trucks with swappable battery technology at Nhava Sheva Distribution Terminal?

- A. Nitin Gadkari
- B. Sarbananda Sonowal
- C. Piyush Goyal
- D. Dharmendra Pradhan
- E. Mansukh Mandaviya

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, inaugurated India's first fleet of electric heavy trucks with swappable battery technology.
- The inauguration took place at Nhava Sheva Distribution Terminal of Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA).
- 50 electric heavy trucks were initially flagged-off, expected to expand to 80 trucks by end-2025.
- JNPA aims to electrify its approximately 600 heavy trucks in internal logistics operations by December 2026.

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Ques: Where is the 11th ISSF Junior World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun 2025 being hosted?

- A. New Delhi, India
- B. Tokyo, Japan
- C. Paris, France
- D. Moscow, Russia
- E. Beijing, China

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The ISSF Junior World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun 2025 is being held from 24 September to 2 October 2025 in New Delhi.
- Venue: Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range.
- This is the 11th edition of the Junior Shooting World Cup and the first time India is hosting it.
- 208 shooters from 19 delegations are participating, including 69 Indian members, led by Olympian Raiza Dhillon and Asian trap champion Sabeera Haris.

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Ques: India has nominated which institute as the UN's Centre of Excellence (COE) for Artificial Intelligence (AI)?

- A. IIT Bombay
- B. IIT Delhi
- C. IIT Madras
- D. IISc Bengaluru
- E. IIT Kanpur

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India nominated IIT Madras as the UN Centre of Excellence (COE) for Artificial Intelligence (AI) under the UN Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies (ODET) initiative.
- The COE will focus on AI capacity building, skilling, and governance to address challenges in the evolving technological landscape.
- India will also host the AI Impact Summit in February 2026, showcasing its India AI Mission with 38,000 GPUs and over 300 open-source AI models.

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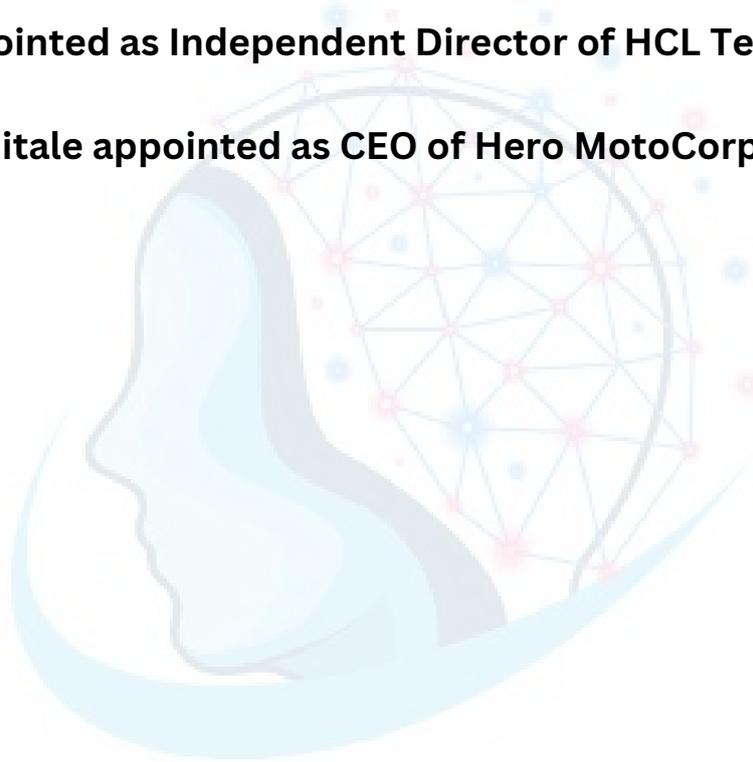
Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Amita Chaudhary appointed as Chair of the UNEP FI Principles for Sustainable Insurance (PSI) Board.
- Mithun Manhas appointed as BCCI President.
- IAS officer Pawan Kumar Sharma appointed as Deputy Election Commissioner.
- B. Sairam appointed as Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Coal India Limited (CIL), replacing P.M. Prasad.
- Ms. Vandana Gupta appointed as Controller General of Communication Accounts, New Delhi.
- Dr. Sima Sami Bahous reappointed for her second 4-year term as Executive Director of UN Women.
- Vishakha Mulye appointed as MD & CEO of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL), replacing Ajay Srinivasan.
- Former Indian diplomat Preeti Saran appointed as Chair of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR).
- Justice M. Sundar (Madras High Court) appointed as 10th Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court, replacing Justice Kempaiah Somashekar.
- Professor Pradeep Kumar Prajapati appointed as Director of the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi.
- Amit Khare appointed as Secretary to Vice-President Radhakrishnan.
- Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat given additional charge of Maharashtra, replacing C.P. Radhakrishnan.





- Dr. Geetha Vani Rayasam appointed as Director of CSIR-NIScPR.
- Giridhar Parvatam appointed as Director of CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru.
- Amitabh Kant appointed as Independent Director of HCL Technologies.
- Harshavardhan Chitale appointed as CEO of Hero MotoCorp Ltd, replacing Niranjan Gupta.



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Ques: Which country has announced the launch of the new K-Visa for global young STEM professionals from October 1, 2025?

- A. United States
- B. Australia
- C. Canada
- D. United Kingdom
- E. China

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- China launched the K-Visa for young STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) professionals worldwide.
- The visa does not require employer sponsorship, allowing independent applications.
- This initiative comes after the U.S. announced a \$100,000 application fee for new H-1B visas.

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Ques: Which authority launched the Dubai Autonomous Zone (DAZ), a 15-kilometre corridor for driverless vehicles and marine transport?

- A. Dubai Civil Aviation Authority
- B. Dubai Roads and Transport Authority (RTA)
- C. Dubai Maritime Authority
- D. Dubai Smart City Authority
- E. Dubai Traffic Police

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Dubai Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) announced the launch of the Dubai Autonomous Zone (DAZ), a 15-kilometre dedicated corridor for driverless vehicles and marine transport.
- RoboTaxis will start operations within DAZ by Q1 2026, and all seven autonomous modes are expected to be functional by mid-2027.
- Developed in partnership with Uber and WeRide, app-based autonomous services are expected to launch in early 2026.

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Ques: According to the Kroll Celebrity Brand Valuation 2024, who retained the top spot in India with a brand value of USD 231.1 million?

- A. Rohit Sharma
- B. Shahrukh Khan
- C. MS Dhoni
- D. Ranveer Singh
- E. Virat Kohli

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Virat Kohli retained the top spot in 2024 with a brand value of USD 231.1 million, an increase of nearly 2% from USD 227.9 million in 2023.
- India's top 25 celebrities, including movie stars and sportspersons, accounted for USD 2 billion in 2024, up over 8.6% from last year.
- Bollywood celebrities accounted for 65% of total brand value, followed by sportspersons (28.4%).
- Alia Bhatt ranked 4th with a brand valuation of USD 116.4 million, making her the most valued female celebrity in the list.
- Only 9 women featured in the top 25 list for 2024, up from 8 in 2023.

Ranking of Top 5 Most Valued Indian Celebrities:

1. Virat Kohli – Cricketer
2. Ranveer Singh – Actor
3. Shah Rukh Khan – Actor
4. Alia Bhatt – Actor
5. Sachin Tendulkar – Cricketer

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Ques: By 2030, how much green energy capacity does ONGC aim to acquire?

- A. 1–1.5 GW
- B. 5–6 GW
- C. 2.5–3 GW
- D. 7–8 GW
- E. 10 GW

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- ONGC has set a target to acquire 2.5–3 GW of solar and wind projects by 2030 as part of its renewable energy expansion plan.
- The company will invest ₹1 lakh crore in green energy projects, focusing on solar, wind, green hydrogen, bioenergy, and ammonia.
- This aligns with ONGC's goal to reduce carbon emissions by 1 billion tonnes and cut carbon intensity by 45% by 2030.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Defence Exercise

- ▶ **Bilateral Maritime exercise 1st Edition held in Harbour Phase and Sea Phase at Mediterranean Sea between Indian Navy (IN) and the Hellenic Navy (HN) (Greece)**
- ▶ **The Indian Army's 1st Armoured Division conducted 'Exercise Jaal Shakti', a combat-readiness drill to validate water obstacle crossing capabilities under operational conditions**
- ▶ **Exercise Pacific Reach 2025 (XPR 25) was the 9th edition of the exercise, held at Changi Naval Base, Singapore**
- ▶ **The joint air and naval exercise "Freedom Edge" was held at Jeju Island, South Korea. It was conducted between the United States, South Korea, and Japan to enhance trilateral defense cooperation**
- ▶ **From September 8–10, 2025, the Indian Army successfully carried out Exercise Siyom Prahar, a significant field training exercise designed to validate the use of drone technology in contemporary tactical operations**
- ▶ **The Indian Armed Forces contingent comprising 65 personnel departed for Russia to participate in the multilateral joint military exercise ZAPAD 2025**
- ▶ **Sagarmatha Friendship-2025, a 10 days drill runs until 16 September 2025 in Kathmandu. It is a bilateral military exercise between Nepal and China, initiated in 2017**
- ▶ **The Typhon Mid-Range Capability (MRC) missile system, also known as the Strategic Mid-Range Fires System (SMRF), will be temporarily deployed to Japan during the Resolute Dragon joint exercise**
- ▶ **Exercise Achook Prahar 2025 was conducted from August 25 to 28 in central Arunachal Pradesh. It involved troops from the Indian Army's Spear Corps and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)**





- Indian Army has conducted Exercise Yudh Kaushal 3.0 in the high-altitude Kameng region of Arunachal Pradesh, showcasing its preparedness for next-generation warfare in extreme Himalayan conditions
- 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
- Indonesia, along with the United States and allied nations, launched the annual military exercise Super Garuda Shield 2025

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India's Rankings in Different Indices

- Mercedes-Benz Hurun India Wealth Report 2025 : Maharashtra remains India's richest state
- 18th edition of the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025, published by WIPO : India (38th), Switzerland (1st)
- 2025 Global Peace Index (GPI), released by Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) : India (115th), Iceland (1st)
- Smart City Index 2025, published by IMD : Delhi (104), Zurich (1st)
- World Competitiveness Ranking (WCR) 2025, published by IMD, Switzerland : India (41st), Switzerland (1st)
- Top 500 Global Brands List 2025, published by TopBrand Union : Microsoft (1st)
- Mid-2025 Numbeo Safety Index : India (67th), Abu Dhabi, UAE (1st)
- Fortune 100 Most Powerful People in Business List 2025 : Mukesh Ambani (56th), Jensen Huang (1st)
- Global AI City Index 2025, published by Counterpoint Research : Singapore (1st), Bengaluru (26th)
- India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) 2024, launched by NITI Aayog : Delhi, Maharashtra, Chandigarh top performers
- WATS 2024 report, published by IATA : India (5th), USA (1st)
- 71st edition of the Fortune Global 500 List 2025 : Reliance Industries (88th), Walmart Inc. (1st)





- **EduRank 2025 Global List for Agricultural Sciences : Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) (93rd)**
- **Henley Passport Index 2025 (July edition), published by Henley & Partners (UK) : India (77th), Singapore (1st)**
- **Travel + Leisure Readers' 10 Favourite International Airports of 2025 List : Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (9th), Istanbul Airport (1st)**
- **Forbes' 2025 list of the 50 Richest Self-Made Women : Falguni Nayar (31st), Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw (32nd), Raefaela Aponte-Diamant (1st)**
- **Avendus Wealth–Hurun India U30 List 2025 (1st edition) : Kaivalya Vohra (1st), Aadit Palicha (2nd)**

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Ques: Which popular Assamese singer passed away on 19 September 2025 in Singapore during a scuba diving accident?

- A. Bhupen Hazarika
- B. Zubeen Garg
- C. Angaraag Mahanta
- D. Papon
- E. Jayanta Hazarika

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Zubeen Garg, a popular Assamese singer, passed away on 19 September 2025 in Singapore during a scuba diving accident at the age of 52.
- Born on 18 November 1972 in Tura, Meghalaya, he was remembered as a cultural icon of Assam.
- He was popularly called “Luit Kontho” because his voice was compared to the mighty Brahmaputra River.
- Zubeen won several awards, including the National Film Award for Best Music Direction in 2007 for the film Echoes of Silence.

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