

EXAM GENIUS
Presents
GENIUS
CURRENT
AFFAIRS

In English
28 & 29 October 2025



India's No. 1 Platform for UPSC
| SSC | BANK | RAILWAY Exam

Achieve Success with Exam Genius - Your Ultimate Guide to Reasoning Mastery !



Ques: What is the theme of HaRBInger 2025, the innovation challenge organised by RBI?

- A) Digital Payments and Fintech
- B) Secure Banking: Powered by Identity, Integrity and Inclusivity
- C) Blockchain and Cryptocurrency
- D) Financial Literacy for All
- E) AI in Banking

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- HaRBInger 2025 – Innovation for Transformation is the 4th edition organised by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The theme of this edition is Secure Banking: Powered by Identity, Integrity and Inclusivity.
- The event is conducted by the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) and focuses on problem statements like Tokenised KYC, Offline CBDC (e₹), and Enhancing trust.

Prize of HaRBInger 2025:

- Winner across each problem statement: ₹40 lakh
- Runner-up across each problem statement: ₹20 lakh
- Special prize to the best all-woman team (a team comprising only women members): ₹20 lakh
- Stipend for each team shortlisted for solution development phase (for meeting the cost of prototype development): ₹5 lakh





Ques: What was the average daily transaction value of UPI in October 2025 according to NPCI data?

- A) ₹75,000 crore
- B) ₹84,000 crore
- C) ₹94,000 crore
- D) ₹1 lakh crore
- E) ₹64,000 crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- According to NPCI, UPI recorded an average daily transaction value of ₹94,000 crore in October 2025, which is a 13% increase compared to September.
- UPI also achieved a record 740 million transactions in a single day during Diwali, indicating rapid growth in digital payment usage across India.
- Experts expect total monthly UPI transactions to cross ₹28 lakh crore, marking an all-time high.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which major chess event's official logo and anthem were recently unveiled in Goa, India?

- A) Candidates Tournament 2025
- B) FIDE World Cup 2025
- C) Grand Chess Tour 2025
- D) Chess Olympiad 2025
- E) Asian Chess Championship 2025

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The official logo and anthem of the FIDE World Cup 2025 were unveiled in Goa, India.
- The tournament will be held in North Goa from 31 October to 27 November 2025, with hosting support from Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant.
- The logo features three thematic panels — green (palm tree + wave), red (diamond-checkerboard), and yellow (sun rays), symbolising Goa's scenic identity and chess culture.
- The anthem is titled "It's Your Move" and is sung by Daler Mehndi.
- A total of 206 players from 82 countries will take part.
- This marks India's first hosting of the Chess World Cup in 23 years, since the 2002 edition in Hyderabad, won by Viswanathan Anand.

Genius





Ques: Which ministry launched the 'Skilling for AI Readiness (SOAR)' programme in July 2025?

- A) Ministry of Education
- B) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- C) Ministry of Electronics and IT
- D) NITI Aayog
- E) Ministry of Science and Technology

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The 'Skilling for AI Readiness (SOAR)' programme was launched by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in July 2025.
- The programme aims to train India's youth in Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and data-driven technologies.
- It focuses on creating a future-ready workforce, improving employability in emerging tech sectors.
- The initiative is aligned with India's goal to become a global AI talent hub and support AI adoption across industries.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which Indian state will become the first to be officially declared 'Free of Extreme Poverty' in 2025?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Kerala
- C) Sikkim
- D) Himachal Pradesh
- E) Goa

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Kerala will become the first Indian state to be officially declared 'Free of Extreme Poverty' in 2025.
- Under the Extreme Poverty Eradication Project (2021), the state identified over 64,000 families (around 1,03,099 individuals) living in extreme poverty.
- These families were provided targeted welfare support including housing, land, livelihood assistance, healthcare access, and essential documents.
- Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan will formally make this declaration on 1 November 2025.
- The success of this initiative highlights Kerala's strong social welfare model, policy planning, and community-level implementation.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What was the achievement of the Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team in the 13th Sultan of Johor Cup?

- A) Won Gold Medal
- B) Won Silver Medal
- C) Won Bronze Medal
- D) Did not win any medal
- E) Tournament was cancelled

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team won the Silver Medal after losing to Australia in the final of the 13th Sultan of Johor Cup held at Taman Daya Hockey Stadium, Johor Bahru, Malaysia.
- This was India's 5th Silver Medal in the tournament after 2012, 2015, 2018, and 2019.
- Great Britain defeated Pakistan 3-2 to secure third place.
- The Sultan of Johor Cup is an annual U-21 international hockey tournament held in Malaysia since 2011, featuring six teams: India, Great Britain, New Zealand, Pakistan, Australia, and Malaysia.
- Great Britain is the most successful team with 4 titles, while India has won 3 titles (2013, 2014, 2022).

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which Indian Naval Ship participated in the Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JAIMEX-25)?

- A) INS Kolkata
- B) INS Sahyadri
- C) INS Vikrant
- D) INS Chennai
- E) INS Tarkash

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- INS Sahyadri, a Shivalik-class guided missile stealth frigate of the Indian Navy, participated in JAIMEX-25, held from 16–18 October 2025.
- The exercise was conducted with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF).
- The aim of the exercise was to enhance interoperability in anti-submarine warfare and missile defence operations.
- This showcases the strengthening strategic naval cooperation between India and Japan in the Indo-Pacific region.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which recent defence contracts were signed by India for enhancing night vision and portable air defence capabilities?

- A) Contract with MKU Ltd and Medbit for Advanced Night Sight
- B) Contract with Thales UK for Light Weight Modular Missile System
- C) Both A and B
- D) Contract for fighter jets only
- E) Contract for naval ships only

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Defence signed a contract worth ₹659.47 crore with a consortium of MKU Limited and Medbit Technologies Pvt. Ltd. for the procurement of Advanced Night Sight (Image Intensifier) systems for the Indian Army's 7.62 × 51mm SIG 716 Assault Rifles.
- The Indian Army's Corps of Army Air Defence signed a contract worth €350 million (USD 468 million) with Thales UK for the procurement of the Light Weight Modular Missile System (LMM), a next-generation portable air defence weapon designed to counter drones, aircraft, and other aerial threats.
- These contracts aim to enhance night vision capabilities and strengthen short-range air defence readiness of the Indian Armed Forces.





Ques: What is the name of the AI-powered web browser launched by OpenAI to challenge Google Chrome?

- A) Orion
- B) Gemini
- C) Atlas
- D) Nova
- E) EdgeAI

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- OpenAI has launched a new AI-powered web browser named 'Atlas', built around the ChatGPT platform.
- Atlas introduces an "Agent Mode", allowing ChatGPT to autonomously search and browse the web on behalf of the user.
- The browser is positioned as a direct competitor to Google Chrome, offering a more intelligent and AI-integrated browsing experience.
- Initially, Atlas will be available only on Apple devices, with releases for Windows and mobile platforms planned later.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: India secured which global rank in total forest area as per the Global Forest Resources Assessment (GFRA) 2025?

- A) 10th
- B) 8th
- C) 9th
- D) 7th
- E) 11th

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- According to the Global Forest Resources Assessment (GFRA) 2025 released by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), India improved its global position in total forest area from 10th to 9th place.
- India also retained 3rd position globally in annual forest area gain, showcasing consistent efforts in forest expansion and restoration.
- This progress is linked to government-led initiatives encouraging tree plantation, afforestation, and community participation, including campaigns like 'Ek Ped Ma Ke Naam'.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: What major small-arms procurement did the Indian Army recently finalise?

- A) Induction of Close Quarter Battle (CQB) carbines from 2026
- B) Purchase of 7.62×51mm battle rifles only
- C) Procurement of main battle tanks
- D) Contract for advanced naval guns
- E) Purchase cancelled due to budget constraints

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Indian Army will begin inducting Close Quarter Battle (CQB) carbines into service from 2026 as part of a major procurement contract.
- The deal is worth ₹2,770 crore and covers the purchase of 425,000 CQB carbines to replace and modernise small arms across infantry units.
- The order specifies 5.56×45mm CQB carbines as the standard issue for the new procurement.
- Under the agreement, Bharat Forge will supply 60% of the order (255,000 rifles) and PLR Systems will supply 40% (170,000 rifles).

EXAM
Genius





Ques: The Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) between India and EFTA nations came into force on which date?

- A) April 1, 2024
- B) June 15, 2024
- C) September 1, 2025
- D) October 1, 2025
- E) December 31, 2025

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) between India and the four EFTA nations — Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland — was signed in March 2024.
- It officially came into effect on October 1, 2025.
- The agreement includes a target of \$100 billion investment within 15 years, with expectations that this target may be achieved ahead of schedule due to strong bilateral economic cooperation and improved regulatory frameworks in India.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which Indian athlete was recently appointed as an Honorary Lieutenant Colonel in the Territorial Army?

- A) P.V. Sindhu
- B) Mary Kom
- C) Neeraj Chopra
- D) Bajrang Punia
- E) Saina Nehwal

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Neeraj Chopra, India's star javelin thrower and two-time Olympic medallist, has been appointed as an Honorary Lieutenant Colonel in the Territorial Army.
- He was originally inducted as a Naib Subedar in 2016.
- After winning the gold medal at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, he was promoted to Subedar, and later to Subedar Major in 2024.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: India was re-elected as the Vice-Chairperson of which group at the UNESCO COP10 on Anti-Doping in Sport?

- A) Group I – Europe
- B) Group II – Africa
- C) Group III – Latin America
- D) Group IV – Asia-Pacific
- E) Group V – Middle East

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- India was re-elected as the Vice-Chairperson of the Asia-Pacific Bureau (Group IV) for the 2025–2027 term during the 10th Session of COP10 held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris.
- Azerbaijan was elected as Chairperson, while Brazil, Zambia, and Saudi Arabia were selected as Vice-Chairs for their respective regional groups.
- India contributed to COP10 through the display of interactive digital boards showcasing the progress of the Anti-Doping Convention.
- The session was attended by over 500 representatives from national governments, anti-doping agencies, and international organizations.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which Indian Olympic Gold medalist has been appointed as a torchbearer for the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics?

- A) Neeraj Chopra
- B) P.V. Sindhu
- C) Sushil Kumar
- D) Abhinav Bindra
- E) Mary Kom

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Abhinav Bindra, India's first individual Olympic Gold medalist, has been appointed as a torchbearer for the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy.
- He will take part in the Olympic Torch Relay for the second time, having previously carried the torch during Paris 2024.
- Bindra won the gold in the 10m air rifle event at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which country has recently become the 90th State Member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)?

- A) Fiji
- B) Samoa
- C) Tonga
- D) Vanuatu
- E) Tuvalu

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Tuvalu has officially joined the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as the 90th State Member.
- The Ministry of Environment of Tuvalu will serve as the liaison with the IUCN Secretariat.
- Tuvalu consists of nine atolls and low-lying islands, with a total land area of just 26 sq km.
- Despite its small land area, Tuvalu has a vast Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of approximately 900,000 sq km.

About Tuvalu:

- Capital: Funafuti
- Currency: Australian Dollar
- Prime Minister: Feleti Teo

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which journalists won the European Union's 2025 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought?

- A) Anna Politkovskaya and Maria Ressa
- B) Andrzej Poczobut and Mzia Amaghloebli
- C) Dmitry Muratov and Julian Assange
- D) Mzia Amaghloebli and Svetlana Alexievich
- E) Andrzej Poczobut and Jamal Khashoggi

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The European Parliament awarded the 2025 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought to Andrzej Poczobut (Belarus) and Mzia Amaghloebli (Georgia).
- Both journalists are currently imprisoned due to their independent reporting and activism.
- The Sakharov Prize, established in 1988, honors individuals or groups who fight to defend human rights, democracy, and freedom of expression.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which organization has signed an MoU with Primus Partners Pvt. Ltd. to strengthen India's startup ecosystem?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) DPIIT
- C) SIDBI
- D) Invest India
- E) None of the above

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has signed an MoU with Primus Partners Pvt. Ltd.
- The collaboration focuses on strengthening India's startup and innovation ecosystem.
- It will support early-stage and growth-stage startups through mentorship, capacity-building, technology integration, and market access.
- The aim is to boost innovation, entrepreneurship, and inclusive economic development in India.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which recent achievement did India's U-17 women's football team accomplish?

- A) Qualified for the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup
- B) Won the AFC U-17 Women's Championship
- C) Qualified for the AFC U-17 Women's Asian Cup 2026
- D) Reached finals of the 2005 Championship
- E) Hosted the AFC U-17 Women's Asian Cup 2026

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- India's U-17 women's football team (Young Tigresses) qualified for the AFC U-17 Women's Asian Cup 2026 by defeating Uzbekistan in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- This is the first time India qualified through the official qualification route; last participation was in 2005.
- The AFC U-17 Women's Asian Cup 2026 (10th edition) will be hosted by China in April 2026.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which former Union Minister and senior Congress leader recently passed away?

- A) Dr. Yogendra Makwana
- B) P. Chidambaram
- C) Manmohan Singh
- D) Pranab Mukherjee
- E) Ahmed Patel

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Dr. Yogendra Makwana, former Union Minister and senior Congress leader, passed away.
- He began his political journey as the General Secretary of the Kheda District Praja Samajwadi Party and later joined the Indian National Congress.
- He served as a Member of Parliament in the Rajya Sabha from 1973 to 1989.
- He served as a Union Minister from 1980 to 1988 under Prime Ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi.

EXAM
Genius





Ques: Which veteran actor, famous for his role in "Sholay," recently passed away?

- A) Amrish Puri
- B) Govardhan Asrani
- C) Om Puri
- D) Kader Khan
- E) Anupam Kher

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Veteran actor Govardhan Asrani (84), known for playing the eccentric jailer in "Sholay" and many other memorable roles in over 300 films, passed away in a hospital.
- The actor, popularly known simply as Asrani, was celebrated for his impeccable comic timing in Hindi cinema.

EXAM
Genius





IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

- **Airtel Partners IBM to Boost Cloud Services in India.** India is currently one of the fastest-growing cloud markets globally, expected to reach \$17 billion by 2027
- **India's wholesale price index (WPI) based inflation eases to 0.13 percent in September on a year on year basis, down from 0.52 per cent in August according to the data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.**
- **France-based Naval Group renewed its Memorandum of Understanding with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited to collaboratively offer advanced Scorpene-class submarines to a friendly nation**
- **Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and the Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) signed MOU to collaborate in research, training, and capacity building**
- **Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways launched 8 development projects of New Mangalore Port Authority (NMPA) during the Curtain Raiser Ceremony of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of NMPA held in New Delhi**

EXAM
Genius

