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Ques: Which banks provided the \$215 million term loan to AI Fleet Services IFSC for financing six Boeing 777-300 ER aircraft for Air India?

- A) Standard Chartered and Bank of India
- B) State Bank of India and Axis Bank
- C) HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank
- D) Citibank and Kotak Mahindra Bank
- E) Punjab National Bank and IDBI Bank

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- A \$215 million term loan was provided to AI Fleet Services IFSC (AIFS), the leasing subsidiary of Tata Group–owned Air India, based in GIFT City, for financing six Boeing 777-300 ER aircraft to be leased to Air India.
- The loan was jointly given by Standard Chartered and Bank of India (BoI), with Standard Chartered acting as the lead structuring bank.
- Both banks also served as Mandated Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners for the transaction.
- The financing will enable Air India to expand its fleet and support its operational an leasing plans.

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Ques: ICICI Bank has partnered with which institution to construct a new cancer care centre in Maharashtra?

- A) AIIMS Delhi
- B) Tata Memorial Centre (TMC)
- C) Apollo Hospitals
- D) Fortis Healthcare
- E) Medanta Hospital

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- ICICI Bank has partnered with the Tata Memorial Centre (TMC) to build a new cancer care building named 'ICICI Foundation Block for Radiation Oncology' at ACTREC, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The ₹625 crore project is funded through ICICI Bank's CSR contribution and will include advanced radiation therapy centres equipped with cutting-edge technologies.
- The initiative is part of ICICI Bank's ₹1,800 crore commitment to TMC for constructing three cancer care buildings — in Navi Mumbai (Maharashtra), Mullanpur (Punjab), and Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh).
- The new facility is expected to be completed by 2027.

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Ques: As per the Notaries (Amendment) Rules, 2025, what is the new maximum number of Notaries allowed to be appointed in Gujarat?

- A) 2,900
- B) 4,000
- C) 5,000
- D) 6,000
- E) 7,000

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Department of Legal Affairs notified the Notaries (Amendment) Rules, 2025 through G.S.R. 763(E) published in the Extraordinary Gazette of India, exercising powers under Section 15 of the Notaries Act, 1952.
- The amendment revised the maximum number of Notaries to be appointed by certain State Governments under the Notaries Rules, 1956.

Updated limits under Notaries (Amendment) Rules, 2025:

Gujarat: 2,900 → 6,000

Tamil Nadu: 2,500 → 3,500

Rajasthan: 2,000 → 3,000

Nagaland: 200 → 400

- A Notary is a public official authorized to verify, authenticate, and certify legal documents, witness signatures, and administer oaths.

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Ques: According to RBI data, by how much did India's outward remittances for education fall in August 2025 (year-on-year)?

- A) 12%
- B) 19%
- C) 23.8%
- D) 28%
- E) 17.7%

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- As per RBI's August 2025 data, India's outward remittances for education abroad fell 23.8% year-on-year to \$0.32 billion, down from \$0.42 billion in August 2024.
- This is the lowest monthly figure since August 2017.
- Travel-related remittances also declined by 19%, due to tighter immigration and visa norms in countries like the US, K, and Europe.

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Ques: What proposal has the SEBI working group headed by R.S. Gandhi recently made regarding clearing corporations?

- A) Decrease transaction charges
- B) Merge clearing corporations
- C) Abolish transaction charges
- D) Keep broker charges higher
- E) Increase transaction charges

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- A SEBI-constituted working group, headed by Rama Subramaniam (R.S.) Gandhi, former Deputy Governor of RBI, has proposed increasing transaction charges for clearing corporations such as NSE Clearing Limited.
- SEBI clarified that broker charges will remain unchanged.
- The move aims to strengthen the financial independence and balance sheets of these clearing corporations.
- Currently, NSE Clearing receives about 5%–6% of the fees collected by NSE from members, and the revision is expected to raise their share to around 25% or lightly higher.

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Ques: What recent change has the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) made regarding the ₹10,000 crore ceiling on bank loans to a single corporate entity?

- A) Ceiling reduced to ₹5,000 crore
- B) Ceiling removed entirely
- C) Ceiling increased to ₹15,000 crore
- D) No change to existing ceiling
- E) Ceiling replaced by exposure ratio

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The RBI has removed the ₹10,000 crore ceiling on bank loans to a single corporate entity, effective from 1 April 2026, giving banks greater lending flexibility.
- Earlier guidelines (2016) limited concentration risk and encouraged corporates to diversify funding, requiring higher provisions and risk weights if the cap was breached.
- Going forward, the Large Exposures Framework (LEF) will manage concentration risk at the bank level, while systemic risk will be monitored through macroprudential tools.
- Under LEF, total exposure to a single borrower cannot exceed 20% of Tier 1 capital, and 25% in case of a corporate group.

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Ques: How many bird species were recorded in the latest survey at Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve?

- A) 128
- B) 146
- C) 172
- D) 155
- E) 139

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- In the latest bird survey conducted at Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve (Assam), a total of 146 bird species comprising 1,919 individual birds were recorded across five key locations — Agoratoli, Gamiri, Panbari, Panpur, and Laokhowa Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Among them, Agoratoli range recorded the highest diversity with 89 species, followed by Gamiri and Panbari (59 each), Panpur (55), and Laokhowa (37).
- Officials also confirmed sightings of several important resident and migratory bird species, highlighting Kaziranga's ecological richness.

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Ques: What is 'Ola Shakti' recently launched by Ola Electric?

- A) A new electric scooter
- B) A residential Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- C) A solar-powered charging station
- D) A lithium mining project
- E) An EV software platform

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Ola Electric Mobility Limited launched 'Ola Shakti', a residential Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) powered by its indigenous 4680 "Bharat Cell" technology, marking its entry into the residential energy storage segment.
- The 4680 Bharat Cell is a cylindrical lithium-ion cell developed by Ola for its electric vehicles, designed for high energy density, efficiency, and thermal stability.
- Deliveries of Ola Shakti are expected to begin in January 2026.

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Ques: Who has been appointed to the Supreme Court panel tasked with formulating an equal opportunity policy for the protection of transgender rights?

- A) Grace Banu
- B) Laxmi Narayan Tripathi
- C) Vyjayanthi Vasanta Mogli
- D) Nithya Rajshekhar
- E) Akkai Padmashali

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Trans rights activist Akkai Padmashali has been appointed to a Supreme Court panel formed to draft an equal opportunity policy for the protection of transgender rights.
- She is the first transgender person from Karnataka to serve on such a committee.
- The panel is headed by Justice Asha Menon, a retired judge of the Delhi High Court.
- Other members include Grace Banu, Vyjayanthi Vasanta Mogli, Sourav Mandal, Nithya Rajshekhar, an Sanjay Sharma.

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Ques: As per the IUCN's latest Red List update 2025, how many Indian bird species were assessed?

- A) 4
- B) 8
- C) 12
- D) 20
- E) 15

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- In the IUCN Red List 2025, a total of 1,360 bird species worldwide were assessed, including 12 species from India, out of which 4 Indian species were uplisted due to habitat loss in open natural ecosystems.
- India's open natural ecosystems—such as grasslands, semi-arid regions, deserts, croplands, hilly scrublands, and fallow lands—are increasingly under threat due to habitat loss and land-use change.
- The uplisting reflects rapid degradation of open habitats due to urbanisation, agriculture expansion, and infrastructure development.
- The IUCN Red List assesses the global conservation status of species, ranging from Least Concern (LC) to Extinct (EX).

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Ques: Which major labour reform did Saudi Arabia announce in June 2025?

- A) Introduction of a minimum wage for all workers
- B) End of the Kafala sponsorship system
- C) Mandatory work permits for domestic workers
- D) Reduction in working hours for migrant workers
- E) Implementation of social security for foreign workers

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Saudi Arabia announced the end of its decades-old Kafala system, a labour sponsorship model that controlled the lives of millions of migrant workers for over seventy years.
- The reform, unveiled in June 2025, is one of the most significant changes to the Gulf's labour framework and is expected to benefit around 13 million foreign workers, including over 2.6 million Indians.
- The word "Kafala" means "sponsorship" in Arabic and referred to a structure where a local employer (Kafeel) held legal authority over a foreign worker's visa and residency.
- The announcement aligns with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's Vision 2030 initiative to modernize Saudi Arabia's labour system and economy.

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Ques: When was the Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM-SHRI) scheme launched?

- A) August 15, 2022
- B) September 7, 2022
- C) January 26, 2023
- D) October 2, 2022
- E) November 14, 2022

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The PM-SHRI Scheme was launched on September 7, 2022 by the Government of India under the Ministry of Education.
- The scheme aims to upgrade over 14,500 schools into model “Green Schools” promoting quality, inclusive, and sustainable education.
- With Kerala joining the scheme, the implementation is expected to strengthen school infrastructure, teacher training, and student welfare in the state.

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Ques: What initiative has NHAI announced to improve road maintenance and asset management on National Highways?

- A) Deployment of Automated Toll Booths
- B) Installation of Smart Traffic Lights
- C) Deployment of Network Survey Vehicles (NSVs)
- D) Launch of Highway Patrol Drones
- E) Construction of Additional Service Lanes

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has deployed Network Survey Vehicles (NSVs) across 23 states to collect, process, and analyse detailed data on road inventory and pavement conditions.
- These vehicles cover a total stretch of 20,933 kilometres, aiming to improve road maintenance and asset management.
- Data gathered by NSVs will be uploaded to NHAI's AI-enabled 'Data Lake' platform for advanced analysis and informed decision-making.

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Ques: Which city in India became the first to fully operationalize a Real Time Flood Forecasting and Spatial Decision Support System?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Chennai
- C) Kolkata
- D) Delhi
- E) Bengaluru

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Chennai became the first city in India to fully operationalize a Real Time Flood Forecasting and Spatial Decision Support System.
- The system enhances flood preparedness by integrating data from Automatic Rain Gauges, Weather Stations, Water Level Recorders, and Gate Sensors.
- The project was funded by the World Bank and managed by Tamil Nadu Urban Infrastructure Financial Services Limited.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new President of the Indian Cricketers' Association (ICA)?

- A) Mithali Raj
- B) Jhulan Goswami
- C) Anjum Chopra
- D) Diana Edulji
- E) Shantha Rangaswamy

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Former India women's cricket captain Shantha Rangaswamy has been appointed as the President of the Indian Cricketers' Association (ICA), becoming the first woman to lead the organization.
- She was the first woman cricketer to receive the Arjuna Award (1976) and also received the BCCI Lifetime Achievement Award for Women (2017).
- The Indian Cricketers' Association (ICA) is a non-profit company, incorporated on July 5, 2019, and is recognized by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) as the official association for former Indian cricketers.

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Ques: Which institution is developing India's first indigenously-designed 7-nanometer computer processor 'Shakti'?

- A) IIT Bombay
- B) IISc Bengaluru
- C) IIT Madras
- D) DRDO
- E) ISRO

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's first 7-nanometer computer processor 'Shakti' is being developed by a research team at IIT Madras, with completion targeted by 2028.
- Once India's semiconductor fabrication plant becomes operational, the chipset will be manufactured domestically.
- Initially, it will be used for IT servers, and later expanded to computers, defense, communication, and strategic sectors.
- The government has approved IIT Madras' proposal to begin indigenous chipset production.

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Ques: Which event did the Indian Army host in 2025 to deliberate on the future of UN peacekeeping operations?

- A) International Defence Expo 2025
- B) United Nations Troop Contributing Countries (UNTCC) Chiefs Conclave 2025
- C) Global Military Leadership Summit 2025
- D) Atmanirbhar Defence Technology Summit 2025
- E) Strategic Peacekeeping Dialogue 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian Army hosted the United Nations Troop Contributing Countries (UNTCC) Chiefs Conclave 2025 at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi, bringing together senior military leadership from 32 nations and UN officials.
- The theme of the conclave was “The Way Ahead for UN Peacekeeping Operations,” guided by the “4Cs” principles: Consultation, Cooperation, Coordination, and Capacity Building.
- Participants also visited Agra for an Integrated New Age Technology Demonstration by the Indian Army, showcasing indigenous next-generation equipment aligned with self-reliance initiatives.

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Ques: Under which Schedule will oral formulations containing more than 12% ethyl alcohol now be classified?

- A) Schedule G
- B) Schedule H
- C) Schedule H1
- D) Schedule H2
- E) Schedule X

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Central Government has proposed that oral formulations containing more than 12% ethyl alcohol and sold in bottles over 30 ml be classified under Schedule H1 of the Drugs Rules, 1945.
- Schedule H1 includes prescription drugs that require strict monitoring, such as maintaining sales records and retaining prescriptions by pharmacies.
- This measure aims to prevent misuse of high-alcohol medicines, especially among vulnerable populations.
- Additionally, mandatory QR codes are being proposed for vaccines, antimicrobials, anti-cancer, narcotic, and psychotropic drugs to ensure authenticity and traceability.

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Ques: When was ASEAN established?

- A) 15 August 1965
- B) 8 August 1967
- C) 12 March 1971
- D) 1 January 1975
- E) 5 June 1969

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) was established on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand, through the signing of the ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok Declaration) by its five founding members — Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand.
- India and ASEAN members recently exchanged proposals on outstanding trade issues, as part of the ongoing review of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA), which both sides aim to conclude by the end of 2025.
- India is seeking more balanced gains through greater market access in ASEAN countries such as Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, and Cambodia, especially for agricultural products, vehicles, and pharmaceuticals.
- The review may be officially announced at the ASEAN-India Summit in Kuala Lumpur later this month.
- India's counter proposal focuses on reducing its \$45.2 billion trade deficit with ASEAN, which has widened due to lower tariff cuts by ASEAN members and limited utilisation of FTA by Indian exporters.
- ASEAN also aims to strengthen cooperation in areas like digital economy, green economy, and supply chain deepening





Ques: What initiative did the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launch to strengthen public health management of chemical emergencies?

- A) Launch of AI-based Health Surveillance System
- B) Training modules on Public Health Management of Chemical Emergencies
- C) National Chemical Safety Policy
- D) Mobile Emergency Response Units
- E) Chemical Waste Management Program

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched specialized training modules on Public Health Management of Chemical Emergencies to strengthen national capacities in line with the International Health Regulations 2005.
- These modules are designed to equip public health professionals, healthcare workers, emergency responders, and policymakers with essential knowledge, skills, and operational tools.
- Developed by the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) in collaboration with NDMA and WHO India, the three modules focus on preparedness and response, pre-hospital management, and medical management of chemical emergencies.

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