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Ques: Which public sector bank became the second PSB to be approved as a Trading-Cum-Clearing Member (TCM) on the India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX)?

- A. Punjab National Bank
- B. Indian Bank
- C. Canara Bank
- D. Union Bank of India
- E. Bank of Baroda

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Bank of Baroda (BOB) has been approved by the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) to operate as a Trading-Cum-Clearing Member (TCM) on the India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX) at GIFT City, Gujarat.
- BOB becomes the second Public Sector Bank (PSB) after SBI to receive the TCM status.
- IIBX, established by the Government of India in July 2022 at Gandhinagar, Gujarat, is India's first international bullion exchange.

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Ques: BRICS-backed New Development Bank (NDB) will issue its first rupee-denominated bond in India before which year?

- A. 2024
- B. 2025
- C. 2026
- D. 2027
- E. 2028

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The BRICS-backed New Development Bank (NDB) will issue its first rupee-denominated bond in India's domestic market before end-March 2026.
- Earlier, NDB raised funds in Chinese yuan and South African rand and is in advanced discussions with the RBI for this debut issuance.
- The bank plans to raise \$400–500 million via 3–5 year bonds in the first tranche.

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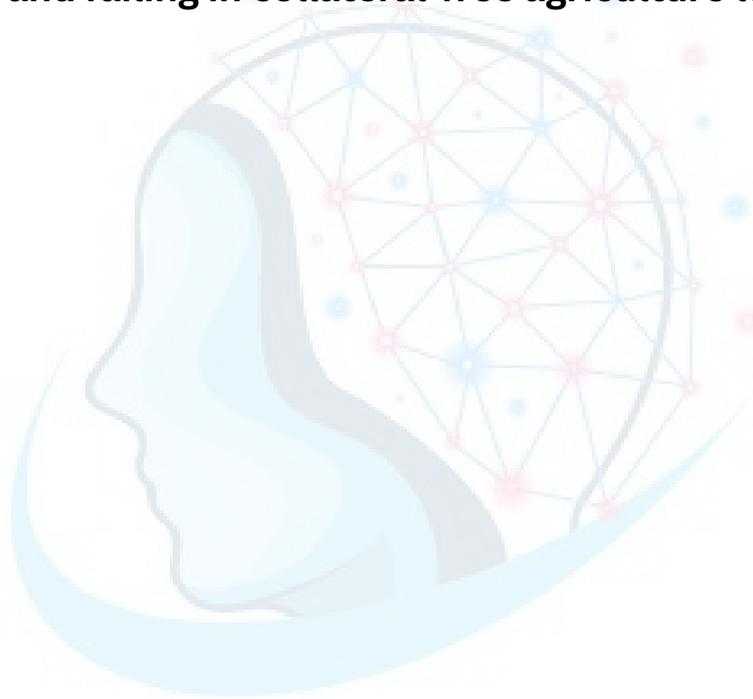
Recent Penalties imposed on Banks:

- RBI imposed ₹21 lakh penalty on PhonePe Limited (formerly PhonePe Pvt. Ltd.)
- IDBI Bank filed insolvency plea against Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd (ZEEL) at NCLT, alleging ₹225.23 crore default
- Coal India Ltd fined ₹10.72 lakh (₹5.36 lakh each by BSE and NSE) for SEBI LODR Regulation 17 non-compliance
- RBI imposed ₹44.70 lakh penalty on Bandhan Bank for non-compliance in automation of IRAC processes
- RBI imposed ₹75 lakh penalty on ICICI Bank for non-compliance with regulatory directions
- IRDAI imposed ₹5 crore penalty on Policybazaar Insurance Brokers
- IRDAI imposed ₹3.39 crore penalty on Star Health and Allied Insurance
- RBI imposed ₹2.70 lakh penalty on Shriram Finance Limited for violating Digital Lending Directions 2025
- RBI fined HDFC Bank ₹4.88 lakh for irregularities in issuing a term loan
- SEBI imposed ₹25 lakh fine on BSE Ltd for regulatory violations (Feb 2021–Sep 2022)
- IRDAI imposed ₹1 crore penalty on Edelweiss Life Insurance for violating corporate governance norms





- RBI imposed ₹29.60 lakh penalty on Fino Payments Bank
- SEBI imposed ₹25 lakh fine on MCX (India's largest commodity exchange)
- RBI imposed ₹63.6 lakh penalty on Union Bank of India for violating Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and failing in collateral-free agriculture loans



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Ques: The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) recently imposed a penalty of ₹2,00,000 on which company for false and misleading price representations?

- A. Amazon
- B. Flipkart
- C. FirstCry (Digital Age Retail Pvt. Ltd.)
- D. Snapdeal
- E. Myntra

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The CCPA has imposed a penalty of ₹2,00,000 on M/s Digital Age Retail Pvt. Ltd. (FirstCry) for misleading price representations.
- The order was passed under Sections 10, 20, and 21 of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.
- The company displayed products as “MRP inclusive of all taxes,” but later levied extra GST at checkout, amounting to deceptive pricing.
- This was held as misleading advertisement [Section 2(28)] and unfair trade practice [Section 2(47)] under the Act.
- By engaging in “drip pricing,” a dark pattern under the Dark Patterns Guidelines, 2023, consumers were misled about the final price.
- This also violated Rule 7(1)(e) of the Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020, requiring total price inclusive of taxes to be shown upfront.

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Ques: Which regulator barred HDFC Bank's DIFC branch from taking new clients?

- A. DFSA
- B. SEBI
- C. RBI
- D. IMF
- E. FATF

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA) has barred HDFC Bank's DIFC branch from soliciting or conducting business with new clients, effective 26 September 2025.
- The restriction covers all financial services, including advising on financial products, arranging investments, arranging credit, custody services, and client onboarding.
- HDFC Bank opened its DIFC branch on 4 August 2014 to provide wealth management services to the Indian diaspora in the Gulf.
- This was HDFC Bank's third overseas branch, after Bahrain and Hong Kong.

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Ques: Which bank signed an MoU with Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited to provide financial support for solar energy adoption by MSMEs and C&I customers?

- A. State Bank of India
- B. Punjab National Bank
- C. ICICI Bank
- D. Bank of Baroda
- E. HDFC Bank

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Bank of Baroda (BOB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL) to support MSMEs and Commercial & Industrial (C&I) customers in adopting solar energy.
- Under the MoU, BOB will offer loans for solar projects with interest rates starting from 7.75% for capacities up to 10 MW, through TPREL or its authorized partners.
- The bank provides collateral-free loans up to ₹10 crore, covered under Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), with flexible repayment tenure up to 120 months, relaxed margin requirements starting at 20%, and concessional processing fees.

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Ques: Which country clinched their ninth Asia Cup title with a thrilling five-wicket victory over Pakistan at the Dubai International Stadium?

- A. India
- B. Japan
- C. France
- D. Russia
- E. China

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India clinched their ninth Asia Cup title with a thrilling five-wicket victory over Pakistan at the Dubai International Stadium on 28 September 2025.
- The winning Indian team reportedly received US \$300,000 as the prize money (approx. Rs ~20–21 million).
- The runner-up (Pakistan) reportedly received US \$75,000.
- In addition, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced a cash reward of ₹21 crore for the Indian team and its support staff.

Awards of Asia Cup 2025:

- Man of the Match: Tilak Verma
- Most Valuable Player of Tournament: Kuldeep Yadav – 17 Wickets
- Player of the Tournament: Abhisek Varma – 314 Runs





About Asia Cup 2025 :

- Started : 1984
- Tournament format : Group stage and knockout
- 2025 edition : 17th Edition, 8 Participants
- Host : United Arab Emirates
- Mascot : Sheru
- Champions : India (9th title) Most Successful
- Runners-up : Pakistan
- This was the first time that India and Pakistan met in an Asia Cup final.



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Ques: Under the PM E-Drive scheme, what subsidy is provided for EV charging stations at government premises?

- A. 50% on both infrastructure and EVSE
- B. 80% on both infrastructure and EVSE
- C. 100% on infrastructure only
- D. 100% on both infrastructure and EVSE
- E. 70% on EVSE and 50% on infrastructure

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Under the PM E-Drive scheme, government premises (offices, hospitals, schools, residential complexes) will receive 100% subsidy on both upstream infrastructure and EV charging equipment (EVSE), provided chargers are open for public use.
- For transport hubs & PSU-controlled locations (railway stations, airports, OMC outlets, bus depots, toll plazas), the subsidy is 80% on infrastructure and 70% on EVSE.
- At other public locations (streets, malls, markets), only 80% subsidy on infrastructure is provided.
- The total outlay of PM E-Drive scheme is ₹10,900 crore, extended till 31 March 2028.

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Ques: Which ministry is organizing the 29th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (CoCSSO) in Chandigarh?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Planning
- E. Ministry of Science and Technology

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) is organizing the 29th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (CoCSSO) in Chandigarh.
- CoCSSO has been playing a key role in strengthening Centre–State coordination since 1971.
- This year’s CoCSSO conference theme is: ‘Strengthening Local Level Governance’.

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Ques: Who won the Changemaker of the Year Award at The Hindu BusinessLine Changemaker Awards 2024?

- A. Azim Premji Foundation
- B. DRDO
- C. Bhashini
- D. Impulse NGO Network
- E. eVidyaloka

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- At the Hindu BusinessLine Changemaker Awards 2024, the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) was honoured as the Changemaker of the Year for its remarkable contributions to India's defence research and innovation.
- Other winners included Azim Premji Foundation (Iconic Changemaker), Bhashini (Digital Transformation), Impulse NGO Network (Social Transformation), Kalyani Shinde, Vaishali Sharma & Anil Pradhan (Young Changemakers), and eVidyaloka (Chairperson's Award).

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Ques: From 1 October 2025, what type of arrival card will foreigners travelling to India need to submit?

- A. Physical Arrival Card
- B. Digital Arrival Card (E-Arrival Card)
- C. Visa-on-Arrival Form
- D. Paperless Travel Card
- E. Manual Immigration Form

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India (GoI) has discontinued the physical disembarkation form (Paper Arrival Card) for foreigners travelling to India from 1 October 2025.
- Instead, travelers can now submit a Digital Arrival Card (E-Arrival Card) online for a smooth immigration process at arrival counters.
- With this move, India joins countries like Singapore, the United Kingdom (UK), and Taiwan, which have successfully implemented digital arrival cards.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- **Hombale Samhita Harinikumar Alumni Krishi Media Award – 2025 : Senior journalist Amshi Prasannakumar from Mysuru**
- **Men’s Ballon d’Or : Ousmane Dembele (France)**
- **Women’s Ballon d’Or : Aitana Bonmatí (Spain)**
- **‘Living Bridge’ honour by the India Business Group (IBG) : British Prime Minister Keir Starmer**
- **‘Best State Award’ under the ‘Mera Resham-Mera Abhiman’ programme : Andhra Pradesh (AP)**
- **Gold Award at the National Awards for e-Governance 2025 : Rohini Gram Panchayat, Dhule District, Maharashtra**
- **Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2023 : Malayalam actor Mohanlal**
- **National Innovation Rankings in INSPIRE Award-MANAK 2025 : Muzaffarpur district, Bihar**
- **Holley Medal 2025 : Baba Kalyani, CMD of Bharat Forge**
- **‘Most Promising New Destination’ Award (Responsible Tourism Awards, BLTM 2025) : Gandikota, Andhra Pradesh**
- **Karnataka Ratna (highest civilian award of Karnataka) : Dr. Vishnuvardhan and B. Saroja Devi**
- **P. V. Narasimha Rao Memorial Award for Economics : Former PM Dr. Manmohan Singh**





- **Camel International Award : Younus Ahamed**
- **76th Creative Arts Emmy Awards : Barack Obama (Narration, Netflix's Our Oceans)**
- **82nd Venice International Film Festival – Best Director Award : Anuparna Roy (Songs of Forgotten Trees)**
- **Prof. V. K. Gokak Award : Anand V. Patil**
- **Best KVK in North Eastern Region : ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Wokha, Nagaland**

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Ques: The book “Akashvani: A Century of Stories from All India Radio” has been authored by which of the following?

- A. Vikram Sampath and Anant Pai
- B. Neelesh Kulkarni and Vikrant Pande
- C. Rajdeep Sardesai and Shashi Tharoor
- D. R. Jagannathan and Arun Shourie
- E. Krishna Sobti and Ruskin Bond

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The book “Akashvani: A Century of Stories from All India Radio” is authored by Neelesh Kulkarni and Vikrant Pande and published by HarperCollins India.
- It captures the 100-year journey of All India Radio (AIR) and its impact on Indian society, culture, and communication.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the Attorney General of India for a two-year term starting October 1, 2025?

- A. K.K. Venugopal
- B. R. Venkataramani
- C. Mukul Rohatgi
- D. Gopal Subramanium
- E. Soli Sorabjee

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Senior Advocate R. Venkataramani (75) has been appointed as the Attorney General of India for a two-year tenure from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2027.
- He was appointed by the President of India in consultation with the Ministry of Law and Justice (MoL&J) under Article 76(1) of the Constitution.
- R. Venkataramani replaced veteran jurist K.K. Venugopal, who served as AG from September 30, 2022.
- The Attorney General is the highest law officer of the Union Government and serves as its principal legal advisor.

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Ques: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated BSNL's "Swadeshi 4G stack" in which state?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Odisha

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated BSNL's Swadeshi 4G stack in Jharsuguda, Odisha, marking India's entry into the league of nations capable of manufacturing advanced telecom equipment.
- Alongside, over 97,500 mobile 4G towers were commissioned with an investment of about ₹37,000 crore.
- The initiative will provide high-speed internet to 30,000 previously unconnected villages, benefiting around 2 crore people nationwide.
- This marks a major milestone in India's journey towards becoming a global telecom manufacturing hub.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- **Living The Vivekananda Way – Practical Spirituality For Modern India : Ananya Awasthi and Nikhil Yadav**
- **Dapaan: Tales from Kashmir’s Conflict : Ipsita Chakravarty**
- **The Monk Who Became Chief Minister : Shantanu Gupta**
- **Demography, Representation, and Delimitation: Rethinking India’s North-South Divide : Ravi K. Mishra**
- **Believer’s Dilemma: Vajpayee and the Hindu Right’s Path to Power (1977–2018) : Abhishek Choudhary**
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- **Different But No Less : Anupam Kher**
- **Chola Tigers: Avengers of Somnath : Amish Tripathi**
- **Operation SINDOOR : Lt Gen KJS ‘Tiny’ Dhillon**
- **Mother Mary Comes To Me : Arundhati Roy**
- **Secession of the Successful: The Flight Out of New India : Sanjay Baru**
- **Justice Denied Justice Lost : Kanchan Chakraborty**
- **The Weight Loss Revolution – Weight Loss Drugs and How to Use Them : Dr. Ambrish Mithal**





- **Why the Constitution Matters : Justice D.Y. Chandrachud**
- **My Name is Emilia del Valle : Isabel Allende**
- **The Conscience Network: A Chronicle of Resistance to a Dictatorship : Sugata Srinivasaraju**
- **Mohan and Muhammad: Gandhi, Jinnah and the Break-up of British India : Meghnad Desai**
- **M. S. Swaminathan: The Man Who Fed India : Priyambada Jayakumar**

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Ques: Which integrated neuro-rehabilitation centre was recently unveiled by the Ministry of AYUSH at the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Goa?

- A. Prayas
- B. Aarogya
- C. Niramay
- D. Swasthya
- E. Samarth

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Ministry of AYUSH unveiled “Prayas”, an Integrated Neuro-Rehabilitation Centre at the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Goa.
- “Prayas” is among the first-of-its-kind multi-disciplinary centres in India, combining Ayurveda, Physiotherapy, Yoga, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and modern Paediatrics under one roof.
- The centre is designed to provide holistic and patient-centred neuro-rehabilitation, with a special focus on children with neurological and developmental conditions.

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Ques: India recently designated two new Ramsar Sites in Bihar. With this, how many Ramsar Sites does India now have?

- A. 91
- B. 92
- C. 93
- D. 94
- E. 95

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India has added Gokul Jalashay (Buxar, 448 ha) and Udaipur Jheel (West Champaran, 319 ha) as new Ramsar Sites in Bihar.
- With this addition, the total number of Ramsar Sites in India has reached 93, covering 13,60,719 hectares.
- Globally, the UK leads with 176 Ramsar Sites, followed by Mexico with 144.

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Ques: Which company did TVS Motors acquire to establish a Global Centre of Excellence for Design and Engineering in Bologna, Italy?

- A. Engine Engineering
- B. Piaggio Engineering
- C. Ducati Design Labs
- D. Ferrari Technologies
- E. Magneti Marelli

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- TVS Motors Company Limited (TVSM) acquired Engine Engineering by purchasing 100% stake for 5.1 million Euros (over Rs 50 crore).
- This acquisition is a strategic move to establish a Global Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Design and Engineering in Bologna, Italy.

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Ques: Where was the 69th General Conference (GC) of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) held?

- A. Geneva, Switzerland
- B. New York, USA
- C. Rome, Italy
- D. Paris, France
- E. Vienna, Austria

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The 69th General Conference (GC) of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) was held at the Vienna International Centre in Vienna, Austria.
- Theme: Leveraging Science, Technology, and Innovation for Sustainable Development.
- The conference was presided over by Peter Burian, Ambassador of Slovakia to IAEA, with Vice-Chairs including Iran, Argentina, France, Ivory Coast, Mongolia, New Zealand, Poland, and the USA.
- India was represented by Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC).
- The Maldives joined as the 181st member state of the IAEA.
- The GC elected 11 new countries (Belgium, Chile, Jordan, Lithuania, Niger, Peru, the Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Saudi Arabia, and Togo) to the 35-member IAEA Board of Governors for the 2025–2027 term.

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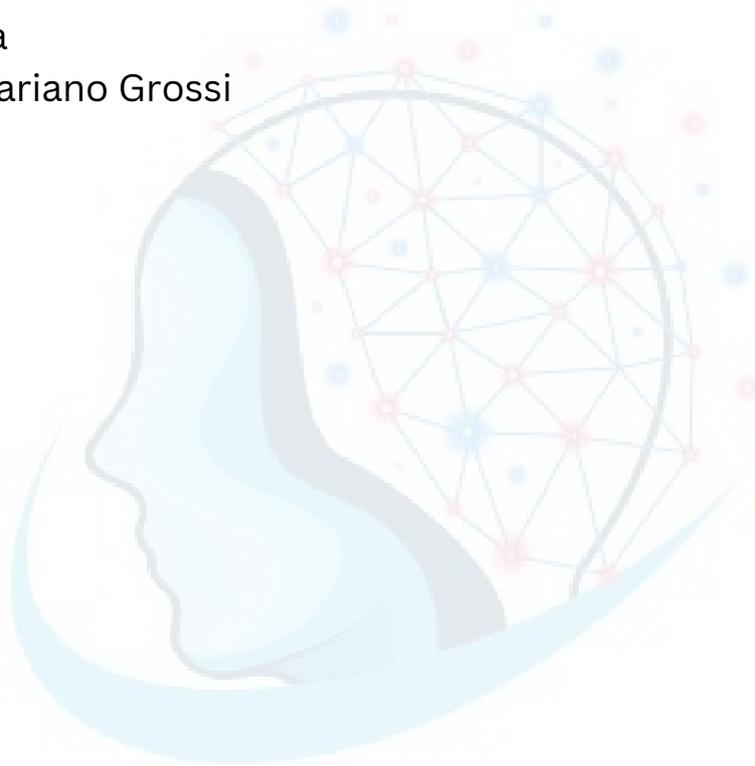




- These members replaced outgoing countries such as Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, France, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, South Africa, and the UK.

About International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) :

- Established : 1957
- HQ : Vienna, Austria
- Director : Rafael Mariano Grossi



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Ques: Which organization launched India's first AI-integrated Integrated Command & Control Centre (ICCC) for a pilgrimage ecosystem?

- A. Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board
- B. Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD)
- C. Kashi Vishwanath Temple Trust
- D. Jagannath Temple Administration
- E. Somnath Temple Trust

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) launched an AI-integrated Integrated Command & Control Centre (ICCC) in Tirumala.
- It is India's first AI-based command hub for managing a pilgrimage ecosystem.
- The ICCC will help in real-time crowd prediction, faster queue management, and enhanced safety.
- Its main aim is to improve the devotee experience and increase temple management efficiency.

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Ques: Which scheme launched by Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini provides Rs 2,100 per month to eligible women?

- A. Mukhya Mantri Mahila Samman Yojana
- B. Haryana Women Empowerment Scheme
- C. Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
- D. Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana
- E. Deendayal Lado Lakshmi Yojana

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Deendayal Lado Lakshmi Yojana was launched by Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini to provide ₹2,100 per month to eligible women.
- Beneficiaries: About 20 lakh women aged 23–60 years with annual income up to ₹1 lakh.
- Budget allocation for FY 2025–26 is ₹5,000 crore.

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Ques: Which Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve in Himachal Pradesh was recently included in UNESCO's World Biosphere Reserve Network?

- A. Khangchendzonga
- B. Spiti Valley
- C. Great Himalayan National Park
- D. Nanda Devi
- E. Pin Valley

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve in Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh, has been included in UNESCO's World Biosphere Reserve Network.
- With this addition, India now has 13 biospheres listed in the UNESCO network.
- The announcement of 29 new sites was made at the conclusion of the 37th World Congress of Biosphere Reserves held in Hangzhou, China.
- The World Biosphere Reserve Network now comprises 785 sites across 142 countries.

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Ques: India's first bullet train project's initial Surat–Bilimora stretch will be operational by which year?

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

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Surat–Bilimora (50 km) stretch of India's first bullet train project will be operational by 2027.
- The entire Mumbai–Ahmedabad corridor (508 km) is expected to be fully operational by 2029.
- Trains will run at 320 kmph, reducing Mumbai–Ahmedabad travel time to just 2 hours 7 minutes.
- Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inspected the Surat station and announced this timeline.

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Ques: Where was the third edition of the HDSR Star Party, focusing on amateur astronomy and astrophotography, held?

- A. Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh
- B. Sikkim
- C. Leh, Ladakh
- D. Kaza, Himachal Pradesh
- E. Hanle, Ladakh

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The third edition of the HDSR Star Party was jointly organised by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Department of Wildlife Protection, UT Ladakh, and Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) at Hanle, Ladakh.
- HDSR (Hanle Dark Sky Reserve) in eastern Ladakh is renowned for its extremely dark night skies, making it a prime destination for astrophotographers and amateur astronomers.
- The reserve is centred around the Indian Astronomical Observatory at Hanle, operated by IIA under the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

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Recent Appointments in Different Departments

- Shailesh Chandra : MD & CEO of Tata Motors (Replaced P. B. Balaji)
- Sudhanshu Vats : Chairman of Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)
- Amita Chaudhary : Chair of the UNEP FI Principles for Sustainable Insurance (PSI) board
- Mithun Manhas : BCCI President (Replaced Roger Binny)
- IAS Pawan Kumar Sharma : Deputy Election Commissioner
- B. Sairam : Chairman & MD of Coal India Limited (Replaced P.M. Prasad)
- Vandana Gupta : Controller General of Communication Accounts, New Delhi
- Dr. Sima Sami Bahous : Reappointed as Executive Director of UN Women (Second Term)
- Vishakha Mulye : MD & CEO of Aditya Birla Capital Ltd (Replaced Ajay Srinivasan)
- Preeti Saran : Chair of UN Committee on Economic, Social & Cultural Rights (CESCR)
- Justice M Sundar : 10th Chief Justice of Manipur High Court (Replaced Justice K. Somashekar)
- Prof. Pradeep Kumar Prajapati : Director, All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi
- Amit Khare : Secretary to Vice-President Radhakrishnan
- Acharya Devvrat : Additional charge of Maharashtra Governor (Replaced C.P. Radhakrishnan)





- **Dr. Geetha Vani Rayasam : Director of CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication & Policy Research (NIScPR)**
- **Giridhar Parvatam : Director of CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru**
- **Amitabh Kant : Independent Director of HCL Technologies (HCLTech)**
- **Harshavardhan Chitale : CEO of Hero MotoCorp Ltd (Replaced Niranjan Gupta)**
- **Shri Piyush Goyal : Secretary, Ministry of Mines (Succeeded V.L. Kantha Rao)**
श्री पीयूष गोयल : सचिव खनन मंत्रालय (वी. एल. कांथा राव का स्थान लिया)

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Ques: Which Indian artist's untitled 1970 oil on canvas painting recently sold for ₹67.08 crore, making it the second-most expensive Indian artwork ever?

- A. Tyeb Mehta
- B. FN Souza
- C. VS Gaitonde
- D. MF Husain
- E. S H Raza

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- At Saffronart's 25th anniversary auction in New Delhi, an untitled 1970 oil painting by VS Gaitonde sold for ₹67.08 crore.
- This made it the second-most expensive Indian artwork ever sold, after MF Husain's 1954 Gram Yatra.
- The auction's total sale was ₹355.77 crore, marking a record high for South Asian art globally.

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Ques: Which Indian cricketer became the first capped Indian male player to sign with a Big Bash League (BBL) team?

- A. Ravichandran Ashwin
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. Rohit Sharma
- D. Rishabh Pant
- E. Shikhar Dhawan

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Ravichandran Ashwin, India's veteran off-spinner, became the first capped Indian male cricketer to sign with a Big Bash League (BBL) team.
- He will represent Sydney Thunder in the upcoming BBL 2025–26 season.
- Until now, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) had prohibited active Indian male players from participating in foreign T20 leagues, though Indian women regularly feature in the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL).

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News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) expanded its startup accelerator WaveX by launching seven new incubation centres under the WAVES (World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit) initiative.
- Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar Khatik, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, launched the Vriddha Mitra Toolkit under the SAHAJ program and the 2nd edition of Shrinkhala Talk Series to strengthen elderly care.
- Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman, formally launched the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) in New Delhi.
- Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, launched the Industrial Park Rating System (IPRS) 3.0 in New Delhi.
- The Ministry of Culture is celebrating Sewa Parv 2025 (17 Sept – 2 Oct 2025) as a nationwide festival of service and cultural pride. Theme: “Viksit Bharat ke Rang, Kala ke Sang”.
- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Piyush Goyal, released the Guidebook on Mapping of HSN Codes prepared by DPIIT.
- Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman (Finance & Corporate Affairs) and Ashwini Vaishnaw (Railways & I&B) launched two NITI Aayog initiatives at the Road to India AI Impact Summit 2026, New Delhi.
- DPIIT (Ministry of Commerce & Industry) commemorated the 3rd Anniversary of National Logistics Policy (NLP), launched in September 2022.
- Union MoS (Independent Charge), Dr. Jitendra Singh, Ministry of Science and Technology, inaugurated the Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Artificial Intelligence, Skill Development, and Innovation.





- The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under the Ministry of Power (MoP), introduced a new category – “National Energy Conservation Awards for Content Creators & Influencers”.
- According to Pralhad Joshi (Minister of New & Renewable Energy), India’s non-fossil fuel energy generation capacity tripled to 250 GW from 81 GW (2014).
- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) revised apprenticeship stipend rules, increasing the monthly range from ₹5,000–₹9,000 to ₹6,800–₹12,300.

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Ques: Which global initiative is being organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports along with the Ministry of External Affairs as part of Seva Pakhwada 2025?

- A. Bharat Run 2025
- B. Rashtriya Ekta Run 2025
- C. Seva Marathon 2025
- D. Global Youth Run 2025
- E. Viksit Bharat Run 2025

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, is organising Viksit Bharat Run 2025 across more than 150 locations in 91 countries as part of Seva Pakhwada (17 September – 2 October 2025).
- This initiative aims to inspire collective action for nation-building through a 3–5 km community run at iconic and accessible global locations.
- Famous landmarks included in the run are Mexico City’s Angel of Independence, Paramaribo (Suriname) UNESCO World Heritage site, Golden Gate Bridge (San Francisco), and other iconic spots worldwide.

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First in India & World – Recent News

- Agnikul Cosmos Pvt Ltd launched India's first large-format 3D printing facility for rocket systems at IIT-Madras Research Park, Chennai (Tamil Nadu).
- Brazil (under President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva) became the first country to contribute \$1 billion to the Tropical Forests Forever Facility.
- Union Minister Piyush Goyal released India's first-ever coloured ₹100 commemorative coin to mark the 10th anniversary of Make in India initiative.
- FermionIC Design Pvt Ltd & Tata Electronics delivered India's first indigenously designed 4-Channel X-Band Beamformer IC (FD3R4411).
- Mizoram flagged-off the state's first Rajdhani Express – Sairang–Delhi Rajdhani Express, connecting Aizawl with Delhi.
- Albania became the first country in the world to formally appoint an AI entity as a government minister.
- Philippines became the first country to purchase BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles from India.
- SAMBHAV launched as India's first fully indigenous secure mobile communication system, designed for defence purposes.
- Altmin Pvt Ltd became the first Indian project listed under the US-led Mineral Security Partnership (MSP) (August 2025).
- A WWF-India survey in Arunachal Pradesh captured the first photographic evidence of Pallas's cat in the state.





- **Engineers India Limited (EIL) completed mechanical work for India's first bamboo-based bio refinery at Numaligarh, Assam.**
- **Uttar Pradesh launched 'Anokhi Duniya' – world's first park made entirely from ceramic waste.**
- **Andhra Pradesh Government signed an MoU with Tech Bharat Foundation to establish India's first Artificial Intelligence Centre of Excellence in Visakhapatnam.**
- **Vir Das to become the first Indian to headline a residency at New York's Lincoln Center Theater with his show Hey Stranger.**

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Ques: Which renowned Kannada writer, remembered by PM Modi in Mann Ki Baat, passed away on September 24, 2025?

- A. Girish Karnad
- B. S.L. Bhyrappa
- C. U.R. Ananthamurthy
- D. K. Shivaram Karanth
- E. Vaidehi

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Renowned Kannada novelist S.L. Bhyrappa, author of classics like Parva, Vamshavriksha, and Gruhabhanga, passed away on 24 September 2025.
- He was honored with the Saraswati Samman (2010) for Mandra and the Padma Bhushan (2023).
- PM Modi, in the 126th episode of Mann Ki Baat, urged youth to read Bhyrappa's works and highlighted his literary and philosophical contributions.

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Ques: When is World Maritime Day 2025 observed?

- A. September 25
- B. September 24
- C. September 26
- D. September 27
- E. September 28

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- World Maritime Day 2025 is observed on the last Thursday of September, which falls on September 25, 2025.
- Theme for 2025: “Our Ocean, Our Obligation, Our Opportunity”.
- The official parallel event took place in Dubai, UAE, from September 29 to October 1, 2025.
- World Maritime Day was first established in 1978 by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

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Ques: What is the theme of World Tourism Day 2025?

- A. Green Tourism & Innovation
- B. Tourism for Prosperity
- C. Tourism and Sustainable Transformation
- D. Cultural Tourism & Heritage
- E. Ecotourism and Community Development

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- World Tourism Day is celebrated annually on 27 September by UNWTO.
- The 2025 theme is “Tourism and Sustainable Transformation”, emphasizing tourism’s role in positive change, sustainability, governance, and cultural exchange.
- India recorded approximately 56 lakh Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) and 303.59 crore Domestic Tourist Visits till August 2025.
- Under Swadesh Darshan & Swadesh Darshan 2.0, 110 projects were developed across Ramayana, Buddhist, Coastal, Tribal, and other thematic circuits.
- The 2025 World Tourism Day and World Tourism Conference will be hosted by Malaysia in Melaka from 27–29 September 2025.

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Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- 7 September – International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies (Theme: Racing for Air. Every Breath Matters)
- 7 September – International Day of Police Cooperation (Theme: ICT and AI in Policing)
- 7 September – World Duchenne Awareness Day (Theme: Family: the Heart of Care)
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- 8 September – International Literacy Day (Theme: Promoting Literacy in the Digital Era)
- 8 September – World Physiotherapy Day (Theme: Healthy Ageing)
- 9 September – International Day to Protect Education from Attack (Theme: Challenging Narratives, Reshaping Action)
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- 9 September – 6th World EV Day (Theme: The Better Manifesto)
- 10 September – World Suicide Prevention Day (2024–2026 Theme: Changing the Narrative on Suicide)
- 11 September – Digvijay Diwas
- 11 September – National Forest Martyrs Day (Theme: Remembering Martyrs, Protecting Forests)
- 11 September – Birth Anniversary of Acharya Vinoba Bhave
- 12 September – International Day for South-South Cooperation (Theme: New Opportunities and Innovation through South-South and Triangular Cooperation)





- **13 September – International Chocolate Day**
- **13 September – World First Aid Day (Theme: First Aid and Climate Change)**
- **14 September – Hindi Diwas**
- **15 September – International Day of Democracy (Theme: Achieving Gender Equality, Action by Action)**
- **15 September – Engineer’s Day**
- **16 September – 3rd International Day of Cardiology**
- **16 September – 31st International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer (Theme: From Science to Global Action)**

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IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has launched a special campaign during Vigilance Awareness Week titled “GeM Ki Sunien, Satark Rahein, Zimmedar Banein, ” reaffirming its commitment to transparency, integrity, and ethical practices in public procurement

The government has changed the import policy for silver, silver articles, and certain silver jewellery (especially “plain / unstudded” silver jewellery) from “free” to “restricted” status, effective immediately, until March 31, 2026.

Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand, and Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) in Vellore (Tamil Nadu) signed MOU to strengthen collaboration in education, research, and emerging technologies, with a focus on the rapidly growing semiconductor sector

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, Government of India, in collaboration with the University of Kashmir, launched the ATL Sarthi and Frontier Region Programme at the Convocation Complex, University of Kashmir

The ships of the Indian Navy’s First Training Squadron (1TS) – INS Tir, INS Sujata, INS Shardul and ICGS Sarathi made a port call at Mombasa, Kenya

A select group of young Indians are set to journey from the digital arena of a quiz to the icy heights of Siachen—the world’s highest battlefield. The winners of this quiz will now be taken to the Siachen Base Camp from September 28–30, 2025, where they will interact with the Indian Armed Forces.

