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Ques: Which organisation has provided a USD 190 million loan for the Indore Metro Rail Project?

- A. World Bank
- B. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- C. New Development Bank (NDB)
- D. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- E. Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD 190 million loan for the Indore Metro Rail Project in Madhya Pradesh.
- The project is being implemented by the Madhya Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation Limited (MPMRCL) and is expected to be operational by January 2030.
- The loan will finance the construction of an 8.62 km-long underground metro line with 7 stations to enhance urban mobility and reduce traffic congestion in Indore.

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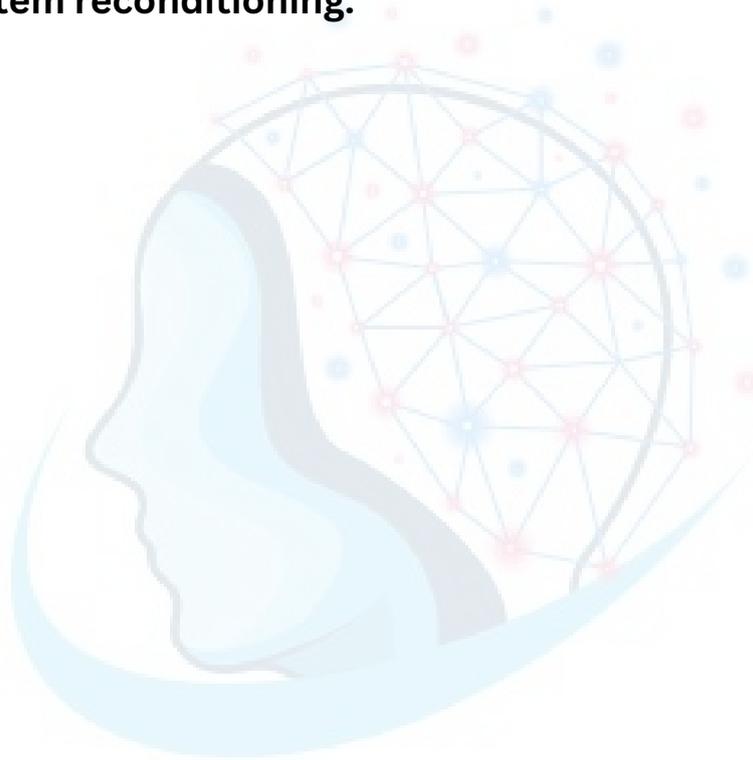
RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS :

- ▶ IFC invested USD 137 million (₹1,210 crore) to boost electric public transport in India – USD 100 million in JBM Ecolife and USD 37 million in GreenCell Mobility.
- ▶ India pledged a \$680 million special economic package for Mauritius, including \$25 million budgetary aid and defence cooperation.
- ▶ World Bank approved a \$212.64 million loan for the SHORE Programme to support coastal communities in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.
- ▶ ADB & India signed a \$126.42 million loan for sustainable and climate-resilient tourism in Tehri Lake, Uttarakhand.
- ▶ IFC provided a ₹498 crore (USD 60 million) loan to GVMC for the Madhurawada Sewerage System Project in Visakhapatnam.
- ▶ ADB approved a USD 125 million loan for the Assam Urban Sector Development Project (AUSDP).
- ▶ JBIC extended a ₹3,500 crore (JPY 60 billion) loan to Power Finance Corporation (PFC).
- ▶ India targets ₹10 trillion investment in shipping, ports & shipbuilding sectors from over 100 nations.
- ▶ NaBFID to raise \$1 billion from international markets in FY26.
- ▶ IRFC sanctioned a ₹199.70 crore loan to SITCO for India's first international standard Multi-Modal Transport Hub in Surat.
- ▶ JICA invested USD 40 million in the Global Supply Chain Support Fund managed by Aavishkaar Capital.





- India Exim Bank signed a \$40 million credit line agreement with ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID).
- BEML secured its first overseas rail & metro contract worth USD 1 million from Malaysia for MRT system reconditioning.



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Ques: As per RBI's draft proposal, what is the maximum materiality threshold for lending to related parties for large banks with asset size above ₹10 lakh crore?

- A. ₹5 crore
- B. ₹10 crore
- C. ₹25 crore
- D. ₹50 crore
- E. ₹1 crore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- RBI's draft framework proposes scale-based materiality thresholds for banks and NBFCs for loans to related parties, including personal loans to directors.
- For large banks with assets above ₹10 lakh crore, the maximum permissible lending limit to related parties is ₹50 crore. Smaller banks have proportionately lower thresholds (₹5 crore and ₹10 crore).

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Ques: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted an extension of tenure to Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat as MD & CEO of which bank?

- A. South Indian Bank
- B. Karnataka Bank
- C. Federal Bank
- D. Karur Vysya Bank
- E. City Union Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved a one-month extension in the tenure of Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat as the MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank.
- The extension will be effective from October 16, 2025, or until the appointment of a regular MD & CEO, whichever is earlier.
- Karnataka Bank is a private sector bank headquartered in Mangaluru, Karnataka.

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Ques: Which reforms were announced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) alongside the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting to strengthen the banking sector?

- A. Risk Based Premium Framework, ECL Provisioning, Revised Basel III norms, Capital Market Lending Reforms
- B. Repo Rate Cut, CRR Hike, Forex Market Reforms, NBFC Liquidity Scheme
- C. Digital Rupee Expansion, Credit Card Framework, UPI Internationalisation, Bond Market Reform
- D. Gold Monetisation Scheme, Banking Merger Policy, Priority Sector Lending Expansion
- E. Inflation Targeting Framework, FPI Investment Reform, Exchange Rate Stabilisation Measures

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced four major reforms alongside the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting to enhance the resilience of the banking sector and streamline regulatory processes.

Risk Based Premium Framework for Deposit Insurance

- Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) will now charge banks based on their risk profile instead of a flat rate of 12 paise per ₹100 of deposits.

Expected Credit Loss (ECL) Provisioning Framework

- Replaces the “Incurred Loss Model” with a forward-looking system where banks estimate potential future losses based on borrower risk, repayment history, and economic conditions.

Revised Basel III Capital Adequacy Norms

- To be effective from April 1, 2027, the updated framework lowers capital requirements for MSME and residential real estate loans, enhancing credit flow.





Broadening Capital Market Lending Scope

- Banks can now finance acquisitions by Indian corporations and have enhanced limits for lending against shares.

About Expected Credit Loss (ECL) : Instead of waiting for a borrower to default, banks will now estimate how much loss they might face in the future – based on the borrower’s risk profile, repayment history, economic conditions, etc



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Ques: As per RBI's new draft ECB framework, what is the maximum amount firms can raise without prior approval?

- A. \$500 million
- B. \$750 million
- C. \$1 billion or 300% of net worth (whichever is higher)
- D. \$2 billion
- E. \$50 million

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- RBI's draft External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) framework proposes to increase the borrowing limit for Indian firms from \$750 million to \$1 billion or 300% of net worth, whichever is higher, without needing prior approval.
- The framework also specifies a minimum 3-year maturity, with manufacturing firms allowed 1–3 years maturity if their total ECB does not exceed \$50 million.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL)?

- A. Pradeep Gaur
- B. S. C. Jain
- C. Ashwini Vaishnaw
- D. Saleem Ahmad
- E. Rajesh Kumar

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Saleem Ahmad has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL).
- He replaced Pradeep Gaur, the outgoing CMD of the organization.
- Before his appointment, S. C. Jain was holding additional charge as the interim CMD of RVNL.

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Ques: Which homegrown messaging app developed by Zoho has recently surpassed WhatsApp and Telegram to top India's app store charts?

- A. Koo
- B. Arattai
- C. Sandes
- D. Bharat Chat
- E. Hike

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The homegrown messaging app Arattai, developed by Zoho Corporation, has topped India's app store charts, surpassing WhatsApp and Telegram.
- Launched in 2021, Arattai means "chat" in Tamil and gained popularity after endorsements from Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan and Piyush Goyal under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

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Ques: Which mobile app was launched to enable youth participation in the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD) 2026 Quiz?

- A. YUVA Connect
- B. VBYLD Quiz App
- C. National Youth App
- D. India Leader Portal
- E. MY Bharat

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- MY Bharat app was launched by Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) and Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoL&E), as part of the online youth leadership and social engagement initiative of the Department of Youth Affairs.
- The app was developed by Digital India Corporation (DIC) and enables youth to participate in the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD) 2026 Quiz.
- Since its launch on October 31, 2023, over 1.81 crore youth and 1.20 lakh organisations have joined the MY Bharat platform.

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Ques: Which Indian cricketer achieved a career-highest rating in the ICC Men's T20I batting rankings?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Rishabh Pant
- C. Abhishek Sharma
- D. Shreyas Iyer
- E. KL Rahul

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Indian left-hand opener Abhishek Sharma achieved a career-highest rating of 931 points in the ICC Men's T20I batting rankings, surpassing Dawid Malan's 2020 record of 919 points.
- During the Asia Cup, Sharma scored 314 runs at an average of 44.85, earning him the Player of the Tournament award.
- In bowling, Varun Chakravarthy retained his top position in the ICC T20I bowling rankings.

Top 5 all-time T20I batting rankings (by peak rating):

1. Abhishek Sharma
2. Dawid Malan
3. Suryakumar Yadav
4. Virat Kohli
5. Aaron Finch

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Ques: Who is set to become Japan's first woman Prime Minister after being elected as the head of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)?

- A. Shinjiro Koizumi
- B. Sanae Takaichi
- C. Fumio Kishida
- D. Yoshihide Suga
- E. Yuriko Koike

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sanae Takaichi, a conservative leader, has been elected as the new head of Japan's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), paving the way for her to become Japan's first woman Prime Minister.
- She defeated Shinjiro Koizumi in a run-off vote to secure leadership of the party.
- Her leadership will face challenges including an ageing population, economic slowdown, and strained relations with China and South Korea.
- Takaichi described her victory as the beginning of a "new era for Japan" and is inspired by former UK PM Margaret Thatcher.
- She is expected to meet U.S. President Donald Trump during her first official foreign visit in late October.

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Recent records in Cricket:

- ▶ **Arshdeep Singh** – Became the first Indian bowler to claim 100 T20I wickets, achieving the feat during India's final group game of the 2025 Asia Cup against Oman
- ▶ **Joe Root (England)** – Became the first batter to cross 6000 runs in World Test Championship (WTC) history
- ▶ **Joe Root (England)** – Became the first batter in Test history to score 3000 runs against India in red-ball cricket
- ▶ **Rishabh Pant** – Became only the second wicketkeeper in Test history to score centuries in both innings of a match (at Headingley vs England)
- ▶ **Jasprit Bumrah** – Became the first Asian bowler to claim 150 Test wickets in SENA countries (South Africa, England, New Zealand & Australia)
- ▶ **Jos Buttler** – Surpassed Paul Stirling to become the 4th-highest run-scorer in T20 Internationals, with 3678 runs
- ▶ **Virat Kohli** – Playing for RCB, became the first cricketer to score 9000 T20 runs for a single franchise
- ▶ **Joe Root** – Became the fastest cricketer to reach 13,000 Test runs (by matches played) during a Test vs Zimbabwe at Trent Bridge
- ▶ **Rohit Sharma** – After Virat Kohli, became the second Indian batter to reach 12,000 T20 runs
- ▶ **Virat Kohli** – Scored his 100th T20 half-century for RCB against Rajasthan Royals at Sawai Mansingh Stadium





- **M.S. Dhoni – Became the first player in IPL history to record 200 fielding dismissals**
- **Virat Kohli – Became the highest run-scorer in IPL history, the only player to cross 8000 runs, and the first to hit 1000 boundaries in IPL**



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Ques: Which initiative did Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launch under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban in Sonipat, Haryana?

- A. Swachh Nagar Abhiyan
- B. Swachh Shehar Jodi
- C. Urban Clean Cities Programme
- D. Clean India Mentorship Initiative
- E. Waste Management Partnership Scheme

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the 'Swachh Shehar Jodi' (SSJ) initiative under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban at Sonipat, Haryana.
- SSJ is a structured mentorship and collaborative action programme involving 72 mentor cities and around 200 mentee cities.
- It focuses on 8 key areas including visible cleanliness, waste segregation, scientific processing, sanitation access, used water management, citizen advocacy, mechanized desludging, and grievance redressal.
- Mentor cities are paired with low-performing mentee cities to guide and improve urban waste management.

About Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban:

- Launched: 2nd October 2014 (SBM-Urban 1.0)
- Tenure: 2014–2019
- SBM-Urban 2.0: 2021
- Ministry: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)





Ques: The government has extended the last date for receiving applications under the PLI scheme for textiles till which date?

- A. September 30, 2025
- B. December 31, 2025
- C. March 31, 2026
- D. June 30, 2025
- E. December 31, 2024

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India has extended the deadline for receiving applications under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles till December 31, 2025, to allow more time for investors in man-made fibre (MMF) and technical textiles sectors.
- The PLI Scheme aims to promote production of MMF apparel, fabrics, and technical textile products, boost textile exports, and make India a global hub for these sectors.

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Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President :

- ▶ **David Lammy** – Appointed as Deputy Prime Minister, Justice Secretary, and Lord Chancellor of the UK (replacing Angela Rayner)
- ▶ **Sushila Karki** – Appointed as Interim Prime Minister of Nepal (replacing K.P. Sharma Oli)
- ▶ **Jonas Gahr Støre** – Began 2nd consecutive term as Prime Minister of Norway
- ▶ **Sébastien Lecornu** – Appointed as Prime Minister of France (replacing François Bayrou)
- ▶ **Jonas Gahr Støre** – Re-elected Prime Minister of Norway representing the Labour Party
- ▶ **Mohamed Irfaan Ali** – President of Guyana
- ▶ **Andrew Michael Holness** – Prime Minister of Jamaica, leader of the Jamaica Labour Party (JLP)
- ▶ **David Lammy** – Also serves as Deputy Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
- ▶ **Anutin Charnvirakul** – 32nd Prime Minister of Thailand, leader of the Bhumjaithai Party
- ▶ **Inga Ruginiene** – Prime Minister of Lithuania (replaced Gintautas Paluckas)
- ▶ **Justin Nsengiyumva** – Prime Minister of Rwanda (succeeds Edouard Ngirente)
- ▶ **Yulia Anatoliivna Svyrydenko** – Prime Minister of Ukraine
- ▶ **Jennifer Simons** – First female President of Suriname (replaced Chandrikapersad Santokhi)





- **Gombojav Zandanshatar – 34th Prime Minister of Mongolia**
- **Lee Jae-myung – 14th President of South Korea (replaced Yoon Suk-yeol)**
- **Karol Nawrock – 7th President of Poland (replaced Andrzej Duda)**
- **Luis Filipe Montenegro Cardoso de Morais Esteves – 119th Prime Minister of Portugal**
- **Nicusor Dan – President of Romania**
- **Daniel Noboa – 48th President of Ecuador**
- **Kamil al-Taib Idris – Prime Minister of Sudan**

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Ques: Which treaty has India implemented with Singapore to ensure cooperation in the investigation of singer Zubeen Garg's death?

- A. Extradition Treaty
- B. Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT)
- C. Bilateral Investment Treaty
- D. Cybercrime Cooperation Agreement
- E. Anti-Money Laundering Agreement

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India has implemented the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) with Singapore to ensure cooperation in the investigation of singer Zubeen Garg's death in Singapore.
- MLATs are arrangements under which countries cooperate to provide and obtain formal assistance in the prevention, suppression, investigation, and prosecution of crimes.
- India has signed MLATs with 42 countries till 2019, covering criminal matters such as terrorism, smuggling, cybercrime, trafficking, and financial fraud.
- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Home Affairs

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Ques: Which city has become the first in India to get its drinking water supply powered by solar energy funded through green bonds?

- A. Surat
- B. Indore
- C. Bhopal
- D. Pune
- E. Ahmedabad

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) has established a solar power plant funded by green bonds, making Indore India's first city to use solar energy for its water supply system.
- The electricity generated will run pumps that lift water from the Narmada River to the city.
- The plant is expected to become operational from November 2025, adding a new 'green milestone' to Indore, which has already been India's cleanest city for eight consecutive years.

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Ques: Which two countries are co-hosting the inaugural Women's T20 World Cup – Cricket for the Blind?

- A. India and Sri Lanka
- B. India and Pakistan
- C. India and Bangladesh
- D. India and Australia
- E. India and England

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- India and Sri Lanka are set to co-host the inaugural Women's T20 World Cup – Cricket for the Blind.
- The tournament will feature teams from Australia, England, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and the USA, with 21 league matches, two semi-finals, and the final.
- The opening matches will be held in New Delhi, followed by Bengaluru, and the concluding matches and closing ceremony are scheduled in Colombo.

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Ques: Tata Steel Limited signed a Joint Letter of Intent with which country's government to accelerate decarbonisation of its operations?

- A. Germany
- B. Belgium
- C. France
- D. United Kingdom
- E. Netherlands

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Tata Steel Limited signed a non-binding Joint Letter of Intent with the Government of the Netherlands and the Province of North Holland.
- The agreement aims to accelerate decarbonisation of Tata Steel Nederland (TSN) operations and improve air quality around its IJmuiden site.
- The Dutch government may provide financial support up to €2 billion, with an additional €300 million Innovation Fund application.

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Ques: Which digital platform was inaugurated by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw to *provide* industry-oriented programs in AI, Cyber Security, Data Science, and Semiconductors?

- A. Digital India University
- B. CyberTech Learning Platform
- C. Indian Tech University
- D. AI & Data Science Academy
- E. NIELIT Digital University (NDU)

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The NIELIT Digital University (NDU) platform was inaugurated by Union Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw in New Delhi to offer industry-oriented programs in technologies such as AI, Cyber Security, Data Science, Semiconductors, and allied fields.
- Five new NIELIT centers were also virtually inaugurated in Muzaffarpur (Bihar), Balasore (Odisha), Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Daman (Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu), and Lunglei (Mizoram).
- NIELIT has been granted “Deemed University” status by the Ministry of Education, with its main campus located in Ropar, Punjab.

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Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and World :

- ▶ Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL) & Airbus announced India's first private-sector Final Assembly Line (FAL) in Vemagal, Karnataka, to manufacture the Airbus H125 helicopter
- ▶ Balod district (Chhattisgarh) became the first district in India to be officially free of child marriages under the 'Child Marriage-Free India' campaign
- ▶ Surat-Bilimora (50 km) stretch of India's first bullet train project will be operational by 2027
- ▶ Agnikul Cosmos Pvt Ltd launched India's first large-format 3D printing facility for rocket systems at IIT-Madras Research Park, Chennai
- ▶ Brazil became the first country to contribute \$1 billion to the Tropical Forests Forever Facility under President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva
- ▶ Union Minister Piyush Goyal released India's first-ever coloured commemorative ₹100 coin to mark the 10th anniversary of Make in India
- ▶ FermionIC Design Pvt Ltd & Tata Electronics delivered India's first indigenously designed and fully owned 4-Channel X-Band Beamformer IC (Model 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 appoint an Artificial Intelligence (AI) entity as a government minister
- ▶ Philippines became the first country to purchase BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles from India
- ▶ SAMBHAV became India's first fully indigenous secure mobile communication system for defence use





- Altmin Pvt Ltd became the first Indian project listed under the US-led Mineral Security Partnership (MSP) in August 2025
- WWF–India Survey (Arunachal Pradesh) captured the first photographic evidence of Pallas’s cat in the state
- Engineers India Ltd completed mechanical work for India’s first bamboo-based bio refinery at Numaligarh, Assam
- Uttar Pradesh Government launched ‘Anokhi Duniya’, the world’s first park made entirely from ceramic waste

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Ques: Under which scheme has the Government identified 100 Aspirational Agriculture Districts across India?

- A. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Vikas Yojana
- B. National Agriculture Development Mission
- C. Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)
- D. Rashtriya Krishi Utthaan Abhiyan
- E. Kisan Pragati Mission

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Centre has launched the Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY) to develop 100 Aspirational Agriculture Districts (AADs) across 29 States and Union Territories.
- These districts were selected based on low agricultural productivity, moderate crop intensity, and below-average access to credit.
- The scheme aims to enhance agricultural productivity, promote sustainable practices, adopt crop diversification, and improve farmers' access to markets and credit through convergence of multiple schemes.
- Monitoring will be carried out by Central Nodal Officers and committees at National, State, and District levels for effective implementation.





Ques: Which award did India win at the World Social Security Forum (WSSF) 2025?

- A. Global Health Achievement Award
- B. International Social Security Association (ISSA) Award
- C. United Nations Social Development Award
- D. World Employment Excellence Award
- E. Global Labour Rights Award

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India won the International Social Security Association (ISSA) Award 2025 at the World Social Security Forum held in Kuala Lumpur.
- The award was given for “Outstanding Achievement in Social Security” and was received by Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya.
- India’s social security coverage rose from 19 percent in 2015 to 64.3 percent in 2025, reaching over 940 million citizens, supported by portals like e-Shram and National Career Service (NCS).

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Ques: Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched youth-focused initiatives worth ₹62,000 crore for which Indian state?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Bihar
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Jharkhand
- E. Rajasthan

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched ₹62,000-crore youth-focused schemes for Bihar, focusing on education, employment, and skill development.
- The initiatives include the redesigned Bihar Student Credit Card Scheme, offering interest-free education loans up to ₹4 lakh, the Bharat Ratna Jan Nayak Karpoori Thakur Skill University, and NIT Patna's Bhita campus.
- Modi also laid foundation stones for new academic and research facilities at four universities and highlighted the Mukhyamantri Nishchay Swayam Sahayata Bhatta Yojana, providing ₹1,000/month for two years to nearly 5 lakh graduates.
- The schemes aim to uplift Bihar's youth and empower disadvantaged sections of society.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- **International Emmy Award Nomination (Best Actor 2025): Diljit Dosanjh – for his role in Imtiaz Ali’s biopic “Amar Singh Chamkila”**
- **Hindu BusinessLine Changemaker Awards 2024: Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)**
- **Hombale Samhita Harinikumar Alumni Krishi Media Award 2025: Senior journalist Amshi Prasannakumar (Mysuru)**
- **Men’s Ballon d’Or: Ousmane Dembélé (France)**
- **Women’s Ballon d’Or: Aitana Bonmatí (Spain)**
- **‘Living Bridge’ Honour (India Business Group): British PM Keir Starmer**
- **‘Best State Award’ (Mera Resham–Mera Abhiman): Andhra Pradesh**
- **Gold Award (National Awards for e-Governance 2025): Rohini Gram Panchayat, Dhule District, Maharashtra**
- **Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2023: Malayalam actor Mohanlal**
- **National Innovation Rankings (INSPIRE Award–MANAK 2025): Muzaffarpur district of Bihar**
- **Holley Medal 2025: Baba Kalyani, Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Forge**
- **‘Most Promising New Destination’ (Responsible Tourism Awards, BLTM 2025): Gandikota, Andhra Pradesh**
- **Karnataka Ratna (State’s Highest Civilian Award): 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 – for narration in Netflix’s documentary “Our Oceans”**
- **82nd Venice International Film Festival (Best Director): Anuparna Roy – for her film “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 Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Culture signed an MoU for which project to revive India's ancient maritime craftsmanship?

- A. Project Samudra Shakti
- B. Stitched Ship Project – INSV Kaundinya
- C. Project Sagarmala
- D. Maritime Heritage Mission
- E. Project Neelkanth

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Culture signed an MoU for the “Stitched Ship Project – Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Kaundinya.”
- The project aims to revive India's ancient maritime craftsmanship and commemorate Kaundinya – the first known Indian mariner to reach Southeast Asia.
- The vessel uses the traditional “stitched ship” technique made from coconut fibre, coir rope, natural resins, and cotton sails.
- INSV Kaundinya's maiden voyage is planned for 2025 to Oman, retracing ancient Indian Ocean trade and cultural routes.

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Ques: Which renowned classical vocalist and Padma Vibhushan awardee passed away in Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh at the age of 89?

- A. Pandit Bhimsen Joshi
- B. Pandit Jasraj
- C. Pandit Chhannulal Mishra
- D. Ustad Bismillah Khan
- E. Pandit Shivkumar Sharma

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Pandit Chhannulal Mishra, Padma Vibhushan awardee and classical vocalist, passed away at the age of 89 in Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh.
- He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2010 and Padma Vibhushan in 2020 for his contributions to art.
- A stalwart of the Banaras Gharana, he was known for pure classical Khyal and semi-classical forms such as Thumri, Dadra, Kajri, Hori, and Chaiti.
- He also received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2010.

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