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Question: NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) has signed an MoU with which company for UPI acceptance in Japan?

- A. Sony Japan
- B. NTT DATA Japan
- C. Rakuten Payments
- D. SoftBank Pay
- E. Mitsubishi Finance

Answer:

Option B. NTT DATA Japan ✓

Explanation:

NIPL (NPCI International Payments Ltd) has signed a pact with NTT DATA Japan to enable UPI-based payments in the Japanese market.

NTT DATA Japan operates CAFIS®, Japan's largest card payment network, which will facilitate UPI QR-based transactions.

This move aims to promote India's digital payment ecosystem globally and improve cross-border transaction convenience.

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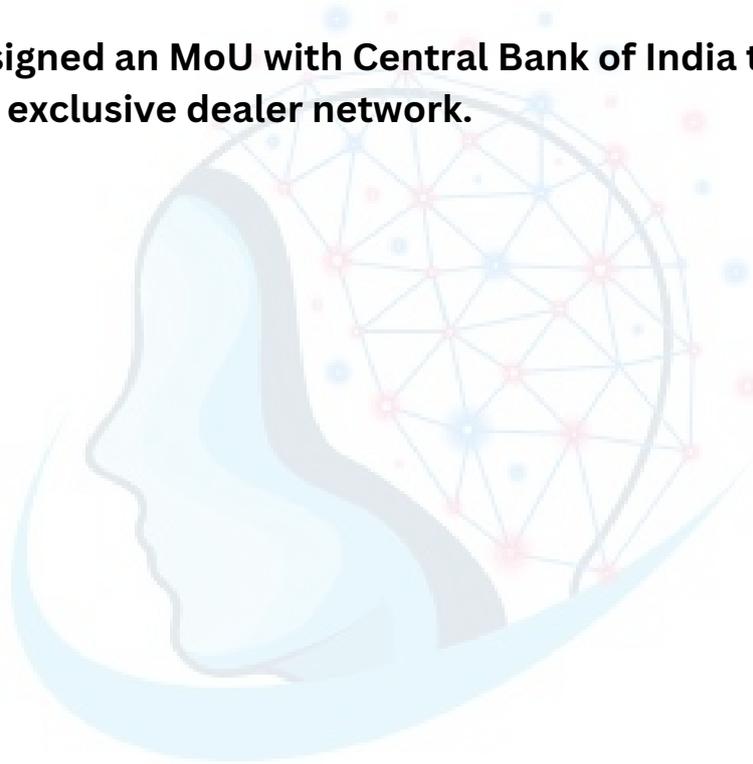
Recently signed banking agreements

- Pramerica Life Insurance Limited entered into a strategic bancassurance partnership with Equitas Small Finance Bank to expand its bancassurance network across 18 states enhancing access to life insurance nationwide
- Bank of India signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Border Security Force (BSF) under the Rakshak Salary Package to provide enhanced financial benefits to BSF personnel and veterans.
- Muse Wearables, an IIT-Madras-incubated startup, has partnered with NPCI to launch India's first wearable payments ecosystem using smart rings called "Ring One."
- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Razorpay, in collaboration with Microsoft-backed OpenAI, have launched a pilot for AI-driven e-commerce payments using ChatGPT.
- ICICI Bank, in partnership with Visa, launched the Corporate Sapphire Forex Card – the first prepaid card by any Asian bank powered by Visa Infinite, designed for entrepreneurs and corporate travelers..
- Cosmos Co-operative Bank, in partnership with Umunthu System Private Limited, launched Cosmos Galgal, India's first youth-focused digital banking app.
- Zomato, with HDFC Pension Management Company Limited, launched the NPS Platform Workers Model under PFRDA supervision.
- RBL Bank entered a bancassurance partnership with LIC, India's largest life insurer.
- TATA AIG General Insurance signed a bancassurance agreement with Equitas Small Finance Bank to expand insurance access in rural and urban areas.





- Bank of Baroda and IIFL Finance partnered to co-lend gold loans, targeting semi-urban and rural customers.
- VinFast Auto India signed an MoU with Central Bank of India to provide retail car financing through its exclusive dealer network.



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Ques: What is the extended deadline for the 16th Finance Commission to submit its report?

- A. October 31, 2025
- B. November 30, 2025
- C. December 31, 2025
- D. January 31, 2026
- E. February 28, 2026

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Government of India has extended the tenure of the 16th Finance Commission by one month, moving the report submission deadline from October 31 to November 30, 2025.
- The Commission is chaired by Arvind Panagariya and is responsible for recommending the distribution of tax revenues between the Centre and states for the 2026–2031 period.
- Constituted on December 31, 2023, the 16th Finance Commission is a constitutional body providing guidance on Centre-State fiscal relations.

About the finance commission:

- Constituted by: President of India under Article 280 of Indian constitution in Every fifth year
- Total member: 5 (1 Chairman)
- 1st commission formed: 22 November 1951
- 16th Commission period: April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2031 (Chairman:Dr Arvind Panagariya)





Ques: When was the RBI Retail Direct Scheme (RDS) launched to allow individual investors to invest directly in Government Securities (G-Secs)?

- A) January 2020
- B) November 2021
- C) March 2022
- D) July 2023
- E) April 2024

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched the Retail Direct Scheme (RDS) in November 2021 as a one-stop platform for individual investors to invest directly in Government Securities (G-Secs).
- Under this scheme, investors can open a Retail Direct Gilt (RDG) Account free of cost, and invest in T-Bills, G-Secs, State Development Loans (SDLs), and Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs).
- The scheme has witnessed strong growth, with RDG accounts rising 82.5% YoY to 3,12,618 and secondary market trading volume increasing 6.43 times to ₹5,293 crore in 2025.
- The scheme aims to provide safer fixed-income investment options amid falling bank deposit rates and volatile stock markets.





Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has amended the Foreign Exchange Management (Borrowing and Lending) Regulations, 2018 to allow Indian banks (and their overseas branches) to give loans in Indian Rupees (INR) to persons, entities, and banks in Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka
- The Digital Payments Intelligence Platform (DPIP) is an AI-driven initiative by RBI aimed at detecting and preventing payment frauds in real time.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will consolidate around 9,000 regulatory circulars issued by the Department of Regulation into 238 Master Directions.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed exporters to retain their foreign exchange proceeds in a Foreign Currency Account (FCA) at an International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) for up to 3 months.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued a 'Letter of Caution' to Axis Bank for non-compliance with Know Your Customer (KYC) norms.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched its second verified WhatsApp channel in October 2025 under its 'RBI Kehta Hai' initiative.
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- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced that the rate of interest on the Government of India Floating Rate Bond (FRB) 2028 for the half-year period from October 4, 2025 to April 3, 2026 will be 6.22% per annum.





Ques: Under which fund did NABARD recently announce its investment at the Global Fintech Festival 2025?

- A. AgriVikas Fund
- B. AgriSURE Fund
- C. RuralTech Fund
- D. Kisan Innovation Fund
- E. FinAgri Fund

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- NABARD announced its investment under the AgriSURE Fund, jointly promoted by the Union Agriculture Ministry and NABARD, at the Global Fintech Festival (GFF) 2025.
- Fambo Innovation Pvt Ltd, a startup revolutionising the agri-food supply chain, became the first investee startup under the fund.
- Other supported entities include Kuberjee Tech Pvt Ltd (tech-driven financial solutions), NAVADHAN Capital (credit support for small farmers and rural entrepreneurs), and SLO Technologies (Advarisk) offering real-time collateral management.
- NABARD emphasized that integrating FinTech and AgriTech innovations can enhance rural credit systems, transparency, and outreach to remote communities.

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Ques: How many UPI transactions were processed in September 2025?

- A. 20.01 billion
- B. 19.63 billion
- C. 18.75 billion
- D. 21.5 billion
- E. 22.0 billion

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Unified Payments Interface (UPI), operated by NPCI, processed 19.63 billion transactions in September 2025, down from 20.01 billion in August.
- Despite the slight decline in transaction volume, the total transaction value increased marginally to ₹24.90 lakh crore from ₹24.85 lakh crore in the previous month.
- Daily transactions increased to 654 million from 645 million, and the daily transaction value rose to ₹82,991 crore from ₹80,177 crore.

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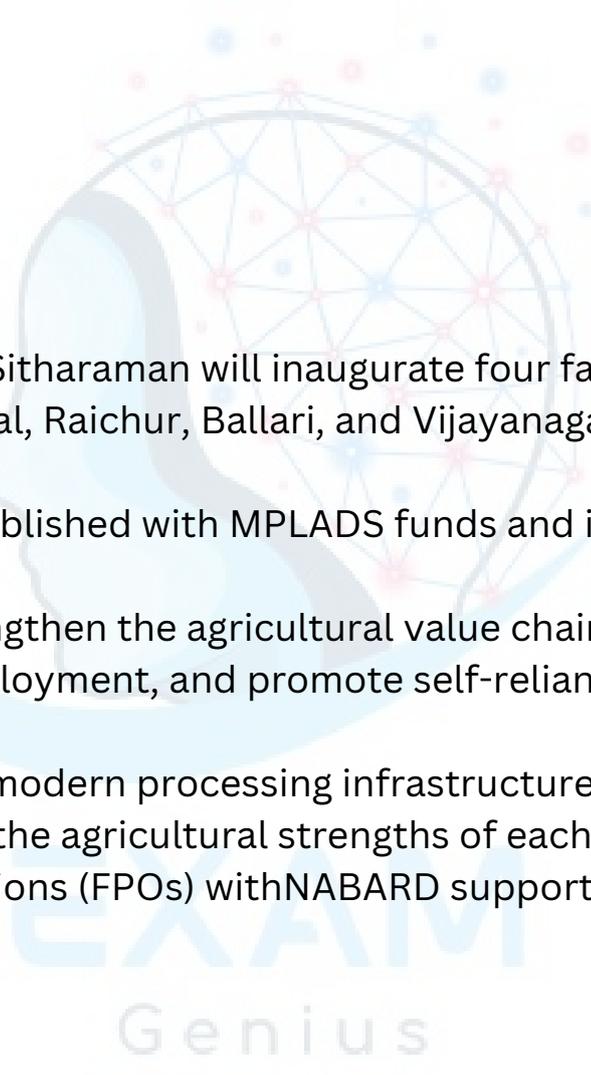
Ques: Who will inaugurate four farmers' training and agro-processing centres in Koppal, Raichur, Ballari, and Vijayanagara districts of Karnataka?

- A. Narendra Singh Tomar
- B. Nirmala Sitharaman
- C. Amit Shah
- D. Piyush Goyal
- E. Rajnath Singh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will inaugurate four farmers' training and agro-processing centres in Koppal, Raichur, Ballari, and Vijayanagara districts of Karnataka.
- The centres are being established with MPLADS funds and in collaboration with NABARD.
- The initiative aims to strengthen the agricultural value chain, increase farmers' income, generate rural employment, and promote self-reliance among farming communities.
- Each centre will focus on modern processing infrastructure, training facilities, and market linkages tailored to the agricultural strengths of each district, anchored by Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) with NABARD support.





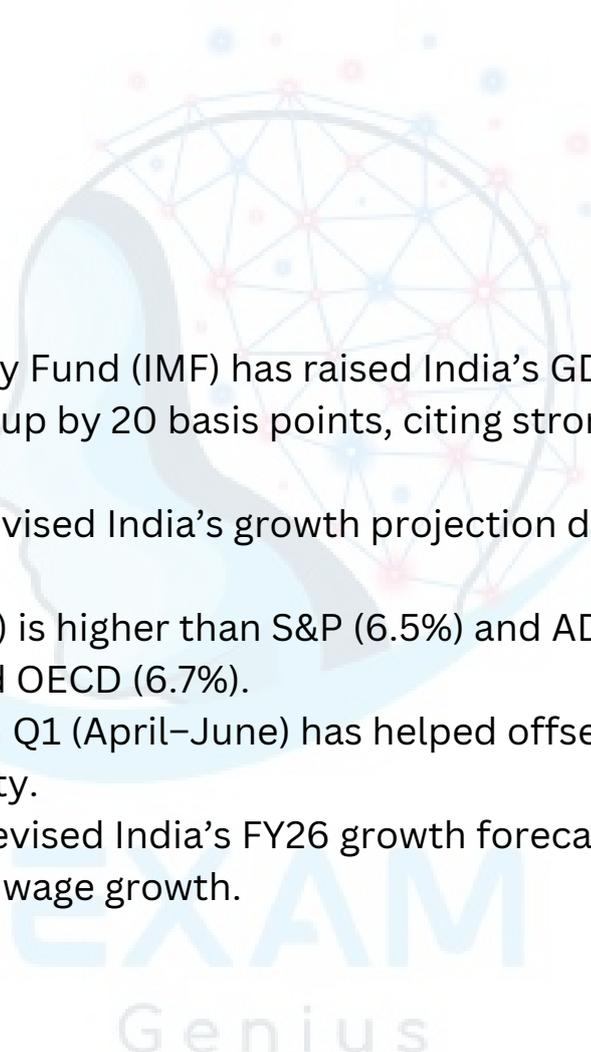
Ques: As per the latest IMF World Economic Outlook, what is India's projected GDP growth rate for FY 2025–26?

- A. 6.2%
- B. 6.4%
- C. 6.6%
- D. 6.8%
- E. 6.9%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has raised India's GDP growth forecast for FY 2025–26 (FY26) to 6.6%, up by 20 basis points, citing strong performance in the April–June 2025 quarter.
- For FY 2026–27, the IMF revised India's growth projection downward to 6.2% due to increased tariffs.
- IMF's FY26 estimate (6.6%) is higher than S&P (6.5%) and ADB (6.5%), but lower than Fitch (6.9%), RBI (6.8%), and OECD (6.7%).
- Strong domestic growth in Q1 (April–June) has helped offset the impact of US tariffs and global uncertainty.
- The World Bank has also revised India's FY26 growth forecast to 6.5%, citing better agricultural output and rural wage growth.





Ques: Which Indian IT company has secured a ₹14,000 crore deal from the UK's NHS to modernize its workforce management system?

- A) TCS
- B) Wipro
- C) Infosys
- D) Cognizant
- E) Tech Mahindra

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Infosys has bagged a 15-year, £1.2 billion (approx. ₹14,000 crore) contract from the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) to modernize its workforce management system.
- The project aims to replace the existing Electronic Staff Record (ESR) system with a next-generation, data-driven, AI-enabled platform for better efficiency.
- The new platform will manage a £55 billion annual payroll for around 1.9 million NHS employees in England and Wales.
- This deal is among Infosys' largest international contracts and strengthens its position in global digital transformation and cloud-based workforce solutions.
- Infosys will leverage AI and cloud technologies to bring innovation and efficiency to NHS workforce management.

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Ques: What is the SPARK 4.0 program launched by the Ministry of AYUSH?

- A. A scholarship for MBBS students
- B. A short-term research program for BAMS students
- C. A nationwide Ayurveda awareness campaign
- D. A postgraduate Ayurveda fellowship
- E. A training program for Ayurveda faculty

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences under the Ministry of AYUSH announced the 4th edition of 'SPARK (Studentship Program for Ayurveda Research Ken) 4.0'.
- SPARK 4.0 is a national platform aimed at fostering evidence-based research in Ayurveda, enabling undergraduates to undertake short-term, independent research projects under faculty mentorship.
- Under this program, 300 BAMS students from NCISM-recognized colleges will receive a studentship of Rs.50,000 (Rs.25,000 per month for two months) and a certificate upon successful completion.

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Ques: Which Indian shipyard has recently been granted 'Mini-Ratna' status?

- A. Cochin Shipyard Limited
- B. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
- C. Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- D. Garden Reach Shipbuilders
- E. Goa Shipyard Limited

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), established in 1941, has achieved the prestigious 'Mini-Ratna' status, recognizing its significant contributions to India's naval and commercial shipbuilding capabilities.
- With this status, HSL can now make investment decisions up to ₹500 crore or up to its net worth (whichever is lower) without requiring government approval for each investment.

About Hindustan Shipyard Limited:

- Established: 1941
- HQ: Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- CMD: mde. Girideep Singh





Recent Appointment in different departments :

- **Rajeev Juneja** : President of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) for the period 2025–26 (succeeds Hemant Jain)
- **Gaurav Dayal** : Chairperson (JS level), Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), Navi Mumbai (Replaced Sanjay Sethi)
- **Khaled El-Enany** : 11th Director-General of UNESCO
- **Saleem Ahmad** : Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) (replaced Pradeep Gaur)
- **Sanjay Chalke** : CEO of Capgemini in India (Replaced Ashwin Yardi)
- **Gaurav Banerjee** : Managing Director and CEO of Sony Pictures Networks India (SPNI)
- **Senior Advocate R. Venkataramani (75)** : Attorney General of India for a two-year tenure from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2027
- **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 officer Pawan Kumar Sharma, Deputy Election Commissioner** : Deputy Election Commissioner
- **B Sairam** : Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Coal India Limited (CIL) (Replaced Polavarapu Mallikharjuna Prasad)





- Ms. Vandana Gupta : Controller General of Communication Accounts, New Delhi



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Ques: Who was appointed as President-Elect of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) for 2025–26?

- A. Harsha Vardhan Agarwal
- B. Anant Goenka
- C. Jyoti Vij
- D. Ratan Tata
- E. Sunil Bharti Mittal

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Anant Goenka was appointed as the President-Elect of FICCI for the tenure 2025–26 during FICCI’s 98th Annual General Meeting held on November 28–29, 2025, replacing Harsha Vardhan Agarwal.
- FICCI was established in 1927 and is headquartered in New Delhi, with Jyoti Vij serving as the Director General.

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Ques: Where was the 1st edition of the India-South Korea naval bilateral exercise held?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Visakhapatnam
- C. Busan
- D. Chennai
- E. Goa

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The 1st edition of the India-South Korea naval bilateral exercise (IN-RoKN) was held at Busan Naval Base.
- The exercise was conducted between the Indian Navy (IN) and the Republic of Korea Navy (RoKN).
- India's participant in the exercise was INS Sahyadri, an indigenously designed and built Shivalik-class stealth frigate commissioned in 2012.

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Ques: Which organization issued a global medical alert regarding contaminated cough syrups linked to child deaths in India?

- A. UNICEF
- B. WHO
- C. ICMR
- D. NITI Aayog
- E. CDSCO

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The World Health Organization (WHO) issued a medical alert after detecting toxic levels of diethylene glycol (DEG) in three cough syrups – Coldrif, Respifresh TR, and ReLife – manufactured in India.
- These contaminated syrups have been linked to over 20 child deaths in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.
- WHO advised national regulatory authorities to strengthen monitoring and remove these unsafe products from circulation.

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Ques: Which state in India had 5 of its beaches receive the international Blue Flag certification for the first time?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Kerala
- C. Goa
- D. Tamil Nadu
- E. Odisha

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- For the first time, 5 beaches of Maharashtra received the international Blue Flag certification, joining India's list of Blue Flag-certified beaches.
- The certified beaches are Shrivardhan and Nagaon (Raigad district), Parnaka (Palghar district), and Guhagar and Ladghar (Ratnagiri district).
- With these additions, India now has a total of 18 Blue Flag-certified beaches.
- The Blue Flag certification is awarded by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), Denmark, and is based on 33 parameters across environmental education, water quality, environmental management, and saety & services.

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Ques: Google announced a \$15 billion investment to set up India's largest AI hub in which state?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Gujarat
- E) Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Google will invest \$15 billion to build a gigawatt-scale AI hub in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- This will be Google's largest AI hub outside the United States and will strengthen India's AI capabilities through research, training, and skill development.
- The project will contribute to the India AI Mission, creating employment and innovation opportunities for the youth.

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Ques: What was the name of the DRI operation under which 10.488 kg of foreign-origin gold was seized at Mumbai Airport?

- A. Operation Golden Sweep
- B. Operation Gold Dust
- C. Operation Yellow Shine
- D. Operation Bullion Net
- E. Operation Aurum

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Based on intelligence developed by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), a major anti-smuggling operation named “Operation Golden Sweep” was conducted at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International (CSMI) Airport, Mumbai.
- During the operation, DRI apprehended foreign nationals, airport staffers, and members of an international gold smuggling syndicate.
- Officials seized 10.488 kg of 24-carat foreign-origin gold worth approximately ₹12.58 crore.
- The successful operation highlights DRI’s continued efforts to curb gold smuggling networks operating through major airports.

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Ques: What is India's rank in the 2025 Henley Passport Index?

- A. 80th
- B. 85th
- C. 75th
- D. 90th
- E. 70th

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 2025 Henley Passport Index, published by Henley & Partners, ranked India at the 85th position, offering visa-free access to 57 countries.
- In 2024, India was ranked 80th with visa-free access to 62 destinations, indicating a slight decline in travel freedom.
- India now shares the 85th rank with Mauritania on the 2025 list.
- Singapore continues to top the index as the world's most powerful passport, offering visa-free access to 193 countries.
- Within Asia, India ranks 9th on the 2025 Henley Passport Index, reflecting limited mobility compared to other Asian nations.

Top 5 countries:

1. Singapore
2. South Korea
3. Japan
4. Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Spain, Switzerland
5. Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, & Mauritania

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India's Rankings in Different Indices

- **Forbes 100 India's Richest 2025 list** : Mukesh Ambani & family - Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) (top)
- **The 71st edition of the "Report Crime in India 2023"** was published by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) under the Ministry of Home Affairs : Kolkata (West Bengal) (1st)
- **14th edition of the M3M Hurun India Rich List** was published by M3M India Private Limited in partnership with the Hurun Research Institute : Mukesh Ambani & family – Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)
- **31st edition of the Index of Economic Freedom (2025)** was published by The Heritage Foundation : India (128th), Singapore (1st)
- **Kroll Celebrity Brand Valuation 2024 (10th Edition)** published by Kroll : Virat Kohli (Top)
- **Mercedes-Benz Hurun India Wealth Report 2025** : Maharashtra remains India's richest state
- **18th edition of the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025** published by WIPO : India (38th), Switzerland (1st)
- **2025 Global Peace Index (GPI)** released by Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) : India (115th), Iceland (1st)
- **Smart City Index 2025** published by IMD : Delhi (104), Zurich (1st)
- **World Competitiveness Ranking (WCR)** published by IMD : India (41st), Switzerland (1st)
- **Top 500 Global Brands List 2025** published by TopBrand Union : Microsoft (1st)





- **Mid-2025 Numbeo Safety Index : India (67th), Abu Dhabi (1st)**
- **Fortune 100 Most Powerful People in Business List 2025 : Mukesh Ambani (56th), Jensen Huang (1st)**
- **Global AI City Index 2025 published by Counterpoint Research : Singapore (1st), Bengaluru (26th)**



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Ques: The Labour Ministry recently signed an MoU with which company to enhance gig and tech-enabled livelihood opportunities through the National Career Service (NCS) platform?

- A. Amazon
- B. Swiggy
- C. Zomato
- D. Rapido
- E. Zepto

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Labour Ministry signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Zomato to promote flexible, technology-driven livelihood opportunities under the National Career Service (NCS) platform.
- The initiative aims to create approximately 2.5 lakh jobs annually for youth and women, integrating gig and platform-based employment into the formal workforce.
- Over the past year, the Ministry has partnered with 14 major organisations, including Amazon, Swiggy, Rapido, Zepto, Apna.co, HireMee, FoundIT, and TeamLease, collectively generating over 5 lakh employment opportunities.

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement:

- NTPC Renewable Energy Limited signed MOU with the Government of Gujarat to develop 15 Gigawatt renewable energy projects in Gujarat during the Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference held at Mehsana, Gujarat
- Air India entered into an interline partnership with Taiwan-based STARLUX Airlines, enhancing travel options for passengers across Asia.
- The Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC) signed an MoU with the International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Naya Raipur (Chhattisgarh) to jointly pursue research, innovation, and standardization in next-generation telecommunications technologies.
- The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH), in collaboration with the Manipal Institute of Virology, commenced a five-day residential workshop titled “Biosafety & Outbreak Simulation Training 2025” at the MAHE campus, Manipal, Karnataka.
- The Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, signed an MoU for a skilling project under the Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) scheme with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Palakkad.
- The Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD) of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), in collaboration with the Kerala State IT Mission, Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of Kerala, will organize the BHASHINI Rajyam Workshop: Kerala Chapter.
- The National e-Governance Division (NeGD), under MeitY, has partnered with Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited (brand name: Bharat Taxi), a cooperative-driven national ride-hailing initiative, to provide advisory support.





- **Indian Railways will soon sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with MapmyIndia, the developer of the homegrown navigation app Mappls, to integrate its technology into railway applications.**
- **India and Australia signed three key defence agreements during the first Defence Ministers' Dialogue held in Canberra, co-chaired by India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Australia's Deputy Prime Minister & Defence Minister Richard Marles.**



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Ques: Who became the first Indian Managing Director (MD) and CEO of Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL)?

- A. Unsoo Kim
- B. Vikram Mehta
- C. Rakesh Sharma
- D. Sunil Bhagat
- E. Tarun Garg

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Tarun Garg was appointed as the first Indian Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL), replacing Unsoo Kim from South Korea.
- Hyundai Motor India Limited was established in 1996 and is headquartered in Gururam, Haryana.

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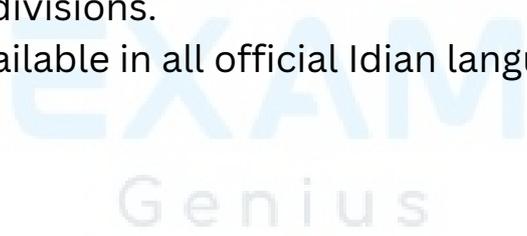
Ques: Which Union Minister visited the India Meteorological Department to review the Web-GIS based Multi-Hazard Early Warning Decision Support System?

- A. Dr. Harsh Vardhan
- B. Dr. Jitendra Singh
- C. Dr. Ashwini Kumar
- D. Dr. S. Jaishankar
- E. Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology; Earth Sciences; and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Dr. Jitendra Singh visited the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and reviewed the in-house developed Web-GIS based Multi-Hazard Early Warning Decision Support System (DSS).
- He also reviewed "Mausamgram" (Har Har Mausam, Har Ghar Mausam), a citizen-focused platform providing hyperlocal, village-level weather forecasts.
- The system delivers hourly forecasts for the next 36 hours, three-hourly forecasts for five days, and six-hourly forecasts up to ten days, accessible via PIN code, location, or administrative divisions.
- Weather information is available in all official Indian languages.





Ques: Which Indian city has been recommended to host the centenary edition of the Commonwealth Games?

- A. Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Ahmedabad
- E. Kolkata

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Executive Board of Commonwealth Sport has recommended Ahmedabad to host the centenary edition of the Commonwealth Games.
- India previously hosted the Commonwealth Games in Delhi in 2010 and aims to deliver a large-scale, diverse event, with the broader goal of hosting the Summer Olympics in 2036.
- Ahmedabad was chosen over Abuja, the capital of Nigeria, as the preferred host city.

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IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

- **Jasprit Bumrah has become the first Indian fast bowler (pacer) to play 50 Test matches, and also feature in at least 50 matches in each of the three international formats (Tests, ODIs, T20Is).**
- **B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog released a “Roadmap for Job Creation in the AI (Artificial Intelligence) Economy” to transform India into a global hub for AI talent. Its impact on work and workforce, noting potential job losses by 2031 but forecasting up to 4 million new AI-driven jobs in the next five years.**
- **The Ministry of Minority Affairs approved ₹27.16 crore for establishing the Centre for Jain Studies at Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore under the PMJVK scheme.**
- **Collective Media Network has announced a groundbreaking AI-led reimagination of India’s most celebrated epic – Mahabharat. The series will have its exclusive digital premiere on WAVES OTT on 25 October 2025, followed by its telecast on Doordarshan every Sunday at 11:00 AM starting 2 November 2025**
- **Greater Bengaluru Authority announced a collaboration with Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru and the Indian Institute of Technology Madras for World Bank funded Bengaluru Water Security and Resilience Project. The project will receive over Rs. 3,500 crores in funding from the World Bank**

