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Ques: Which insurance company signed a bancassurance agreement with Equitas Small Finance Bank to expand insurance access?

- A. ICICI Lombard
- B. HDFC ERGO
- C. TATA AIG General Insurance
- D. SBI General Insurance
- E. Reliance General Insurance

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- TATA AIG General Insurance Company signed a bancassurance agreement with Equitas Small Finance Bank (SFB) to expand insurance access across rural and urban areas.
- The tie-up aims to strengthen financial protection for households and small businesses in emerging India markets.

About Equitas Small Finance Bank:

- Established: 2016
- HQ: Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- MD & CEO: Vasudevan P N
- Tagline: It's Fun Banking

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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- ▶ The RBI had classified Tata Sons as an Upper Layer NBFC in September 2022, mandating that it list by 30 September 2025.
- ▶ RBI has asked all banks to settle unclaimed deposits – 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).
- ▶ RBI, in consultation with the Government of India, set the Ways and Means Advances (WMA) limit for H2 FY 2025–26 (Oct–Mar 2026) at ₹50,000 crore.
- ▶ In September 2025, the Reserve Bank of India renewed its Statement of Commitment (SoC) to the FX Global Code, reaffirming adherence to global best practices in the foreign exchange market.
- ▶ The RBI has finalized the “Authentication Mechanisms for Digital Payment Transactions” Directions, 2025, which will come into effect from 1 April 2026.
- ▶ RBI has cancelled the Certificate of Registration (CoR) of Datta Finance and Trading Pvt. Ltd., a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), due to irregular lending practices.
- ▶ Currently, investors can hold up to 10% stake in Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) without prior approval from the RBI.
- ▶ The Indian government will channel funds for all Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) through the RBI’s e-Kuber platform starting from November 1, 2025.





Ques: According to the World Gold Council (WGC), what is India's global rank as an investor in gold ETFs in 2025?

- A. 5th
- B. 6th
- C. 7th
- D. 8th
- E. 9th

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- As per the World Gold Council (WGC), India ranked 7th globally among nations investing in gold ETFs as of September 26, 2025.
- The US led with AUM of \$231.5 billion, followed by UK, Switzerland, Germany, China, and France.
- India's AUM stood at \$8.9 billion, equal to Canada, indicating growing interest among Indian investors amid global price volatility and economic uncertainty.

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Ques: According to the Asian Development Bank (ADB), what is India's GDP growth forecast for FY26?

- A. 6.2%
- B. 6.5%
- C. 6.7%
- D. 7.0%
- E. 7.2%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB), in its Asian Development Outlook September 2025 report, has retained India's GDP growth forecast at 6.5% for FY26.
- Strong domestic consumption and robust services exports are cited as key growth drivers.
- Inflation is expected to ease to 3.1% in FY26, but risks remain from global trade tensions and geopolitical uncertainties.
- The services sector will remain the major driver of growth in FY26 and FY27.

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Ques: As per the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), what percentage of the full-year fiscal deficit target had the Centre reached by August-end 2025?

- A. 25%
- B. 27%
- C. 33%
- D. 38.1%
- E. 40%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- According to the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), India's fiscal deficit reached 38.1% of the full-year target by the end of August 2025.
- This was higher compared to the same period of 2024-25, when it was 27% of the Budget Estimates (BE).
- The fiscal deficit in absolute terms stood at ₹5.98 lakh crore during April–August 2025-26.
- Fiscal deficit represents the gap between the government's total revenue and total expenditure.

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Ques: According to the new RBI guidelines, what flexibility have lenders received regarding EMI-based floating rate personal loans?

- A) Mandatory switch to fixed rate
- B) No option to switch
- C) Discretion to offer switch at reset
- D) Switch allowed only once during loan tenure
- E) Borrower must decide at loan sanction

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Earlier, RBI made it mandatory for lenders to provide borrowers the option to switch floating rate EMI-based loans to fixed rate at the time of reset.
- Now, RBI has left it to the discretion of lenders, offering greater flexibility to banks, NBFCs, and housing finance companies.
- Banks can also adjust spread components like operating cost, cost of funds, tenor premium, and profit margin earlier than three years if it benefits borrowers.

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Ques: Which bank, in partnership with Freecharge, launched India's first gold-backed credit line on UPI?

- A. HDFC Bank
- B. Axis Bank
- C. ICICI Bank
- D. Kotak Mahindra Bank
- E. State Bank of India

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Axis Bank, in partnership with Freecharge, launched India's first gold-backed credit line on UPI.
- The initiative follows the guidelines of NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India).
- The product is aimed at simplifying working capital access, financing for business growth, and urgent liquidity needs.
- It is designed for MSMEs, self-employed individuals, and merchants, enabling them to leverage gold assets for instant, flexible credit.

About Axis Bank:

- Established: 1993
- HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO: Amitabh Chaudhary
- Tagline: Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi





Ques: RBL Bank has partnered with which organization for a bancassurance agreement?

- A. SBI Life Insurance
- B. HDFC Life Insurance
- C. Max Life Insurance
- D. Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)
- E. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- RBL Bank entered into a bancassurance partnership with LIC, India's largest life insurer.
- This tie-up enables RBL Bank customers to access the entire range of LIC's life insurance products.
- Products will be available through RBL Bank's branch network and digital channels.
- The collaboration aims to boost insurance penetration and offer comprehensive financial solutions.

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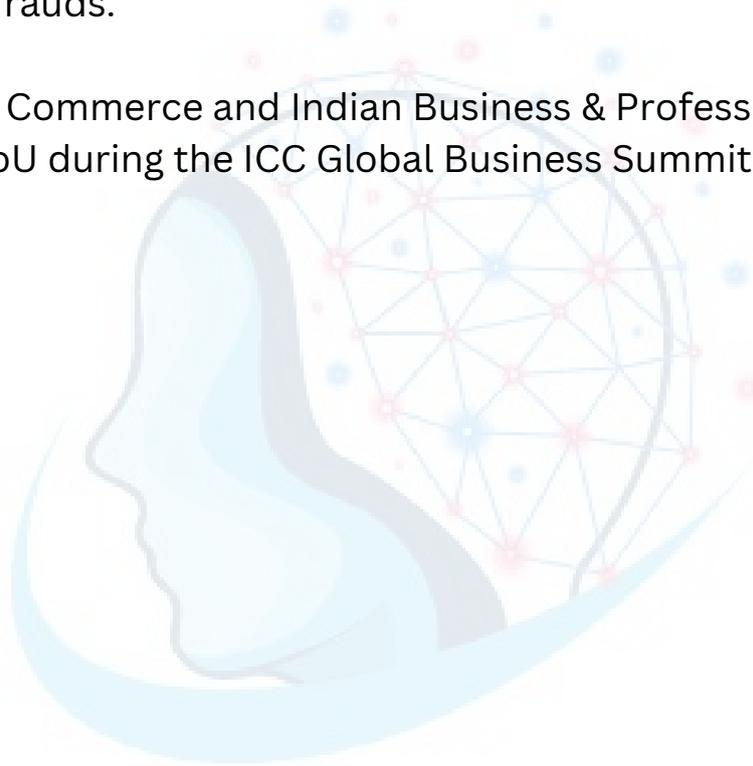
Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and Agreement

- ▶ The Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between India and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries – Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland – officially came into effect on 1 October 2025.
- ▶ California-based UST and Indian semiconductor firm Kaynes Semicon have formed a joint venture to establish a ₹3,330 crore OSAT (Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test) facility.
- ▶ Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand, and Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Tamil Nadu, signed an MoU to strengthen collaboration in education, research, and emerging technologies, focusing on the semiconductor sector.
- ▶ Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, in collaboration with the University of Kashmir, launched the ATL Sarthi and Frontier Region Programme at the University of Kashmir.
- ▶ The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, is organising the Viksit Bharat Run 2025 across 150+ locations in 91 countries as part of Seva Pakhwada (17 Sept–2 Oct 2025).
- ▶ The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) signed an MoU with the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF), Australia to enhance food safety standards and capacity building.
- ▶ The Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India signed an MoU with the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) to enhance collaboration in training, research, and technology.
- ▶ Swan Defense and Heavy Industries (formerly Reliance Naval & Engineering Ltd) signed an MoU with Netherlands-based Royal IHC to design, build, and retrofit various vessels in India.





- ▶ Department of Telecommunications (DoT) signed an MoU with the Financial Intelligence Unit-India (FIU-IND) to strengthen information sharing for tackling cyber crimes and financial frauds.
- ▶ Indian Chamber of Commerce and Indian Business & Professional Council, Kuwait, signed a landmark MoU during the ICC Global Business Summit 2025 in Mumbai.



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Ques: For Q3 FY26 (Oct–Dec 2025), what is the interest rate for the Public Provident Fund (PPF)?

- A) 7.5%
- B) 7.7%
- C) 8.2%
- D) 7.1%
- E) 6.9%

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Finance Ministry confirmed that for Oct–Dec 2025 (Q3 FY26), the PPF interest rate remains unchanged at 7.1%.
- Other small savings schemes like Sukanya Samriddhi (8.2%), NSC (7.7%), and Kisan Vikas Patra (7.5%) also remain unchanged.
- These schemes are mostly operated by post offices and banks, with both principal and interest guaranteed by the Government of India.

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Ques: RBI’s “Scheme for Facilitating Accelerated Payout – Inoperative Accounts and Unclaimed Deposits” will be effective for which period?

- A. April 2025 – March 2026
- B. October 2025 – September 2026
- C. January 2025 – December 2025
- D. July 2025 – June 2026
- E. None of these

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The RBI launched the “Payout Structure” scheme to encourage banks to trace inactive customers and return unclaimed deposits.
- Duration: October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026 (one-year scheme).
- Under the scheme, banks will receive differential payouts based on account inactivity period and deposit amount, which encourages reactivation of dormant accounts.

Example of Payout Structure:

Period (Years) Payout % Maximum Amount

Up to 4	5%	₹5,000
4–8	6%	₹10,000
8–10	7%	₹15,000
10+ (Unclaimed with DEA Fund)	7.5%	₹25,000

- This one-year scheme motivates banks to locate customers, reactivate accounts, and ensure rightful claimants receive their unclaimed deposits.





Ques: Against which team did the Indian national futsal team record its first-ever international victory?

- A. Kuwait
- B. Australia
- C. Mongolia
- D. Indonesia
- E. Japan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Indian national futsal team made history by recording its first-ever international victory, defeating Mongolia in the Group A matches of the 2026 AFC Futsal Asian Cup qualifiers held at Ardiya, Kuwait.
- India lost to Kuwait and Australia in earlier Group A matches.
- The 2026 edition is the 18th edition of Asia's premier men's futsal championship, to be held in Indonesia between January 27 to February 7, 2026.
- Futsal is a variant of association football played between two teams of five players each on a court smaller than a football pitch.

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Recent Headlines Related to Inauguration

- ▶ India's First Maritime Simulation Centre – Inaugurated by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal at AMET Knowledge Park, Maersk's Centre of Excellence, near Chennai.
- ▶ BSNL's Swadeshi 4G Stack – PM Narendra Modi inaugurated in Jharsuguda, Odisha, marking India's entry into advanced telecom manufacturing.
- ▶ India's First Electric Heavy Truck Fleet – Inaugurated by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal with swappable battery technology.
- ▶ Analytical Skills Development Course (ASDC) – Inaugurated by the Institute of Pesticide Formulation Technology (IPFT), Gurugram.
- ▶ India's First Overseas Defence Manufacturing Facility – To be inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in Casablanca, Morocco.
- ▶ National Symposium on Pharmacovigilance – Shishu Suraksha: Rashtra Suraksha – Inaugurated by CCRAS through its RARI, Gwalior.
- ▶ First PM MITRA Park – Inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi in Dhar, Madhya Pradesh.
- ▶ 1st Annual Green Hydrogen R&D Conference – Inaugurated by Union Minister Pralhad Joshi in New Delhi.
- ▶ Veer Savarkar Sports Complex – Inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah at Naranpura, Ahmedabad.
- ▶ Sex Sorted Semen Facility (Rashtriya Gokul Mission) – Inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi at Semen Station, Purnea, Bihar.
- ▶ FTI-TTP at Five Airports – Inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah via video conferencing at Lucknow, Thiruvananthapuram, Trichy, Kozhikode, and Amritsar





- ▶ Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) – Inaugurated in September 2025, Africa’s largest hydroelectric project.
- ▶ Advanced Regional Testing Laboratory (RTL), Nashik – Inaugurated by Central Power Research Institute (CPRI) under Ministry of Power.
- ▶ Royal Bhutan Buddhist Temple, Rajgir – Inaugurated by Bhutan PM Tshering Tobgay and Union Minister Kiren Rijiju.



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Ques: How many medals did India win at the 15th edition of the World Para Archery Championships-2025?

- A. 5
- B. 4
- C. 3
- D. 6
- E. 7

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The 15th edition of the World Para Archery Championships-2025 was held in Gwangju, South Korea.
- India secured a total of five medals: two gold, two silver, and one bronze, finishing second in the overall medal table.
- A total of 239 participants competed from 47 countries in the championship.

Ranking of top 5 in the medal tally:

- 1 China : Gold (6), Silver (3), Bronze (3), Total (12)
- 2 India : Gold (2), Silver (2), Bronze (1), Total (5)
- 3 Mongolia : Gold (2), Silver (0), Bronze (0), Total (2)
- 4 Turkey : Gold (1), Silver (3), Bronze (0), Total (4)
- 5 South Korea : Gold (1), Silver (1), Bronze (4), Total (6)

India's medal winners :

- Sheetal Devi : Women's Compound Individual (Gold)
- Toman Kumar : Men's Compound Individual (Gold)
- Rakesh Kumar : Men's Compound Individual (Silver)
- Sheetal Devi & Sarita Adhana : Women's Compound Open Team (Silver)
- Sheetal Devi & Toman Kumar : Compound Mixed Team (Bronze)





Ques: What was the total receipt of the Government of India up to August 2025?

- A. ₹12,82,709 crore
- B. ₹10,50,000 crore
- C. ₹14,00,000 crore
- D. ₹11,75,000 crore
- E. ₹13,50,000 crore

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Government of India received ₹12,82,709 crore up to August 2025, which is 36.7% of the corresponding Budget Estimates (BE) 2025-26 of Total Receipts.
- Out of this, ₹8,10,407 crore was Tax Revenue (Net to Centre), ₹4,40,332 crore was Non-Tax Revenue, and ₹31,970 crore was Non-Debt Capital Receipts.
- ₹5,30,148 crore has been transferred to State Governments as Devolution of Share of Taxes, which is ₹74,431 crore higher than the previous year.
- Total Expenditure incurred by the Government of India is ₹18,80,862 crore (37.1% of corresponding BE 2025-26), out of which ₹14,49,283 crore is Revenue Expenditure and ₹4,31,579 crore is Capital Expenditure.
- Out of the Total Revenue Expenditure, ₹5,28,668 crore is on account of Interest Payments and ₹1,50,377 crore on account of Major Subsidies.

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Ques: Which institute did the Parcel Directorate, Department of Posts, sign a comprehensive MoU with for innovative and sustainable packaging solutions?

- A. Indian Institute of Packaging
- B. Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
- C. National Institute of Design
- D. All India Institute of Packaging
- E. Institute of Materials Handling

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Parcel Directorate, Department of Posts signed a comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP).
- The partnership focuses on developing innovative and sustainable packaging solutions across multiple domains.
- Under the agreement, IIP will provide expert packaging solutions to elevate India Post's parcel services, focusing on sustainable alternatives to current materials like corrugated boxes and cloth wraps.
- Development of airworthy packaging for liquids and similar items, along with eco-friendly, cost-efficient, durable, shockproof, lightweight, customizable, and scalable materials.
- Assessment of DoP's practices against global benchmarks and analyzing logistics industry standards.
- Development of a pricing approach paper detailing strategies for sustainable materials, benchmarking costs against conventional options, and specifying technical standards for size, shape, and design, including quality control and scalability for pan-India use.
- Video training materials featuring videos and graphics to educate staff on sustainable practices.





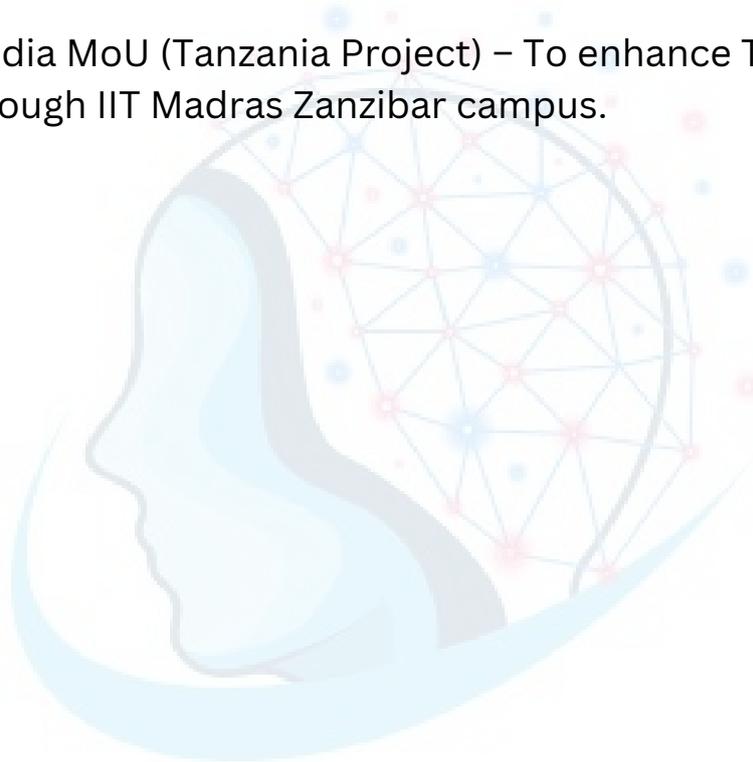
Recent News Headlines Related to IITs

- ▶ IAF & IIT Ropar MoU – Maintenance Command of the Indian Air Force signed a MoU with IIT Ropar for joint developmental projects to support IAF’s operational needs.
- ▶ IIT Madras – UN Centre of Excellence for AI – India nominated IIT Madras as the UN COE for Artificial Intelligence under the UN Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies (ODET).
- ▶ Goldman Sachs Partnership with IIMs – Goldman Sachs added IIM Ahmedabad and IIM Lucknow EIC as new partners for its “10,000 Women” Programme.
- ▶ IIT Kanpur – Vietnam National University MoU – To strengthen academic and research collaboration.
- ▶ ‘INNOVATION-TN’ Dashboard by IIT Madras & Guidance Tamil Nadu – India’s first state-level start-up and innovation dashboard launched.
- ▶ Indian Army Terrier Cyber Quest 2025 – Territorial Army, IIT Madras, IARC, and CyberPeace jointly conducting a national cyber defence challenge.
- ▶ New IIM Guwahati Bill Passed – Rajya Sabha approved the bill; ₹555 crore support over 5 years.
- ▶ IIT Madras – Quantum Random Number Generator – Developed India’s first silicon photonics-based high-speed QRNG.
- ▶ IIT Delhi & Bihar RCD Collaboration – Developing AI-powered bridge management system.
- ▶ IIT Madras – Eco Packaging Innovation – Developed agricultural waste-based packaging material using mushroom cultivation to replace plastic.





- ▶ IISc Bengaluru – BHARAT Initiative – Launched under Longevity India Program.
- ▶ IIT Gandhinagar – Archaeological Discovery – Found evidence of human presence in Great Rann of Kutch dating back 5,000 years before Harappan civilisation.
- ▶ IIT Madras & Grid-India MoU (Tanzania Project) – To enhance Tanzania’s electrical grid infrastructure through IIT Madras Zanzibar campus.



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Ques: Which Act came into effect on October 1, 2025, banning real-money gaming across India?

- A. Digital Gaming Safety Act, 2025
- B. Online Gambling Regulation Act, 2025
- C. Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025
- D. Responsible eGaming Act, 2025
- E. National Cyber Entertainment Act, 2025

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025 came into effect on October 1, 2025, as announced by IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.
- The Act bans real-money gaming (RMG) while promoting eSports and social gaming.
- Offering or participating in RMG is now a cognisable and non-bailable offence.
- The government estimates that 45 crore people lose nearly ₹20,000 crore every year through online RMG.
- Platforms like Dream11, My11Circle, WinZO, Zupee, and PokerBaazi have already suspended their RMG services.

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Ques: Which team won the 8th edition of the Laver Cup 2025?

- A. Team Europe
- B. Team World
- C. Team USA
- D. Team Asia
- E. Team Australia

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 8th edition of the Laver Cup 2025, a men's tennis tournament between Team Europe and Team World, was held in San Francisco, United States of America.
- Team World won over Team Europe to clinch the title, marking the team's third title in four years.
- The win marked a successful debut for new Team World captain Andre Agassi.
- Yannick Noah captained Team Europe.
- The 2026 Laver Cup is scheduled to take place at the O2 Arena in London.

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Ques: According to NCRB's 2023 report, what percentage of total road accident deaths were caused by speeding?

- A. 45.8%
- B. 58.6%
- C. 23.6%
- D. 34.6%
- E. 19.2%

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- As per NCRB 2023 data, 58.6% of all road fatalities (1,01,841 deaths) were caused by speeding.
- Dangerous driving or overtaking caused 23.6% (41,035 deaths).
- Other causes included poor weather, driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs, and animal crossings, which led to 4,952 deaths.

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Ques: Which company did Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE) sign a USD 62.44 million deal with for constructing hybrid multi-purpose vessels?

- A. ThyssenKrupp
- B. Carsten Render Schiffsmakler und Reederei GmbH & Co., Germany
- C. Hyundai Heavy Industries
- D. Fincantieri
- E. Daewoo Shipbuilding

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd signed a USD 62.44 million deal with Carsten Render Schiffsmakler und Reederei GmbH & Co., a Hamburg, Germany based company, for construction of four hybrid multi-purpose vessels, along with provision of two additional propulsion vessels as per the contract.
- This deal builds upon the ongoing construction of a 7,500 DWT (Deadweight Tonnage) Multi-Purpose Vessel at GRSE facility.
- In April 2025, GRSE commenced steel cutting for the CORAL 7500 DWT MPV series, its first major international export order in the commercial vessel segment.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- ▶ Deendayal Lado Lakshmi Yojana – Launched by Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini to provide ₹2,100 per month to eligible women.
- ▶ PM E-Drive Scheme – Government premises (offices, hospitals, schools, residential complexes) to get 100% subsidy on EV infrastructure and charging equipment if chargers are public.
- ▶ Mukhya Mantri Mahila Rozgar Yojana – PM Modi to transfer ₹7,500 crore as first instalment, ₹10,000 each to 75 lakh women in Bihar via DBT.
- ▶ CSS Phase-III for Medical Colleges – Cabinet approved Phase-III of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme to upgrade state and central medical colleges and hospitals.
- ▶ Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) – 25 lakh additional LPG connections sanctioned for FY 2025–26 by MoPNG.
- ▶ DSIR/CSIR Capacity Building Scheme – Cabinet approved scheme with an outlay of ₹2,277.39 crore for 2021–22 to 2025–26.
- ▶ PRIP Scheme (Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma MedTech) – ₹5,000 crore outlay; duration five years.
- ▶ Anbu Karangal Scheme (Hands of Love) – Tamil Nadu CM M.K. Stalin launched scheme to provide ₹2,000 monthly aid per child till completion of school or age 18.





Ques: Maintenance Command of the Indian Air Force signed an MoU with which IIT for collaborative projects on defence technology?

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

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Maintenance Command of the Indian Air Force (IAF) and IIT Ropar signed an MoU for collaborative developmental projects.
- The objective is to support the sustenance and operational requirements of the IAF.
- The partnership focuses on developing indigenous solutions and advanced technologies for IAF weapon systems.
- Both institutions will jointly address challenges in specialized defence technology areas.

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Ques: The Government of India has extended the export benefits under the RoDTEP scheme till which year?

- A. March 2025
- B. June 2026
- C. December 2025
- D. March 2026
- E. March 2027

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The RoDTEP (Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products) scheme provides refunds of duties, taxes, and levies incurred by exporters.
- The scheme, launched in January 2021, was earlier valid till September 30, 2025, and has now been extended till March 31, 2026.
- Refund rates under the scheme range from 0.3% to 3.9%, covering exporters from DTA, SEZ, AA, and EOU units.

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Ques: Who was elected as the 37th President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)?

- A. Sourav Ganguly
- B. Roger Binny
- C. Mithun Manas
- D. Rahul Dravid
- E. Anil Kumble

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Mithun Manas, former Delhi Cricket Captain, was elected as the 37th President of BCCI.
- He succeeded former India all-rounder Roger Binny.
- He played 157 First-Class, 130 List A and 91 T20 matches in his domestic career from 1997-98 to 2016-17.
- He captained the Delhi team to a Ranji Trophy title during the 2007-08 season.
- He served as an assistant coach for IPL franchises, including Punjab Kings, Royal Challengers Bengaluru, and Gujarat Titans.
- He has worked as Director of Cricket for the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association.
- He is the third consecutive former cricketer to become BCCI president, after Sourav Ganguly and Roger Binny.





Ques: Which programme did ICAR launch in its 2nd edition as a Brazil-India Cross-Incubation initiative?

- A. AgriStart
- B. MAITRI
- C. FarmInnovate
- D. AgroBridge
- E. CropConnect

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) launched the 2nd edition of Multi-Agency Agritech Innovation and Technology Research Incubation (MAITRI) in New Delhi.
- MAITRI is a two-way learning platform for innovators, aimed at fostering co-creation, knowledge exchange, and joint innovation between startups and institutions from India and Brazil.
- The first edition of MAITRI was launched in 2019 in collaboration with the Embassy of Brazil and ICAR–Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR).

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Ques: Which company did Cochin Shipyard Limited sign an MoU with for long-term strategic collaboration in shipbuilding?

- A. Hyundai Heavy Industries, South Korea
- B. Samsung Heavy Industries, South Korea
- C. Daewoo Shipbuilding, South Korea
- D. HD Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering, South Korea
- E. Fincantieri, Italy

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Cochin Shipyard Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding with South Korea based HD Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering for a long-term strategic collaboration in shipbuilding.
- Under the MoU, CSL's 310-meter dry dock will build large vessels like Suezmax tankers, container ships, and Capesize bulk carriers, with a production capacity of up to six vessels per year.
- The partnership also includes plans for a greenfield shipyard in Tamil Nadu with an estimated investment of Rs. 15,000 crore.

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Recent Appointments (October 2025)

- R. Venkataramani (75) – Attorney General of India (Tenure: Oct 1, 2025 – Sep 30, 2027)
- Shailesh Chandra – MD & CEO, Tata Motors (Replaced P. B. Balaji)
- Sudhanshu Vats – Chairman, Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)
- Amita Chaudhary – Chair, UNEP FI Principles for Sustainable Insurance (PSI) Board
- Mithun Manhas – President, BCCI (Replaced Roger Binny)
- Pawan Kumar Sharma (IAS) – Deputy Election Commissioner
- B. Sairam – CMD, Coal India Limited (CIL) (Replaced P. M. Prasad)
- Vandana Gupta – Controller General of Communication Accounts, New Delhi
- Dr. Sima Sami Bahous – Reappointed as Executive Director, UN Women (Second 4-year term)
- Vishakha Mulye – MD & CEO, Aditya Birla Capital Ltd. (Replaced Ajay Srinivasan)
- Preeti Saran – Chair, UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)
- Justice M. Sundar – 10th Chief Justice, 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 (Governor of Gujarat) – Additional charge of Maharashtra (Replaced C.P. Radhakrishnan)
- Dr. Geetha Vani Rayasam – Director, CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication & Policy Research (NIScPR)
- Giridhar Parvatam – Director, CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru
- Amitabh Kant – Independent Director, HCL Technologies (HCLTech)
- Harshavardhan Chitale – CEO, Hero MotoCorp Ltd (Replaced Niranjan Gupta)

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